

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020**

A Work Session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, May 8, 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; Peggy Judd, Supervisor (absent)

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

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

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INTRODUCTIONS

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 status of Covid-19. She stated that there are 41 cases, 30 of those are out of isolation, with 11 active cases remaining. She also stated that over 1,000 individuals throughout the County have been tested by a series of primary healthcare providers and hospitals.

Chiricahua Community Health Center will offer a testing blitz tomorrow from 6:00 a.m. until noon.

Ms. Langley stated that in the past, testing was done under strict criteria but now criteria is not so strict. The Health Department is ready to conduct contact tracing for identified cases

with an expandable and collapsible plan in place. She stated there are seven individuals, experienced in contact tracing, able to reach about 140 people a day, and other State resources can be pulled if assistance is needed.

Mr. Gabe Lavine, Emergency Services Director, stated they continue to monitor the community and essential services, which are steady. The National Guard will continue working at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) for a couple more weeks as staff begin to demobilize. He noted that the National Guard has taken over the Food Bank support, removing County staff from that role. Lastly, he mentioned working with the Southern Arizona Food Bank on other projects.

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

The Board thanked the Health Department and Emergency Services for all their hard work.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Tucker, Administrative Assistant