

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, February 23, 2016**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator
Edward T. Gilligan, Deputy County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Elda Orduno, Civil Deputy County Attorney

Chairman Searle called the meeting to order at 11:00 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

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1. Discussion and possible direction on the request by Army Corps of Engineers for an agreement between Customs and Border Patrol and Cochise County for a real estate right to maintain certain roads in the South King's Ranch road area.

Chairman Searle asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Ms. Karen Riggs, County Engineer, said that the request for the work session had come from the Army Corps of Engineers for an agreement between the County and the Border Patrol to maintain certain roads in the South King's Ranch Road area. She said the Border Patrol wanted to maintain these roads at their discretion and noted that the roads have public right of way and that in 2010 an ordinance had been established to allow citizens to maintain non maintained county roads. She noted that the ordinance did list several requirements in order for citizens to maintain roads, but no permit required as long as requirements/criteria set forth were followed.

Vice-Chairman Call said that allowing other entities to maintain public roads is dangerous

because they can cause serious damage.

Ms. Riggs said that the ordinance did give the County an avenue to intervene and prevent unsafe conditions. She showed a map of the location and noted that when presented with a template of the right of way agreement the Border Patrol representatives had crossed off the entire liability section. She needed direction from the Board on how to move forward or if they were interested in this proposal at all.

Supervisor English said that she did not know that the Border Patrol had the capacity to undertake road maintenance as they had not shown any interest in the past to maintain roads that they use like Geronimo Trail in the Douglas area.
has shown no interest in helping us maintain

The Board asked staff to contact the Border Patrol and ask that they be present at the next meeting to give more information.

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

APPROVED:

Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board