

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY JAIL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025**

A meeting of the Cochise County Jail District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, County Administrator
Joe Casey, Deputy County Administrator
Paul Correa, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 11:26 a.m.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the Cochise County Jail District Board of Directors meeting for June 17, 2025.
2. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve Consent items 1 and 2. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

3. Adopt Jail District Resolution 25-03, approving the ballot language for the November 4, 2025, Election.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) the Board may vote to recess into an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to adopt Jail District Resolution 25-03, approve the ballot language for the November 4, 2025, Election. Supervisor Gomez seconded

the motion.

Ms. Gilman presented this item. Ms. Gilman stated that a draft Resolution was prepared for discussion in the Executive Session. She stated that following that discussion, the Board may either approve the draft or amend it during the open session. She stated a new motion would then be made to adopt the amended version if needed and the final ballot language will be posted with the agenda item for public viewing.

Radford Hyde expressed concern about the lack of attached ballot language on the agenda despite references to it.

In response to the Board, Mr. Correa stated that the Board has the right to consult privately with legal counsel to openly discuss ideas, strategies, and legal advice, emphasizing the importance of preserving attorney-client privilege during such discussions.

Tricia Gerrodette expressed frustration that the draft ballot language was not attached to the agenda item, leaving no opportunity for meaningful public comment before the Board's potential adoption of it following executive session.

Ms. Gilman explained that due to tight election deadlines following the settlement, the ballot language had to be developed quickly, and since the draft was discussed and revised in a prior executive session, it could not be publicly posted until the Board had a final review with legal counsel in another executive session.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) to go into Executive Session to adopt Jail District Resolution 25-03, approving the ballot language for the November 4, 2025, Election. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 11:38 a.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:49. All Board members were present.

Chairman Antenori announced there was an audio issue and resumed the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Ms. Gilman read the Resolution outlining the Board's statutory authority to act, followed by the official ballot language proposing a 0.50% sales tax starting July 1, 2026. She stated the tax would fund only the construction and financing of county jail facilities and that it would end either 90 days after the debt is fully repaid or by July 1, 2043, whichever comes first, reflecting the Board's stated priorities.

In response to the Board, Ms. Gilman explained that the "Whereas" clauses on the first page provide a summary of the historical chain of events and the statutory authorities that support the Board's decision to take this action.

Chairman Antenori stated that the full ballot language for the Cochise County Jail District election on November 4, 2025, was presented, noting that the displayed text is what will appear on the ballot and inviting those online to review it.

In response to the Board, Ms. Gilman stated the Public Hearing on the continued establishment of the Jail District will be August 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board