

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, March 24, 2015**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator

Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator

Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Judge James Conlogue, Presiding Superior Court Judge

Eric Silverberg, Court Administrator

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 11:27 a.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

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1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Superior Court's Strategic Planning Process.

Judge Conlogue gave a brief introduction.

Mr. Silverberg went over the details of their strategic plan and goals.

Judge Conlogue noted that in order to save on training the courts would continue to look into self help workshops.

Mr. Silverberg clarified that although using technology to improve process efficiency there are still some things that have to be maintained. He specifically discussed the law library and noted that the purpose is to provide law forms and inform citizens of the process, but staff cannot provide legal advice.

Mr. Hanson stated that in the Attorney's Office all hard copy books have been eliminated

and attorneys now use electronic law books.

Judge Conlogue discussed several court programs: veterans court in the justice courts, court assistance recovery - have treatment providers in one place and noted that these would be pilot programs for the State.

Mr. Silverberg explains the Early Resolution Courts (ERC) process, the Speedy Resolution process, and the release of more information on the County's website.

Vice-Chairman English commended Judge Conlogue and his office for their work and noted that the programs would help keep people out of jail that have only made a one-time mistake.

Judge Conlogue noted that partnering is crucial and noted that partnering on joint projects with the Clerk of the Court's Office has been difficult, but he hoped that they would be able to jointly publish a master calendar for all court hearings.

Mr. Silverberg stated that workforce and environment are priorities and added that they are using an employee performance instrument to ensure consistency.

The Board thanked Judge Conlogue and Mr. Silverberg for the status update.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board