

APPROVED MINUTES

COCHISE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Sierra Vista Campus

6:00 p.m.

Members of the public who wished to attend the meeting via video conference joined at <https://cochise.zoom.us/j/96952764647>.

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.01 Call to Order

Mrs. Strain called the Truth in Taxation Hearing and Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present via Roll Call:

Mr. David DiPeso
Mr. Don Hudgins – via telephone
Mr. Dennis Nelson
Mr. Tim Quinn
Mrs. Jane Strain

1.02 Truth in Taxation Hearing and Public Hearing

Dr. Rottweiler made the Board aware that, Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-1461.01, the Truth in Taxation Hearing notice was duly published on April 19, 2023, and April 30, 2023, with the Sierra Vista Herald being the newspaper of record.

Mrs. Strain opened the floor to members of the public wishing to address the Board regarding the proposed increase in taxes.

Sandy Trull, from Sierra Vista, expressed her opposition to a property tax increase at this time. She stated with the rise of inflation and the increase in sales tax for the jail, people in the community are hurting.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.01 Approval of Increase in the Primary Property Tax (FY 2023-2024)

The administration recommended approval of an increase in the Primary Property Tax – FY 2023-2024.

Mr. Quinn moved, and Mr. Nelson seconded a motion to approve an increase of two percent in the primary property tax levy for the Cochise County Community College District in fiscal year 2023-2024. Mr. Nelson noted that there have been a couple of years where the Board did not approve a raise in property tax. Last year, the college did not raise taxes and has been relatively conservative in this matter. Dr. Rottweiler also commented stating the community college has the ability to raise the property tax to the maximum levy or \$26,969,129 but the proposal is to only raise it by two percent or \$497,233. In doing so

the board will still remain 4% below its maximum capacity. Mr. Nelson stated the proposed increase will only come out to be \$4.73 per \$100k in assessed value. He noted the board has given this topic a lot of thought and believe it is the best way to keep the college's competitive edge. Mr. Quinn expressed his appreciation for Ms. Trull speaking before the board.

Mrs. Wheeler then conducted the roll-call vote, as follows:

Mr. DiPeso	–	Aye
Mr. Hudgins	–	Aye
Mr. Nelson	–	Aye
Mr. Quinn	–	Aye
Mrs. Strain	–	Aye

The Governing Board unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Strain adjourned the Truth in Taxation Hearing and Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Crystal Wheeler, Executive Assistant, Office of the President

Mr. Don Hudgins, Secretary of the Governing Board