

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 1:30 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 W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Karen Riggs, Highway and Floodplain Director
Karen Lamberton, County Transportation Planner
Dennis Donovan, Engineer, Highway and Floodplain Division

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

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Community Development

1. Discussion and possible direction on updates to the 2005 adopted Road Design & Construction Standards & Specifications for Public Improvements.

Ms. Lamberton used a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the road design and construction standards. She stated that as part of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, accepted by the Board in March of 2016, the Board had directed staff to initiate an update to the 2005 adopted Road Design and Construction Standards and Specifications for Public Improvements. She added that the reason for this was to bring the design standards to current regulations and include changes intended to allow for more fiscal flexibility in road design. She said that the County had partnered with the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization (SVMPO) on this project in order to use grant funding.

Vice-Chairman asked about cost savings in updating the current standards.

Ms. Riggs noted that dirt roads were cheaper to maintain, but changing material requirements would also make the cost of chip sealed roads less than what is currently being paid. She noted that the main consideration should be how often a road is used on an annual basis.

Ms. Lamberton said that the preliminary draft version included one new roadway cross section, six revised roadway cross sections, 20 new design details and 19 revised design details. She added that even though changes to the standards were being made, regular maintenance had to occur on roads. She noted that in some instances it was prudent for low volume, rural roads to be a dirt road.

Vice-Chairman Call asked when staff would decide to go from a dirt road road to a chip sealed road.

Ms. Riggs said that if there are at least 250 trips a day, staff would begin thinking about using chip seal instead of dirt.

Chairman English asked what the cost was to go from dirt to chip seal.

Ms. Riggs said that the cost was about \$140,000 to build a road and chip seal it.

Mr. Donovan reviewed other materials for road building.

Chairman English asked what the financial implications would be to approve a new plan.

Ms. Riggs said that approving an updated plan would just allow staff to have options when deciding on how to build a road. She added that making decisions today would positively impact the future of road construction in the County.

Supervisor Judd asked if smaller communities had to comply with road maintenance standards.

Ms. Riggs clarified that any roads maintained by the County had to set a standard.

Ms. Lamberton said that there was a process for a variance request.

Vice-Chairman Call said in order to make a decision and be clear on any changes the Board would request a summary of the proposed changes be put together for their review.

Chairman English said that the summary would be helpful to the Board, but also should be shared with the public so that they are given an opportunity to look at the standards and proposed changes.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlathe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board