

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 3:30 p.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, telephonic; Peggy Judd, Supervisor, telephonic

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Britt Hanson, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Carrie Langley, Health & Social Services Director
Gabe Lavine, Emergency Services Director
Ruben Miranda, Fleet Services Director
Joe Casey, IT Chief Information Officer
Alan Gordon, Chief Technology Officer
Harold Nixon, Fleet Services Supervisor
Cathy L. Traywick, Treasurer
Arlthe Morrison, Facilities Assistant Director
Henry Meraz, Facilities Director
Additional attendees Teams meeting did not note

Chairman Borer called the meeting to order at 3:30 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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. Discussion and possible direction regarding Covid-19: specifically the County's Response to Governor Ducey's Stay-at-Home Order and Month of April Operational Plans.

Mr. Gilligan gave an opening statement about how the Work Session will be conducted.

Ms. Carrie Langley said the State website automatically updates the number of positive Covid-19 cases on the County website because they receive the results of all the testing labs.

Mr. Gabe Lavine said the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is operating on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. He noted the number of active posts and emergency declarations to date, and said a declaration is not necessary to receive emergency funds. Mr. Lavine said the County falls under the State/Federal declarations, so we are covered. He gave a report on the Air National Guard stationed throughout the County and the services they are providing.

Mr. Gilligan said the County can call a special meeting to approve specific funding for emergency spending if necessary. With decreasing revenue streams for the County, we need to be cautious with future expenditures.

Ms. Langley said we have widespread community transmission throughout the states, and we need to practice the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Mr. Gilligan stated County operations are essential services and employees may need to be reassigned if necessary. He discussed the possible impacts from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act that was recently approved. Human Resources, for the County and the Courts, are working with employees who are requesting leave.

Mr. Lavine outlined contingency planning and said the County might be impacted by what happens throughout the State regarding mass fatalities; morgue systems; and the difference in wildfire season evacuation processes. He will be bringing agenda items to the Board regarding providing mutual aid to partners throughout the State. He also discussed the process for helping partners connect and collaborate.

The Board asked for clarification for County needs and Mr. Lavine said he would work directly with the County Administrator for any shortfalls, but that is not an issue currently.

Mr. Gilligan said he will bring any concerns to the Board as needed.

Vice-Chairman English brought up the possibility of a cut in the County budget due to this health crisis.

Mr. Gilligan said those possible reductions will be discussed at the upcoming budget work session.

There was a short discussion about budget projections and Mr. Gilligan said the Board will be informed of any immediate action that may need to be taken.

Chairman Borer reiterated what needs to happen to be safe in the community and keep the public informed.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board