

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, February 19, 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

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  
Martha Montano, Epidemiologist  
Craig Janiszewski, 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**

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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. Thompson, Ms. Montano, Mr. Janiszewski and Ms. Rochin presented this item. Ms. Thompson reported that Covid-19 cases are continuing to decrease. The County did not receive its shipment of vaccine doses this week due to weather conditions across the country; that shipment will be received with next week's allocation of 3,400 doses, so the County will receive 7,400 doses. The County had requested a \$2 million grant to assist with enhancing vaccination efforts; \$1 million was awarded. In response to the Board, Ms. Thompson stated that an ancillary kit with everything required to administer the vaccine is received with each vaccine shipment.

Ms. Montano detailed the number of Covid-19 cases in the past week and to date, and the number of deaths. School dashboards indicate that two out of three benchmarks are in moderate transmission. The County remains in substantial transmission for cases per 100,000, with 141 over a two-week period. Due to one benchmark remaining in substantial transmission, the current recommendation is for schools to continue with

virtual learning.

Mr. Janiszewski reported on the number of vaccine doses for next week; staff has reached out to vaccination partners about it and does not have concerns with storage. The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program also experienced delays in receiving vaccine doses due to weather. The Federally Qualified Health Center Program is anticipated to begin in March in Pima, Maricopa and Yuma counties, with future expansion to all counties; doses received under that program will supplement, not replace, the County's allocation. When received, the \$1 million grant will be used to supplement vaccination partners with additional staff, and for mobile teams who will engage hard-to-reach populations.

The Board and staff discussed methods being used to identify hard-to-reach populations. Each Supervisor will provide a list to Ms. Thompson of underserved communities in their District.

Ms. Thompson stated that staff is in the preliminary stages of planning a virtual community meeting with city and community representatives to discuss how plans are progressing and how staff is planning to reach the entire County.

Ms. Rochin reported on public outreach efforts, coverage from local media, and the use of social channels to communicate to the public about not receiving the vaccine this week. Local media shared the information via broadcast and online.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board