

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman, telephonic; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

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

Attendees: Marty Haverty, Public Works Director
Ben Carter, Operations Superintendent
Jason Faccio, Operations Superintendent
Fred Nixon, Operations Superintendent
Steven Jones, Financial Manager
Jackie Watkins, Engineering & Natural Resources Director

Vice-Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 11:45 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 regarding the Public Works Department Informational Update, including the following topics:
 - Highways Quarterly Workplan;
 - Solid Waste Division Update; and,
 - Light and Heavy Fleet Divisions Update.

Mr. Haverty presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed the Highway Division quarterly workplan, noting that maintenance grading is ongoing; the County has approximately 700 miles of dirt roads. Staff is focusing on mowing rights-of-way; two new mowers have been received. He highlighted certain projects from the Bisbee, Benson, Douglas/Elfrida, and Willcox roadyards, including: Wilson Road and Courthouse striping; Sunsites Community Center; Kings Highway; and, Shelton turn lane and Hardy Road.

In response to the Board, Mr. Haverty detailed the differences between hot mix and fogging, noting what each may be used for. The results of fog-sealing have been

positive; staff attempts to fog 200 miles of road each year. There are currently 36 employees, while 39 is the optimum number; to be equitable, staff is addressing current employee wages prior to recruiting new employees.

Mr. Haverty reviewed work at the landfill to maximize density and reduce airspace. The density goal is 1,000 pounds per cubic yard; the goal is consistently exceeded. He compared the County's rate of compaction to other areas across the country. The Board previously approved the purchase of a new compactor, which will arrive soon. The next cell at the landfill is estimated to cost approximately \$3 million to \$4 million. In response to the Board, Mr. Haverty clarified that the airspace is the area that trash can be put.

Mr. Haverty presented metrics for the Light Fleet division, noting the use of approximately 300,000 gallons of fuel annually. He compared the total miles driven from fiscal year 2017-2018 through fiscal year 2021-2022. He discussed the rising costs of fuel, noting the budgetary impact. A performance measure is the cost per mile; in fiscal year 2020-2021, the cost per mile was \$0.35, while it increased to \$0.45 per mile in fiscal year 2021-2022. The average cost for the Light Fleet is \$1,700,000.

The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Haverty for the presentation and information. Mr. Haverty noted that he would like to include the number of people serviced by the Solid Waste Division at the next quarterly update.

Vice-Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board