

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Monday, May 22, 2017**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Britt Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Cheyenne MacMasters, citizen

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 2:30 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

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the County's Strategic Plan.

Chairman English said that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a strategic plan forged by the current Board that outlines their focus during their term. She noted that having the Board involved in the development of the strategic plan meant they would focus more energy into ensuring that goals were met and timelines were followed, as well as set funding aside for individual goal related projects.

Vice-Chairman Call said he agreed that the strategic plan should be created by the Board, but had concerns over who would keep up with implementing it.

Chairman English said that she envisioned the Board creating an overarching plan and then handing off individual goals to the appropriate departments to accomplish. She asked Ms. Rios for the list of the previous strategic plan goals.

Ms. Rios listed the goals: Public Safety and Justice; Environment and Land Use; Infrastructure Management; Health & Wellbeing; Customer Service Excellence; Quality

Workforce; and Fiscal Responsibility.

Mr. Gilligan said that he thought the Board should focus on four overarching areas. He added that he would be the liaison with the departments to ensure goals were met.

Chairman English asked if there was an update regarding a consultant to begin the plan for the proposed commercial port of entry in Douglas and if bidding would be required to hire a consultant.

Mr. Hanson said he would look at the statutes for what types of projects required a bid to go out, but recommended going through a bidding process for this project regardless.

Vice-Chairman Call said there should be several companies bidding for this project.

Mr. Gilligan said that he would begin the process and noted that one consultant had given a preliminary timeline of six months for project proposal completion.

Chairman English moved on to the status of the Bisbee Douglas International (BDI) Airport.

Mr. Gilligan said that the asbestos tests had come back negative. He said staff was currently looking at all structures and discussing expanding operations with Northrop Grumman.

Vice-Chairman Call said he supported working toward making County structures acceptable for Northrop Grumman and other contracting companies who might be interested in hosting operations at BDI.

Mr. Gilligan said that staff was reviewing the reports provided by Northrop Grumman and the requirements needed in order to operate in the County's hangars.

Vice-Chairman Call asked about the status of the subdivision project Villages at Vignetto. He noted that the Board should take part in the success of this project due to the positive economic impact it would have on the County.

Mr. Gilligan said that currently the project was at a halt due to pending permits and a need for an updated water study. He added that the first step to help the developers was to hold a meeting and find out what kind of assistance they needed.

Mr. Hanson asked Mr. Gilligan if during his meeting with the developer, he could ask if they were still interested in providing public forest access.

Chairman English asked Mr. Gilligan to meet with the City of Benson as well to see how the County could assist them with this project.

Vice-Chairman Call asked if the County was looking at how we could support cyber security.

Mr. Gilligan said that he could meet with Vice-Chairman Call to further explore how the County could support cyber security.

Supervisor Judd asked about the status of the Cochise County Tourism Council.

Mr. Gilligan said that after discussing with the cities he felt it was appropriate to fund for another year and give all the cities an opportunity to come up with a plan moving forward that may not include the same level of contribution from the County. He mentioned that the City of Sierra Vista was interested in taking over as the fiscal agent for this group and supporting the County with funding for the commercial port of entry project in Douglas.

The Board thanked Mr. Gilligan for the update and said they looked forward to the next meeting to discuss more focused strategic plan goals.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board