

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

A Work Session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Melissa Tucker, Administrative Assistant

Attendees: Elda Orduno, HR Director
Martin Haverty, Public Works Director
Sara Dent, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Jackie Watkins, County Engineer
Mark Apel, Environmental Projects Coordinator
Dan Duchon, Budget Manager
Shar Porier, Sierra Vista Herald
Christine O' Hara, Benson Chamber of Commerce
Pascal Berlioux, Eastern AZ Counties Org.

Chairman Borer called the meeting to order at 10:30 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

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the County's Strategic Plan specifically discussing Environmental Issues - Sulphur Springs Valley Community Water Seminars.

Supervisor Judd presented this item using a PowerPoint Presentation. Supervisor Judd proposed to gather citizens, provide education, then develop water solutions through a transparent stakeholder process. Before the 2021 Legislative Session, the community will be re-engaged to advocate for a positive change in local water policy.

Supervisor Judd stated that a seminar with workshops are tentatively scheduled starting early next year in which local presenters will educate stakeholders on various topics pertaining to water issues. At the culmination of the seminars, stakeholders will create a plan from the ideas presented. The estimated budget is \$22,325. Supervisor Judd said she would like to use her community enhancement funds for this project.

Vice-Chairman English suggested Supervisor Judd consult with an attorney regarding the legal aspect of using community enhancements funds for this project versus another organization as a pass through. She also suggested the City of Willcox may be interested in helping take on this project. Cochise County is very diverse with uncontrolled and challenging water situations. Finally, Vice-Chairman English said this project is a community development project, not a County function involving County employees.

Chairman Borer agreed this project needs to be a community project in which Willcox farmers and ranchers get together to manage water issues in Supervisor Judd's district.

Mr. Gilligan said State regulation is not the flaw, but instead, getting people together to decide how to manage the resources under them.

Vice-Chairman English suggested the first step is to find a legally established local group to take on the financial responsibility of the project.

Mr. Gilligan said once there is a consensus, to work with the Clerk of the Board on the specifics for the next Regular Board Meeting agenda.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Tucker, Administrative Assistant