

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Monday, August 21, 2017**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 21, 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: Susan Harden, Consultant, Michael Baker International (telephonic)
Michael Lincheck, Consultant, Michael Baker International (telephonic)

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

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1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the County's Strategic Plan specifically discussing the objectives to date, timelines, and project managers.

Chairman English provided a synopsis of what the group had done to date and also shared budget information critical to setting goals for a strategic plan. She noted that the tag line, vision, and mission did not have to change unless the group thought that there was a different direction or statement the County needed to provide for the employees and citizens.

Vice-Chairman Call said that the Federal Water Rights topic needed to be a part of water conservation.

Chairman English began with the first goal of economic development and focused on updating the group on the commercial port of entry in Douglas.

The Board agreed that she would be the representative for that effort.

Mr. Gilligan said that later in the meeting the group would be meeting with representatives from the Michael Baker International company to discuss moving forward with a master plan for the commercial port.

Vice-Chairman Call asked if the message is still that the County is researching the project and collecting information.

The group agreed on that message to ensure consistency.

Mr. Gilligan moved on to Villages at Vignetto subdivision project and said that the County was still providing support. He then discussed the support for the growing wine industry and the group agreed that a meeting was necessary with those stakeholders to understand how the County could help them continue to succeed and grow.

Ms. Harden called the group at 3:07 p.m.

Each representative gave a background on themselves and their expertise in federal government projects.

Mr. Gilligan gave them the background on the local commercial port of entry project.

Mr. Lincheck said that the process of the federal government did not have to occur before a master plan was created, but it was up to the County to decide their course of action.

Chairman English said in the future she also wanted to focus on supporting the growing wine industry and developing the Bisbee Douglas International (BDI) as part of the economic development efforts.

Vice-Chairman Call said he would also like to continue to promote environmental issues and collaboration and partnerships with other government organizations to provide similar services.

Mr. Gilligan suggested that specific goals be set for partnerships and suggested that one contract a year be done in order to satisfy this goal.

Chairman English said she also wanted to keep workforce development as that was the County's most valuable asset. She added that infrastructure and fiscal responsibility were also critical goals for the strategic plan and she would like to discuss those further in the next meeting.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board