

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 9:00 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
Paul Correa, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Mark Dannels, Sheriff
Kenneth Bradshaw, Jail Commander
Carol Capas, Public Information Officer
Molly McCarty, Paralegal III

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion, direction and possible action regarding settlement of a public records lawsuit called *Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting v. Cochise County Sheriff*, S0200CV202300129, filed in Cochise County Superior Court.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (4), the Board may go into executive session for legal advice with the attorney of the public body and to consider its position and instruct attorneys regarding the public body's position in pending litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation.

In response to the Board, Mr. Correa confirmed his recommendation that the Board move into Executive Session.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion that, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (4), the Board go into executive session for legal advice with the attorney of the public body and to consider its position and instruct attorneys regarding the public body's position in pending litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion. Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:02 a.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:11 a.m. Chairman English, Vice-Chairman Judd (telephonic), and Supervisor Crosby were present.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to accept the County Attorney's recommendation to settle with Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting for \$8,000. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion. Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board