

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020**

A Work Session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, May 22, 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
Absent: Peggy Judd, Supervisor
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
Lisa Marra, Elections Director
Richard Karwaczka, Public Defender
Amadee Ricketts, Library 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, gave updates on the current Covid-19 status, stating there are currently 56 cases, 42 are released from isolation, with a two percent positive rate for all tests completed to date. Last week, Chiricahua Community Health Centers completed 512 tests out of the Douglas community, 5 were positive. She stated they will continue testing in Tombstone, Benson and Bisbee next week through May 30 and this past Wednesday 100 individuals in Willcox, were tested with results still pending.

Ms. Langley stated her department continues to maintain operations, case management and contract tracing, with same day results. She gave an update on the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) plans for testing Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) long-term care agencies. She stated the County has four locations to be scheduled. The department has moved to phase 2 planning to include assisted living and collaborating with the State

Health Department.

Ms. Langley stated the State Health Department will work with two Department of Corrections (DOC) communities in Douglas, testing all staff and inmates with serology testing, and the Department of Health Services will maintain contact tracing for this.

Mr. Gabe Lavine, Emergency Services Director, said they demobilized the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) this past Wednesday and are transitioning to Emergency Management monitoring and maintaining three National Guard troops supporting the food bank mission in Nogales, and the distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) to various entities. He stated the Battelle decontamination process has begun so masks can be sent to Phoenix.

Chairman Borer and Vice-Chairman English shared their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the current status of Covid-19 in Cochise County.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Tucker, Administrative Assistant