

**OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Prescott, Arizona

March 12, 1998

The Board of Supervisors met in special session on March 12, 1998.

Present: Bill Feldmeier, Chairman (via telephone); Chip Davis, Vice Chairman (via car telephone); Gheral Brownlow, Member; Bev Staddon, Clerk.

Also present: Jim Holst, County Administrator.

Chairman Feldmeier noted for the record that present in his office with him was Public Defender Dan DiRienzo. Supervisor Davis noted for the record that present in his car with him were Cottonwood City Manager Brian Mickelson and Cottonwood City Councilman Mike Baker.

- ITEM NO. 1. Consider approving two new Deputy positions for Sheriff. **Chairman Feldmeier noted that this request was associated with the COPS Fast program. He said that Sheriff Buchanan had talked to Mr. Holst and indicated that he did not have funding in his current budget to pay for these positions. He said the two new positions would probably not actually come on board until July. Supervisor Davis expressed concern about the amount of money being spent on overtime in the Sheriff's Department, saying that he understood the Sheriff was now spending about \$60,000 per month in overtime and that this amount alone would pay for two employees. Supervisor Brownlow said he saw this as a win-win situation, and asked if the Board could direct that one of the new Deputies also be required to serve papers in the Mayer Justice Precinct after the boundary changes in that precinct become effective and there is no longer a Constable in that precinct. Supervisor Davis said he believed that Sheriff Buchanan needed to live within his budget. Mr. Holst said the Board could consider approval of the request for two Deputy positions as an early start on the Sheriff's budget, and that the question of overtime would be dealt with at the March 16, 1998, meeting. He said he believed it would be possible to take advantage of the COPS Fast money and still deal with overtime issues. Supervisor Brownlow moved to approve the two new Deputy positions. Supervisor Davis seconded the motion. He said it was now March 1998 and the Sheriff was asking for two more Deputies that the Board had not approved last year. He said that in the next two months the Sheriff would come to the Board again with a request for more Deputies. Supervisor Davis said he did not like the amount of overtime that was being spent in the Sheriff's Office, and that if the Sheriff could not find the money in this year's budget, he did not want to send him more money. Mr. Holst said that the Sheriff was finding money in his budget to pay for overtime, but it was coming out of the jail budget. He said the Sheriff had always committed to the public that he would never overrun his budget, and that if he continued to adhere to that commitment he would stay within his budget. Mr. Holst said that the two new County-funded positions, as well as the two grant positions, would not come on board for at least a couple of months. Chairman Feldmeier called for the vote. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chairman