

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, May 4, 2017**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, 6940 N. Air Terminal Road, Douglas, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman

Absent: Peggy Judd, Member (telephonically)

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator  
Ruben Miranda, Internal Services Administrator  
Jay Howe, Facilities Management Director  
Britt Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Robert Sova, Director, Northrup Grumman  
Stephen Wilson, Program Manager, Northrup Grumman  
Jerry Harding, Operations Manager, Northrup Grumman  
Jason Smith, Engineering Manager, Northrup Grumman

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 1:30 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**

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***INTRODUCTIONS***

***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Presentation by Northrop Grumman on operations at Bisbee Douglas International (BDI) Airport.

Mr. Miranda introduced the staff from Northrop Grumman and said that they had prepared a presentation and a tour of their facility at BDI.

Mr. Jerry Harding, Operations Manager, Northrop Grumman, used a PowerPoint presentation to describe operations at BDI. He gave some background on the company and briefly discussed why BDI could be a great place for their company operations:

- Access to our depot facility in Sierra Vista

- Close proximity to our operations at Cochise College - Douglas Campus
- Northrop Grumman is committed to growing our facility in Cochise County
- The County has been a great landlord
- Northrop Grumman has in place all the FAA certificates of operation for BDI
- BDI provides Northrop Grumman a safe airfield to operate our larger air vehicles
- BDI is within the airspace of the military operations and test areas
- Availability of diesel fuel for generators and ground support equipment

He noted that the company could only commit for one year at a time since that is how their contracts are renewed by the federal government.

Chairman English asked that staff work with Northrup Grumman to find out what the requirements are in order to house the several different facility options.

Mr. Miranda and Mr. Howe said they would work with Northrup Grumman to see what could be done to the facility to house future operations.

Mr. Harding then gave a tour of their facility at BDI to the Board and staff.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board