

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2013 @ 9:30 A.M.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
LOCATED AT 1415 MELODY LANE, BUILDING G, BISBEE, ARIZONA**

Chairman English called the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 9:30 a.m. Supervisors Ann English, Chairman; and Richard Searle, Vice-Chairman (telephonic) were present; Supervisor Patrick Call was absent. Also attending were Mike Ortega, County Administrator; Britt Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney; Juanita Murray, Elections & Special Districts Director; and Arlethe Rios, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board.

ITEM 1

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-803.B, consider appointing an administrator to administer the Pearce-Sunsites Fire District, with the same duties and obligations of the elected Fire District Board, due to resignations of a majority of the Board.

Mr. Ortega said that due to the resignation of three board members from the Pearce-Sunsites Fire District he consulted with Mr. Hanson.

Mr. Hanson stated that since the current board could not have a quorum due to the resignations and therefore could not carry out the duties and obligations of the board. A.R.S. § 48-803.B, gave the Board the authority to appoint an administrator to run the district.

Chairman English asked if there was a time frame for this appointment.

Mr. Hanson said that the statute does not cite a time frame and gave different scenarios for what could happen depending on how long the administrator would be in place.

Chairman English stated that as a result of the delicate situation with this fire district she would prefer to keep an administrator in charge of the district for a couple of months until some of the major issues were resolved.

Mr. Tom Schilling said he was prepared to become the administrator for this district and stay until issues were resolved.

Vice-Chairman Searle asked about a recall petition on one of the board members that resigned and wanted clarification on whether or not it was void.

Mr. Hanson said once that board member resigned the recall petition did become void.

Vice-Chairman Searle moved to appoint Mr. Tom Schelling as administrator to administer the Pearce-Sunsites Fire District, with the same duties and obligations of the elected Fire District Board pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-803.B. Chairman English seconded the motion.

Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 2-0-1 (Call absent).

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED: Ann English 3-05-13
Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST: K.A. Howard deputy for
Katie A. Howard, Clerk of the Board