

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY JAIL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025**

A meeting of the Cochise County Jail District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Frank Antenori, Chairman, Telephonic; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman; Kathleen L. Gomez, Supervisor

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, Interim County Administrator
Joe Casey, Interim Deputy County Administrator
Bert Whitehead, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Melissa Wright, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Vice-Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Kim DePew addressed the Board with several concerns regarding the jail district and its funding.

Kara Harris voiced frustration over the jail tax election.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the Cochise County Jail District Board of Directors meeting for May 20, 2025.
2. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve consent items 1 and 2. Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman Crosby called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

3. Adopt Jail District Resolution No. 25-02 Ending the Collection of the Cochise County Jail District Excise Tax.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to adopt Jail District Resolution No. 25-02 Ending the Collection of the Cochise County Jail District Excise Tax. Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

Ms. Gilman presented this item. Ms. Gilman explained that the resolution before the Board would officially end the collection of the Cochise County Jail District excise tax, in accordance with the settlement agreement from the related lawsuit. She noted that the Arizona Department of Revenue requires a 60-day notice to inform businesses and process the tax termination.

Vice-Chairman Crosby shared his understanding that the reason signatures were not required for the upcoming election is due to the issue already having garnered significant voter attention and participation previously.

The Board discussed why signature petitions weren't required for the upcoming jail district election, citing court rulings and a settlement agreement with the plaintiff that acknowledged prior voter turnout met the needed threshold. Staff explained that future elections may require a formal resolution mandating petition signatures to prevent similar issues.

Supervisor Gomez clarified that the Board is not opposed to building a jail and acknowledged the need for one.

Chairman Antenori addressed concerns about the timeline for repealing the jail tax, explaining that the Board is bound by the Arizona Department of Revenue's schedule. He clarified that the Board does not have the authority to directly start or stop the sales tax, as it requires proper notification to retailers and point-of-sale systems. He stated the goal is to finalize the resolution to ensure the tax is ended by the end of July.

Vice-Chairman Crosby called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

Vice-Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Wright, Deputy Clerk of the Board