

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 11:00 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
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Christine Roberts, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Lisa Marra, Elections Director
David Stevens, Recorder
Heather Lopez, Chief Deputy Recorder
Gabe Lavine, Emergency Services Director
Judy Lynn, Deputy Director Emergency Services
Lori Kilpatrick, Citizen
JoAnn Gasper, Citizen

Chairman Borer 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

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the 2020 Elections.

Ms. Marra presented this item using several handouts. She asked for introductions and then proceeded with an outline of the items up for discussion and possible direction. She gave an overview of the budget; mandated functions and funding requests; early voting numbers; current staff and location in a safer environment but that lacks space for candidates and observers.

Ms. Marra continued with Vote Center locations and important voter information for the Presidential Preference Election (PPE) and associated pocket guide for voters. She stressed the importance of messaging and working with our PIO to get that message out.

The election process is in coordination with the Secretary of State's office with back up from the County's IT department. She discussed contingencies for technical issues and voter ballot protection - no internet is connected to the vote machines.

There was a brief discussion about the process should an emergency happened on election day. Mr. Lavine said the Emergency Operations Center is actively monitoring under standard operating procedures with increased awareness and standards in place for elections.

Ms. Marra gave the status of poll workers and additional county employees needed on election day. There was a discussion about the last presidential election challenges and what mitigation measures are in place for a high voter turnout. Ms. Marra and Mr. Stevens encouraged mail-in ballots. Mr. Stevens discussed staffing and budget needs for the next budget session and legislation changes being proposed.

The Board thanked everyone for their participation.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board