

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, February 5, 2021, at 10:00 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, telephonic; Tom Crosby, Supervisor, telephonic

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Kris Carlson, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Alicia Thompson, Health & Social Services Director
Craig Janiszewski, Emerg Preparedness Specialist
Judy Lynn, Emergency Services Director

Chairman English 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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

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

Ms. Thompson, Mr. Janiszewski, and Ms. Lynn presented this item. Ms. Thompson noted that while the County did not set up a call center, clerks have been taking calls and keeping a wait list for people aged 75 and over or unable to register online. The wait list is now closed, and she discussed the reasons for closing it. Staff created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document that includes links to the different websites, a list of retail pharmacies, and answers to regular questions. An individual who was recently provided the FAQs called back and thanked staff as they were able to find an appointment using the FAQs. The County was allowed to order 3,400 vaccine doses for this next week, which is enough for second doses and some first doses; the County always orders the maximum that the state allows.

The Board and staff discussed the process by which the County is able to order vaccine doses, and Ms. Thompson noted that the vaccines are delivered on either Monday or Tuesday and staff encourages partners to not schedule appointments on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Mr. Janiszewski reported that staff has been working with providers on the recent

Governor's Executive Order requirements. He detailed the process by which vaccines are ordered, including the varying timing of ordering and receiving them. The County is consistently in the top three or four for moving vaccines. The state call center is scheduling appointments for the County, so it is working as intended; however, staff has been working with the state to address an issue where individuals who do not live or work in the County have been able to schedule appointments. He discussed the partnership with the National Guard, including with Task Force MED, which has been helping to vaccinate people in a clinic every Thursday. He reported that hospitalizations are decreasing and hospital capacity is in line with trends. The County is continuing to receive and distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) materials and test kits.

The Board and staff discussed who the County provides PPE to and the reasoning, whether hospitals are needing to send patients outside of the County for care, the FAQs, and the state call center and making its phone number and the FAQs available through various tools.

Ms. Lynn noted that there are no changes to report from Emergency Services.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board