

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY JAIL DISTRICT PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022**

A meeting of the Cochise County Jail District Public Outreach Committee was held on Friday, August 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: James Conlogue, Chair; Danya Acosta, Vice-Chair; David DiPeso, Committee Member; Kay Gojkovich, Committee Member; Tony Isom, Committee Member; Jon Kosmider, Committee Member; Jennifer Lakosil, Committee Member; Katie Miller, Committee Member; Eric Petermann, Committee Member; John Pintek, Committee Member

Absent: Frank Antenori, Committee Member

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator
Kris Carlson, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Kenneth Bradshaw, Jail Commander
Tom Alinen, Chief of Staff
Paul Sheats

Mr. Karwaczka called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

1. Roundtable Introduction of Jail District Public Outreach Committee (Committee) Members and Staff in Attendance.

Committee Members in attendance introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their background, in the following order: Kay Gojkovich, Danya Acosta, Jon Kosmider, Tony Isom, Jennifer Lakosil, John Pintek, Eric Petermann, James Conlogue, David DiPeso, Katie Miller.

2. Select members of the Jail District Public Outreach Committee for the role of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

Committee Member Conlogue volunteered for Chair. Committee Member Pintek made a motion to appoint Committee Member Conlogue as Chair. Committee Member DiPeso seconded the motion and it carried on a voice vote 10-0 (Committee Member Antenori absent).

Committee Member Acosta volunteered for Vice-Chair. Chair Conlogue made a motion to appoint Committee Member Acosta as Vice-Chair. Committee Member Kosmider seconded the motion and it carried on a voice vote 10-0 (Committee Member Antenori absent).

3. Presentation by Mr. Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator, briefing the Jail District Public Outreach Committee on Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Karwaczka presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed the purpose and history of the Open Meeting Law (OML), and the reasons that the Committee is required to follow the OML. He reviewed OML requirements for Open Meetings and Executive Sessions, and guidance regarding electronic communications and attendance at social events.

4. Presentation by Mr. Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator, and discussion: Duties and Responsibilities of the Jail District Public Outreach Committee.

Mr. Karwaczka presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed the statutory purpose of a Jail District as outlined in A.R.S. § 48-4001 and stressed that a Jail District is not solely for a new Jail; funding may be used for Jail operations or to update existing Jail facilities. He reviewed the process by which a Jail District may be formed, and detailed the process of funding a Jail District, which may be through either a property or excise (sales) tax. Voter approval is required for either funding option. The Committee's goal is to provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the establishment of a Jail District.

In response to the Committee, Mr. Karwaczka clarified that he anticipates an October or November Board of Supervisors public hearing and decision on the Jail District; if moved forward, he anticipates a Special Election in 2023. The Committee's recommendation will be a majority vote, rather than unanimous; the Committee's vote will be provided to the Board of Supervisors.

The Committee and Mr. Karwaczka discussed the logistics of public meetings in various communities and the type of information that would be presented. Mr. Karwaczka also clarified that staff anticipates a sunset clause for the Jail District. Mr. Karwaczka described the process by which the Auditor General establishes a baseline, which would be paid from the General Fund, with anything above the baseline being paid from Jail District funding. Funding will be discussed in detail at a future meeting.

5. Presentation by Mr. Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator, discussion and action: Timeline of the Jail District Process, and approve the Committee's public meeting schedule.

Mr. Karwaczka presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. The Committee's public meetings are scheduled for Fridays at 9:00 a.m. The exception is September 23, 2022, at which time Committee Members will tour the Jail in small groups beginning at 8:00 a.m. Committee meetings are recorded, and he requested Committee Members who are unable to attend a meeting watch the video. Chair Conlogue noted that Committee Members may also attend meetings virtually.

Committee Member DiPeso made a motion to approve the Committee's public meeting schedule. Committee Member Miller seconded the motion and it carried on a voice vote 10-0 (Committee Member Antenori absent).

6. Presentation by Mr. Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator, and Commander Kenneth Bradshaw and discussion: Introduction to the Cochise County Criminal Justice System.

Mr. Karwaczka and Commander Bradshaw presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Karwaczka summarized three ways in which people may get into the jail system and stressed that there are many nuances. Commander Bradshaw introduced himself and noted that individuals on the street experiencing a potential mental health crisis may be brought to the Jail for their safety. He reviewed the three Jail facilities and the number of beds at each facility.

Chair Conlogue stated that the Justice Courts may sentence individuals to Jail for a period of time. Mr. Paul Sheats was introduced to the Committee; Mr. Sheats is scheduled to be appointed to the Committee by the Board of Supervisors on August 9, 2022, and as such, will be unable to participate in today's Executive Session.

7. Presentation by Commander Kenneth Bradshaw and discussion: Jail Operations and Staffing.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(9), the Committee may vote to go into Executive Session for discussions with designated representatives of the public body in order to discuss security plans, procedures, assessments, measures or systems relating to, or having an impact on, the security or safety of buildings, facilities, operations, critical infrastructure information and information technology maintained by the public body.

Vice-Chair Acosta made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(9) to discuss the Cochise County Jail operations and staffing, which pertains to security plans, procedures, assessment measures or systems relating to, or having an impact on the security or safety of the Jail, facility operations, critical infrastructure information and information technology maintained by the Cochise County Sheriff's Office. Committee Member Gojkovich seconded the motion. Chair Conlogue called for the vote and it was approved on a voice vote 10-0 (Antenori absent).

The Committee recessed at 9:53 a.m. The Committee came out of Executive Session at 11:02 a.m. All Committee Members except Committee Member Antenori were present.

Mr. Karwaczka thanked the Committee and noted that staff will attempt to keep future meetings to one hour or one and a half hours.

Chair Conlogue stated that the next meeting is August 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Conlogue adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

APPROVED:

Judge James Conlogue (Ret.), Chair

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board