

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Wednesday, March 25, 2015**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Chairman (telephonically) at 10:29 a.m.; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Member (telephonically)

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

Attendees: Seth Guterman
Christopher Alise
Luciano Fochesatto

Vice-Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:00 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

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion of Lease Terms with People's Choice/Cochise Regional Care for the former County hospital located at 2174 West Oak Avenue in Douglas, AZ 85607.

Mr. Hanson gave the background of the discussion and explained that when People's Choice took over the hospital in Douglas they took over the existing lease.

Vice-Chairman English noted that the hospital had not reached out to the County since they took over to establish a relationship since the County owns the hospital facility.

Dr. Luciano Fochesatto said that the main concern of the company was to keep the hospital open and abide by State standards and added that it was not their intention to ignore the County.

Dr. Seth Guterman, President, People's Choice Hospital, said that they were putting an infrastructure in place to provide most type of services needed and access to telemedicine. He noted that the name of the hospital was Cochise Regional Hospital and it was a non-profit agency.

Mr. Ortega said that the County's main concern was to establish a lease payment agreement. When the hospital was under local management and could not afford to pay for a rental agreement, the County only charged the hospital \$1 a year, but now that the hospital was being taken over by a company, a new payment agreement would have to be set up.

Mr. Christopher Alise, People's Choice Hospital, used a PowerPoint presentation to show . He discussed several topics about the new hospital: Board Certified Physicians; Telemedicine Services; current Financial State. He asked what the County's expectations were.

Mr. Hanson said that they did not need detailed reports, but wanted to resolve the lease agreement details in order to move forward as partners.

Dr. Guterman said that the main goal is to partner with County entities to best serve citizens and added that a rental proposal was a priority to his team.

The Board directed Mr. Hanson to work on the details of an updated lease agreement and coordinate with People's Choice before bringing a formal agreement to the Board.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board