

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020**

A Work Session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, April 10, 2020, at 1:00 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
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer
Melissa Tucker, Administrative Assistant

Attendees: Carrie Langley, Health & Social Services Director
Gabe Lavine, Emergency Services Director
Arlethe R. Morrison, Assistant Facilities Director
Lisa Marra, Elections Director
Daniel Duchon, Budget Manager
Amadee Ricketts, Library Director
Niltza Flores, Associate Court Administrator
Maria C. Pitzlin, Chief Deputy Treasurer
Jennifer R. Davis, Sunsites Branch Library Manager

Chairman Borer called the meeting to order at 1:00 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

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding Covid-19: specifically updates on the current state of the public health emergency.

Ms. Carrie Langley, Health Director, reported on local situations in Cochise County which included 11 positive cases of Covid-19. Efforts have been focused on contact tracing of cases and providing aggregate community data, planning for alternative care sites, and procurement plans for personal protective equipment (PPE). Ms. Langley talked about changes to the website and the continued emphasis on community-based transmission. While the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) published zip codes with over ten cases of Covid-19, the public is at risk in any part of the community as in another, and the same measures apply: social distancing, hand washing, not touching your face, and minimizing time out in public.

Ms. Langley stated that the planning and response centers of our organizations have PPE on hand to perform work. Supply chains are limited, but a local source to support requests is available. She stated a local surge is projected for April 27, 2020.

Mr. Gabe Lavine, Emergency Services Director, gave a County status update stating four cities declared local emergencies but there has been no County declaration. The County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is physically open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and seven Incident Command Posts are active throughout the county. He noted that the three top priorities for the EOC are (1) supporting the pandemic response (2) contingency planning, primarily for fire season, and (3) recovery planning moving forward. An Alternate Care Facility will be for non-acute patients, who overflow from local or regional hospitals, needing basic care and monitoring. The County participates in the Regional Health Care Alliance for Southern Arizona to assist transferring patients, providing resources, and taking on overflow.

Mr. Lavine stated that the EOC continues to make policy recommendations and act as a conduit for information between our health department and the State's emergency management regarding needs, requests, and for monitoring the County's critical infrastructure and essential services and resources.

Mr. Lavine stated that Wildfire contingency planning is impacted by restricted area resources. The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management published their Covid-19 fire response plan for the 2020 season with additional precautions protecting wild land crews and resources statewide. He stated they are working with the Arizona Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) on a short-term and long-term recovery process for a unified, collaborative, and integrated approach to recovery at the local and state level. The State's recovery task force will include contractors and State agencies and the local recovery task force will focus on economic growth and stability, building up community resiliency, particularly as it pertains to emergency preparedness and social determinants of healthy communities. Lastly, he stated that there are barriers to overcome, but implementing good mental health services is part of the recovery.

The Board shared their comments, opinions and concerns regarding the pandemic.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Tucker, Administrative Assistant