

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Elda Orduno, HR Director
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board

Chairman Borer called the meeting to order at 10:00 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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. County Administrator Interviews from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with breaks between each candidate interview and for lunch.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), the Board may vote to go into executive session for all or part of these interviews and thus will not be open to the public.

Chairman Borer read the item and asked if there needed to be a discussion before we go into executive session.

Vice-Chairman English stated that any notes taken during the interviews are confidential and cannot be released. She asked Ms. Roberts if any of the individuals are chosen as finalists, will their names and the interviews be publicized.

Ms. Roberts said the name of the finalists and interviews will need to be publicized but the Board can conduct the finalist interviews in executive session.

Vice-Chairman English clarified her question and asked if the executive session notes can be made public if someone requests. If so, she wants the candidates to be aware of that possibility.

There was a short discussion about what information discussed in executive session is privileged and Ms. Roberts said she would research further and let the Board know her findings.

The Board discussed how the interviews would be conducted.

Vice-Chairman English made a motion pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), to go into executive session, to interview possible County Administrator candidates. Supervisor Judd seconded the vote.

Chairman Borer called for the vote and the Board moved into executive session at 10:08 a.m.

The Board came out of executive session 10:38 a.m.

Ms. Roberts addressed the earlier question from Vice-Chairman English and clarified that executive session notes are always confidential, and the public will not be entitled to anything that happens in executive session, even if the potential candidates become finalists, including any final interviews done in executive session. The public has access only to the public portion of the meeting. When the finalists are selected their names will become public.

Vice-Chairman English reiterated that all the notes taken in executive session are privileged and will not be made public, and there will be no discussion of these interviews with others until the end of day on Friday.

The Board discussed a rating system for a consistent evaluation of each candidate, and in order keep each candidate straight.

Ms. Roberts asked the Board not to name the candidates in open session.

Supervisor Judd agreed with a rating system for taking notes.

Vice-Chairman English made a motion pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), to go into executive session to interview possible County Administrator candidates. Supervisor Judd seconded the vote.

Chairman Borer called for the vote and the Board moved into executive session at 11:00 a.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 3:09 p.m.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board