

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, July 24, 2018**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Chairman Peggy Judd; Vice-Chairman Patrick G. Call (telephonic); Supervisor Ann English

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator  
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Kim Lemons, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Marty Haverty, Community Development Director  
Steve Jones, Solid Waste Finance Manager  
Jason Faccio, SW Operations Superintendent  
Shar Porier, Sierra Vista Herald

Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.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. Discussion and possible direction regarding the County's Recycling Program.

Mr. Haverty started the discussion by stating that recycling is a global problem that is affecting the County's local program. The City of Sierra Vista has eliminated acceptable materials for recycling, most specifically paper, in order to reduce the transportation costs compounded by being a rural community. 180 tons of 220 tons of recycling is from the City of Sierra Vista with 40% of the collected material for the City and County considered trash. Mr. Haverty knows that recycling is an emotional and political issue, but the recycling market has narrowed and the cost to transport to Tucson is higher than recycling revenue collected. There is however, still a market for cardboard, aluminum and tin cans.

The Board, Administration, and staff discussed the Board's current policy that does not charge a fee for recycling; the Rate Review Advisory Board's part in recycling; and how recycling is handled in Bisbee.

Mr. Jones said the costs for processing trash and recycling are combined and therefore cannot be assessed separately but the quantity of recycling collected is very small.

Mr. Gilligan said there is no additional costs to fill the landfill but transporting to Tucson is costly. There is no city or town in the County making money from recycling. The rural transfer station employees are working on finding and extracting items with recycling value in the trash collected.

The discussion continued about how the County cannot continue to subsidize recycling; possible suspension of the recycling program until the market improves while continuing to research other avenues to approach the recycling issue in the future; and charging the same fee for recycling as trash collected.

The Board directed staff to work with Ms. Baillie regarding a market-based message to the public; Mr. Gilligan advising the RRAB of the County's position and to clarify the possible impact on the communities they represent; and the Solid Waste Department's fee schedule changes for collected recyclables.

There was a short discussion about building material sites; regional solutions working with SEAGO; and the City of Sierra Vista's yard waste diversion program.

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kim Lemons, Deputy Clerk of the Board