

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020**

A Work Session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, April 17, 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
Richard Karwaczka, Public Defender
Julie Morales, Risk Management Director
Arlethe R. Morrison, Assistant Facilities Director
Xochitl Orozco, Attorney
Niltza Flores, Associate Court Administrator
Elda Orduno, Human Resources Director
Daniel Coxworth, Development Services Director
Amadee Ricketts, Library Director
Jennifer R. Davis, Sunsites Branch Library Manager
Henry Meraz, Facilities Director
Jackie Watkins, Engrg. & Natrl. Res. Director
Joe Casey, Chief Information Officer
Jacqui Clay, School Superintendent
Cathy Traywick, Treasurer
Melissa Wirthlin, Constable
Anita Baca, Housing Director

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

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

Ms. Carrie Langley, Health & Social Services Director, gave an update on the current Covid-19 status in Cochise County. Last week there were 13 cases and today there are 21 cases.

Ms. Langley stated that the Cochise County website has been updated reflecting the number of cases released and total cases are confirmed cases only. She stated public health's response will involve expanded testing options, once available, and rapid follow up with individuals who are true contacts, per Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

Ms. Langley shared the Governor's executive order regarding enhanced surveillance, advising it requires a health care system partner to report to Arizona Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) on hospital preparedness and to inventory resources. A surge is now expected in June, according to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and statewide resources should fully meet that need.

Mr. Gabe Lavine, Emergency Services Director, informed that there are no major changes regarding the declaration of the County, open incident command posts, or the Emergency Operations Center. Next week, the Emergency Operations Center, (EOC) personnel will be working two days a week in-person and three days a week virtually. He noted that at the State level, they are working on a cost-sharing waiver with a public-system grant. The Governor's office submitted a request to FEMA Region IX asking they eliminate the local cost match portion of Public Assistance. In closing, he mentioned the Battelle Decontamination System, used for Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) sanitation, arrived in California for FEMA Region IX.

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

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Tucker, Administrative Assistant