

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman; Tom Crosby, 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: Joe Casey, IT Chief Information Officer
Amy Hunley, Clerk of the Superior Court
Philip Leiendecker, County Assessor
Paul Correa, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Niltza Flores, Associate Court Administrator
Tracey Romero, Courts HR Director
Rita Shipley, Superior Court Budget/Finance Director
Lisa Marra, Elections Director
Alicia Thompson, Health & Social Services Director
Anita Baca, Housing Authority Director
Elda Orduno, HR Director
Jennifer Graeme, Associate HR Director
Alan Gordon, IT Chief Technology Officer
Terry Couchenour, GIS Analyst
Marty Haverty, Public Works Director
Julie Morales, Risk Management Director

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 11:00 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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. Discussion and Possible Direction relating to Redistricting - topics include: Introduction and Overview of the Redistricting Process for 2021.

Ms. Gilman presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. She provided an overview of redistricting and an estimated timeline for the process; the timeline is based on receiving Census results and may change. She presented Draft Redistricting Principles (Principles), and noted that the Board will be asked to determine whether to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to lead the efforts, or to do everything in-house. Certain Principles are required, while others are by choice.

The Board and Ms. Gilman reviewed and discussed the Principles. In response to the Board, Ms. Roberts stated that the Principle named "Avoid pairing incumbents" can be removed if it does not apply. The Board and Mr. Karwaczka discussed creating an Advisory Committee (Committee) versus issuing an RFP. The Board discussed geographical areas to review during the process, voter registration and population counts, the creation of a Committee rather than an RFP, and the appropriate timing to review and update precincts.

The Board and staff also discussed in detail the size and composition of the Committee, the logistics of Committee meetings, and dissemination of information to the Committee and the public. Mr. Casey provided an update on a civic engagement feature of the new website, and the Board and staff discussed the need to make technology easy-to-use. In response to the Board, Mr. Casey provided the population in each District for the 2010 redistricting, and the Board discussed population trends.

The Board provided direction to proceed with a Committee rather than an RFP. Mr. Karwaczka will contact incorporated cities and towns to each appoint a member, while each Supervisor will recruit two members from unincorporated areas within their Districts. There were no objections to removing the Principle named "Avoid pairing incumbents" as it does not apply to the County. Mr. Karwaczka was asked to gather information on the appropriate timing for updating precinct boundaries.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board