

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bisbee Douglas International Airport Terminal Building, 6940 N. Air Terminal Road, Douglas, Arizona.

Present: Peggy Judd, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman  
Absent: Thomas E. Borer, Supervisor  
Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator  
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator  
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer  
Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board  
Attendees: Dan Coxworth, Development Services Director  
Dan Duchon, Budget Manager  
Shar Porier, Sierra Vista Herald

Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 Strategic Plan specifically the status of the Bisbee Douglas International (BDI) Airport.

Mr. Gilligan said that both airports would be discussed with a focus on BDI. He noted that the focus since the department shift had been to clean up the airport property and work with investors to upgrade buildings and bring businesses to operate at BDI. He noted that staff was also working on lease agreements that would ensure the County's investment was protected, but also be attractive to interested businesses. He stated that the ultimate goal was to make the airports become self-sufficient.

Mr. Coxworth went over all the projects for both airports. He noted that he worked with several County departments to accomplish the missions in both airports and gave an update

on current processes. He added that his focus was to finalize lease agreements and have them presented to the Board for their consideration. He also shared some ideas with the Board to help bring business to BDI. He discussed current funding for projects at both airports and noted that he hoped auctioning buildings at BDI for salvage purposes would make it more attractive to investors.

Vice-Chairman English explained the federal funding process from the Federal Aviation Association (FAA) to Chairman Judd and noted that both airports had to have a plan approved by the FAA.

Mr. Coxworth gave an update on the current tenants and noted that a current market fee study would help set a fee structure for future lease agreements.

Vice-Chairman English said she was happy about the progress made, but noted that without a focus on the entrance of BDI, it would be hard to market it to investors. She noted that she could use her community enhancement funds to help update the entrance to BDI and make it more attractive.

Mr. Coxworth said that he would work with staff to get that initiative started. He also noted that the daily management of the airport needed to be addressed. He highly recommended that a professional consultant be brought in to handle airport operations.

Mr. Gilligan said that airports were a great opportunity for economic development and that all decisions had to be selective and purposeful in order to get a good return on any investment.

Vice-Chairman thanked staff for the update and noted that appropriate infrastructure was critical to attract businesses.

Chairman Judd invited all attendees for a tour of the facilities at BDI.

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board