

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, December 18, 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

Absent: Peggy Judd, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator  
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator  
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board  
Tim Mattix, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Alicia Thompson, Health & Social Services Director  
Craig Janiszewski, Emerg Preparedness Specialist  
Tammi-Jo Wilkins, Emerg Preparedness Specialist  
Judy Lynn, Interim Director, Emergency Services  
Amy Hunley, Clerk of the Superior Court  
Melissa Wirthlin, Constable  
Tracey Romero, Courts HR Director  
Rita Shipley, Superior Court Budget/Finance Director  
Robin Rossbach, Courts Finance Division Manager  
Lisa Marra, Elections Director  
Jackie Watkins, Eng & Natural Resources Director  
Jennifer Graeme, Associate HR Director  
Xochitl Orozco, Attorney III, Legal Advocate Office  
Amadee Ricketts, Library Director  
Cathy Traywick, Treasurer  
Maria Pitzlin, Chief Deputy Treasurer

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.

Ms. Alicia Thompson, Mr. Craig Janiszewski, Ms. Tammi-Jo Wilkins, and Ms. Judy Lynn presented this item. Ms. Thompson stated that the first phase of Covid-19 vaccine recipients includes direct healthcare and Emergency Medical Technician (EMTs) and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) workers. The first shipment is anticipated to be received next week and getting everything in place. Mr. Janiszewski discussed planning and partnership efforts, and noted that staff is working on an online vaccine management tool, [www.cochisecovid.com](http://www.cochisecovid.com).

The Board asked questions about the vaccine and its cost. Ms. Thompson responded that the County will receive the Moderna vaccine, and that the federal government paid for vaccines so there is no cost to recipients, though clinics may charge insurance companies an administrative fee.

Ms. Wilkins spoke about planning efforts and the team's preparedness.

The Board and Ms. Thompson discussed the reasons for receiving, and benefits of, the Moderna, rather than the Pfizer, vaccine. Ms. Wilkins noted that staff is well-prepared in case it also receives the Pfizer vaccine.

The Board requested information about the vaccines and the timing of administering them. Mr. Janiszewski stated that both require two shots, with 21 days in between for Pfizer and 28 for Moderna. The website portal will assist in tracking when people are due for the second shot; additionally, the manufacturers are including appointment cards as a tool to remind people.

The Board requested information about contact tracing. Staff responded and noted that contact tracing never stopped. The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) is assisting with cases that County staff is unable to work on.

Ms. Lynn provided updates from Emergency Services. The Public Information Officer (PIO) from Copper Queen Hospital has been assisting with messaging. Efforts to secure messaging assistance from the state hit a snag over a question of funding. ADHS brought in five additional ambulances to assist with moving people. Healthcare partners and Fire Districts will be assisting with the vaccine; the Fry Fire District has gone through additional training to both receive and administer it.

The Board discussed the importance and impact of messaging and communicating to the public. The Board decided that rather than holding Work Sessions the next two weeks, updates should be provided to the Board and the community through written communications.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board