

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY JOINT WORK SESSION HELD ON  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020**

A joint work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors and Santa Cruz County was held on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Judd, Supervisor, telephonic

Absent: Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator  
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator  
Britt Hanson, Of Counsel, County Attorney  
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Judge James Conlogue, Presiding Judge, Superior Ct  
Judge Terry Bannon, Division VI, Superior Ct  
Judge Timothy Dickerson, Division IV, Superior Ct  
Jacqui Clay, School Superintendent  
John Schow, Court Administrator  
Niltza Flores, Associate Court Administrator  
Sheriff Mark Dannels  
Commander Kenneth Bradshaw, Sheriff's Office  
Bruce Bracker, Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Manny Ruiz, Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors  
Rudy Molera, Member, Board of Supervisors  
Judge Thomas Fink, Presiding Judge, Superior Court  
Alfredo Velasquez, School Superintendent  
Tivo Romero, Court Administrator  
Luis Fimbres, Chief Probation Officer  
Alicia Valenzuela, Chief Deputy Probation Officer  
Gabriel Velasco, Detention Supervisor  
Chris Young, Chief Deputy School Superintendent  
Danna Rivera, Education Director  
Kim Hunley, Chief Deputy Civil Attorney  
Mauricio Chavez, Administrative Services Director  
Jeff Terrell, Health Director  
Sonia Jones, HR Director  
Jennifer St. John, County Manager  
Tara Hampton, Clerk of the Board

Vice-Chairman English 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***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the Juvenile Detention Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

Chairman English asked for introductions. Mr. Bracker, Chairman, Santa Cruz County, read the names of attendees for Santa Cruz, and Chairman English for Cochise County.

Chairman English said the initiative for this IGA came from the Courts and all parties are interested in the best future for the children we serve.

Mr. Gilligan stated this agreement was modeled after other counties, and he gave an outline of those various agreements. He gave the key terms: financial cost shift with a 50% share; detention medical costs; and operational capacity. Cochise County would be responsible for transportation of youth. He spoke of the facility and the exceptional program they offer with an all bilingual staff. He stated the amended changes for the IGA were regarding termination to accommodate financial impacts, and a detention center location change.

Mr. Gilligan answered questions from the Board regarding additional transportation and medical costs. He said those costs will be covered within the County's current budget.

Judge Fink addressed how remote hearings are handled and said they are working well.

Mr. Bracker spoke of the strong cultural and geographic similarities between the 2 counties and Supervisor Molera thanked all counties involved.

Judge Conlogue gave an estimate of \$500,000 for additional costs per year.

The Presiding Judges from both counties agreed to work together bilaterally regarding housing incorrigibles and youth charged as adults.

Mr. Hanson has also reached out to Pinal County, and other counties, in case additional juveniles would need to be housed outside of Santa Cruz County because of over capacity.

Mr. Schow addressed some transportation and operational details.

Ms. Clay said she and Mr. Velasquez will meet and discuss the educational needs of the students and said the Cochise County Detention Center teachers are also bilingual.

Chairman English reiterated that every educational opportunity does not need to be detailed in the IGA..

Judge Bannon said her concerns regarding overflow juveniles had been addressed earlier in this Work Session and she expressed her appreciation for this agreement.

Supervisor Ruiz agreed the School Superintendents could work through the funding concerns; said he supports this action; and thanked Mr. Gilligan, Ms. St. John and the Presiding Judges as representatives.

Chairman English and Supervisor Judd thanked everyone for a productive Work Session discussion.

Vice-Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board