

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Thomas E. Borer, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Supervisor, telephonic

Absent: Ann English, Vice-Chairman

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Henry Meraz, Facilities Director
Keith Buonocore, Finance Director
Dan Coxworth, Development Services Director
Jackie Watkins, Director Eng & Natural Resources
David Smith, Mayor, City of Bisbee
Philip S. Leiendecker, Assessor
Brian Jones, Fire Chief-City of Sierra Vista
Alan Gordon, Chief Technology Officer
Judy Lynn, Deputy Director Emergency Services
Maria Pitzlin, Chief Deputy Treasurer
Catherine L. Traywick, Treasurer
Jennifer Graeme, Associate HR Director
Randy Denney, Risk and Safety Administrator
Julie Morales, Risk Management Director
Joel Larson, Legal Defender
Jacqui Clay, School Superintendent

Chairman Borer called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.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 for Covid-19 Weekly Update.

Ms. Carrie Langley, Health and Social Services Director, presented this item using the County's Covid-19 website as a resource. Ms. Langley said the website has the most up-to-date information. She reiterated the previous information about symptoms; social distancing; no treatment available; who is most susceptible; and how to stay well. She said the priority is to not impact the healthcare systems and providers. She continued with the supply-side based on population; Cochise County is only 3%, with hospitals/primary care providers as priority. Grocery stores and suppliers are inundated, not getting everything they request, both here and throughout the nation.

Ms. Lynn said the information is changing rapidly and processing a myriad of information is challenging, so we need to be patient.

Ms. Baillie also reiterated the messaging from the State, the CDC, and local information.

Chairman Borer said today's message is on track with the Governor's Office Conference Call information.

Mr. Gilligan said we need to be clear on testing. The requirements for testing were established by the CDC, and the 10 individuals tested in Cochise County met criteria. He listed the criteria and said testing tracks rate of infection, but there is no correlation with outcome or treatment. He said the County is restricting public service over-the-counter in order to help stop the spread of disease.

Ms. Langley explained how the website handles statistics and possible discrepancies.

Chairman Borer asked for questions.

Mayor Smith said the Governor's message and the message from Senator Sinema, requesting mayors to declare an emergency, are not consistent.

Ms. Traywick said her department can help take care of cash deposits if any local bank is not open.

Ms. Clay gave an overview of her meetings with the governor; possible legislative statute changes; school closures; how educational services will continue; and providing food services to students. She is available to share information and answer questions.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board