

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, February 12, 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: Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Alicia Thompson, Health & Social Services Director
Craig Janiszewski, Emerg Preparedness Specialist
Tammi-Jo Wilkins, Emerg Preparedness Specialist
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer
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, Ms. Wilkins, Ms. Rochin and Ms. Lynn presented this item. Ms. Thompson reported that Covid-19 cases are continuing to decrease. The County will receive 3,400 vaccine doses next week. She reviewed an article from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) concerning masks, which provided information about ways to improve the efficacy of masks.

Mr. Janiszewski displayed the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) data dashboard's new vaccine section, and reviewed the County's vaccination statistics available on the dashboard. ADHS is continuing to make improvements to the vaccine management system based on feedback that it receives from the County and others. He reviewed recent improvements to it.

The Board and staff discussed changes to the vaccine management system and additional requirements imposed on vaccination partners by a recent Executive Order (EO) issued by the Governor. Ms. Thompson noted that staff assisted partners with the

new requirements and provided examples of how the County reduced some duplicative work caused by the EO. Ms. Thompson reported that she just received word that the County will receive 600 additional doses next week.

Ms. Wilkins reported that there is currently no hospital surge and provided information on the number of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies and testing kits that the County distributed. She provided updates on the prison's effort to vaccinate staff and the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. The Fry's pharmacy and Safeway pharmacies in Benson, Willcox and Bisbee each received an allocation, separate from the County's allocation. Staff has established communications with the pharmacies. The pharmacies requested assistance with public information; they are vaccinating those in the same phase that the County is in, and are turning away those who are not in the current phase.

Ms. Rochin reported on outreach and communication efforts, and stated that the goal is to ensure residents receive timely information, with a focus on those in hard-to-reach communities. She discussed effective, positive communication tactics that are being taken to eliminate confusion and negative sentiment.

The Board and staff discussed a recent report from a resident that the website does not have English as a language selection. Mr. Janiszewski provided information about the language functionality in response, and confirmed that he will look into it.

Ms. Lynn stated that Fry Fire District and Sierra Vista Fire and Medical Services volunteered to assist the County and expressed appreciation for both. She provided an update on the status of vaccinating Border Patrol staff; County vaccine Points of Dispensing (PODs) have opened up to federal law enforcement, including Border Patrol staff.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board