

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020**

A Work Session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, May 1, 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
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer
Melissa Tucker, Administrative Assistant

Attendees: Carrie Langley, Health & Social Services Director
Gabe Lavine, Emergency Services Director
Daniel Duchon, Budget Manager
Lisa Marra, Elections 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

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 & Social Services Director, stated the overall update for the County today is 39 confirmed cases, 25 cases have been released from isolation, and 14 active cases in Cochise County. She stated 797 tests have been completed and reported to the State, and she briefly spoke about the Covid-19 timeline starting March 1, 2020, reporting an average of one case per day. Healthcare facilities wanting to resume elective procedures can apply for exemptions. All healthcare facilities in the community have taken steps to resume elective procedures, and based on the Department of Health Services and Center for Medicaid guidelines, meet capacity requirements and have the supplies.

Ms. Langley stated said that the University of Arizona is conducting a research study and will have a few sites in Cochise County with anti-body testing available for healthcare workers, Emergency Management Services, and Law Enforcement. Commercial labs are also offering testing through private providers. Public testing, referred to as a testing blitz, will be drive through testing, and will hopefully be available in May in the County. She advised that, as the

Governor's plans unfold, everyone use appropriate precautions.

Mr. Gabe Lavine, Emergency Services Director, stated the Emergency Operations Center's focus is on monitoring new sources of strain in the community and on essential services. They are promoting community resiliency, diversity, and collaboration, and will partner at the governmental and individual levels to promote flexibility in the community.

The Board and Mr. Gilligan shared their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the current status of Covid-19 in Cochise County.

The Board thanked the Health Department, Emergency Services, and Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer, for all their hard work.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Tucker, Administrative Assistant