

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, December 11, 2020, at 10:00 a.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: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator  
Brian McIntyre, County Attorney  
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board  
Tim Mattix, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Craig Janiszewski, Emerg Preparedness Specialist  
Tammi-Jo Wilkins, Emerg Preparedness Specialist  
Judy Lynn, Interim Director, Emergency Services  
Niltza Flores, Associate Court Administrator  
Rita Shipley, Superior Court Budget/Finance Director  
Robin Rossbach, Courts Finance Division Manager  
Vicki Barton, Chief Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Superior Court  
Anita Baca, Housing Authority Director  
Jennifer Graeme, Associate HR Director  
Joe Casey, IT Chief Information Officer  
Jennifer Davis, Branch Library Manager  
Marty Haverty, Public Works Director  
Julie Morales, Risk Management Director

Chairman Borer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING**

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***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Discussion and Possible Direction on the current status of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Mr. Craig Janiszewski, Ms. Tammi-Jo Wilkins, and Ms. Judy Lynn presented this item. Mr. Janiszewski stated that in Cochise County, there are 4,925 confirmed cases of Covid-19 with a 7% hospitalization rate, and over 36,000 tests have been administered. He noted that testing is a big priority and Health and Social Services is working with community partners to increase testing availability. He provided an overview of testing sites, which are in addition to primary care physicians and urgent care facilities. Staff is working with healthcare partners to solidify a plan to push out the vaccine in the most efficient way

possible when it is available. Ms. Wilkins reported on the number of various Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies that the County has distributed since September 9.

The Board asked the status of getting someone to assist with public relations. Ms. Lynn responded that Emergency Services has requested a Public Information Officer (PIO) from the state, and is working with hospital PIOs to help in the short-term; additionally, the County's PIO position has posted. The Board also asked about testing locations in Benson; Ms. Wilkins responded with information about the existing Benson testing site, and spoke of staff's efforts to help attempt to secure another testing blitz, as well as alternative testing locations outside of Benson.

Ms. Lynn provided updates from Emergency Services, discussed an emergency alert from Pima County, and noted that staff will continue to share information when it becomes available. Staff requested two additional National Guard members to help with logistics. She discussed the current strain on Emergency Medical Service (EMS) transports, including moving patients both inside and outside of the County. The state is willing to work with the County to suspend rules and regulations to get more transport units on the street, and staff will begin leveraging local community partners to get more ambulances staffed.

The Board discussed an increase in the number of people voluntarily wearing masks.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board