

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, December 20, 2016**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.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  
Kim Lemons, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board  
Nike Noack, Financial Services Manager  
Karen Riggs, Highway and Floodplain Director  
Karen Lamberton, Planner  
Dennis Donovan , Civil Engineer II

Attendees: Chris Vertrees

Chairman Searle 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 on Federally funded major road projects; especially Davis Road.

Mr. Vlahovich stated that there was a Work Session several weeks ago that mainly addressed the Milepost 9 project.

Ms. Riggs said the reason for this Work Session is to update the Board on the status of Davis Road and other projects.

Ms. Lamberton said the Davis Road milepost 9 project has been awarded to KEG and the data recovery work has been completed. The next step is for a press release announcing the kick-off meeting date of 1.5.17 and tentative project start date of 1.16.17. Some of the

Expectations/Challenges are budget, scheduling, staffing and project control.

Ms. Lambertson summarized the Strategies/Options for moving forward with the three federally funded projects the County currently has in the pipeline:

- No Participation – No Build Option

- Advance Planning for Improvements 10-20 yrs out

- Active partnerships with SEAGO/SVMPO

- Leverage relationships with Federal/State staff

- Politically proactive at federal, state, regional levels

  - Limit your federalized corridors/focus resources

  - Annual set-aside of funds:

    - Right-of-Way and Capital/Match

  - Dedicated staff attention to these tasks

Ms. Riggs explained the options outlined on the Decision Matrix regarding the three projects: 1) Highway 80 to Central Highway; 2) Central Highway to US 191; and 3) Milepost 5 & 13. Recommendations for #1 is to not federalize and approve corridor declaration, use local funds; #2 get authorization for the Right-of-Way (ROW) appraisal for county construction match for future use; #3 split into two projects. Ms. Riggs listed the eligible roadway corridors and asked the supervisor for their recommendations on priorities. After a short discussion, Ms. Riggs stated the department would come back at budget time with these four priorities: Davis Road, Moson Road, Kansas Settlement and Ft. Grant Road cost estimates based on traffic/safety and growth before going forward with federal funding.

Ms. Riggs gave staff recommendations for Davis Road direction and the Board concurred: Complete \$30,000 worth of road work in order to declare corridors for Highway 80 to Central Highway and Central Highway to 191 as one; Get authorization from ADOT to acquire ROW with county funds and use as match for future use; Pursue the possibility of splitting Milepost 5 & 13 into two projects with ADOT without a buy-out; see if HURF swaps come in; but in the meantime stay on SEAGO plan.

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

---

Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

---

Kim Lemons, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board