

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, June 10, 2014**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Terminal, Bisbee/Douglas International Airport, 6940 N. Air Terminal Road, Douglas, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Vice-Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Member

Staff Present: Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator

Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator

Alethea G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Eddie C. Levins, Facilities Management Director

Lisa Marra, Grants Director

Charlie McDermott, Armstrong Consultant Representative

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the use of the Bisbee/Douglas International Airport.

Mr. Ortega gave the background and said that the Board of Supervisors had requested an update and overview of current operations at the Bisbee/Douglas International (BDI) Airport.

Mr. Levins said that he had been tasked with improving the appearance of BDI and had done a couple of projects, but needed further guidance from the Board to move forward with major projects that would need a specific budget for the prioritization of repairs. He noted that one of the major issues were that hangars could not be rented due to doors being broken, or hard to open and close and the fact that asbestos was present in several of the buildings.

Vice-Chairman Searle asked why the doors had not been fixed.

Mr. Levins explained that Facilities did not have a budget for these types of replacements and would need approval from the Board to move forward with door replacements. He noted

that some improvements had been made to the terminal building to accommodate the US Forest Service and encourage renewal of their lease.

Supervisor Call asked about the revenue coming in from the lease.

Ms. Monica Flores, Business Manager for Facilities, stated that it was an estimated \$1,071 a month.

Mr. Levins said that his staff had worked on the maintenance of the buildings, upkeep of grounds, and began an upgrade to improve the water system, which meets the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) requirements.

The Board discussed partnering with the Arizona Department of Corrections (DOC) to address the water lines on the property.

Mr. Ortega noted that detailed planning for BDI had not occurred since staff had not received direction from the Board.

The Board agreed that the County needed to discuss the possibilities to use the facilities on BDI for economic development purposes.

Mr. Ortega said he would put some ideas together and bring it back to the Board for consideration.

Ms. Marra gave the background of the grants currently being used at BDI and stated that the main focus was the Master Plan both here and in Willcox.

Mr. Charlie McDermitt, Armstrong Representative, gave a summary on the Master Plan and stated that the final paperwork was being reviewed in order to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Mr. Levins thanked everyone for their presentations and gave the Board a tour of the property.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board