

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, July 30, 2019**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Peggy Judd, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Thomas E. Borer, Supervisor

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

Attendees: Shar Porier, Sierra Vista Herald
Lori Kilpatrick, Citizen
Susan Gaefke, Citizen

Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 11:01 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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

This executive session is authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03, Subsection (A), paragraph 3 & 4.

1. Approve Engagement Letter to Retain Sara Ransom, and TSL Law Group, to represent Cochise County in concluding the adjudication in *In re San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area Case W1-11-232*.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431(A)(3) and (4), the Board may go into executive session to obtain legal advice from its attorneys regarding pending litigation.

Mr. Hanson went over the background of the case and explained the purpose of the letter of engagement. He noted that since Ms. Sara Ransom was the original attorney that had handled the case it made sense to have her finish the case and do the final brief. He stated that since Ms. Ransom was no longer employed with the County, the Board needed to vote on whether to hire her and her new company for this purpose.

He said that if the Board approved the letter of engagement it would be disclosed to the

public. He added that retaining Ms. Ransom would benefit the County because there are issues Ms. Ransom would cover in her final brief that are specific to the County and other entities would not note.

Vice-Chairman English moved to go into executive session. Supervisor Borer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board went into executive session at 11:07 a.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 11:36 a.m.

Supervisor Borer moved to approve Engagement Letter to Retain Sara Ransom, and TSL Law Group, to represent Cochise County in concluding the adjudication in *In re San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area Case W1-11-232*. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman English noted that it was important to support this decision as it was a continued effort by the County to defend our constituents' water rights against the federal government.

Chairman Judd called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

APPROVED:

Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board