

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.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  
Absent: 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, Director of Public Works  
Jason Faccio, Operations Superintendent  
Fred Nixon, Operations Superintendent

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.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 began with an update on highways in various areas of the county from October 2022 to February 2023. Mr. Haverty stated that staff completed the Sunsites Community Center parking lot in partnership with Sunsites. Storm clean up in the Benson area has taken up a significant amount of time. Mr. Haverty stated that one of the major initiatives was to clean up the rights-of-way, which will reduce accidents. He stated that staff now has nine mowers to help with this. Once the rights-of-way are cleaned up the plan has been drafted for Adopt-A-Highway. The crack fill at Rancho Carmella subdivision in Bisbee was completed. Completed projects include: Melody Lane parking lot fog and re-stripe, Charleston Road crack filling, and asphalt repair on Kings Highway, Brooks Road and Gleason Road. Many of the roads that the dairy uses in Willcox have been repaired and Hardy Road soil stabilization has been completed to reduce dust. Vice-Chairman Judd stated that people are getting stuck in the mud along Hard Road. Mr. Haverty discussed potential issues with the rights-of-way that may be

preventing the road from being chip sealed. Vice-Chairman Judd stated that the Sunsites community is contributing \$5000 to their parking lot project and they have not received a bill.

Mr. Haverty stated that future major projects include; Sierra Vista Service Center crack seal and re-surface, Charleston Road crack seal, fog and re-stripe and Gleason Road chip seal, fog and stripe.

In response to the Board, Mr. Haverty stated that Public Works, Engineering and County Administration have begun looking into developing a list of roads that are and are not maintained by the County and reassessing the needs in various areas.

Mr. Faccio stated that Parker Ranch Road, Hines Road, Old Stewart Circle and Ft. Grant Road will all be worked on in the Willcox area. Mr. Haverty stated that there are 700 miles of paved roads in the County and he would like to get 10% of those completed, which would allow all of the paved County roads to be completed every 10 years.

Mr. Haverty stated that 130,000-140,000 people come to the urban transfer stations per year and he is working towards customer service training for employees. In response to the Board, Mr. Haverty will work to gather data on rural transfer stations for the next meeting.

Mr. Haverty reviewed the cash flow for the Solid Waste Division. He reviewed charges and expenses per ton and noted a \$2.22 per ton profit, which amounts to \$170,000 per year set aside for the next cell of the landfill. Mr. Haverty stated that the Solid Waste Division will have the \$5 million needed to build the next cell without borrowing from the general fund. The Board and staff discussed engineering costs of the new cell and the need for engineering.

Mr. Haverty stated that Mr. Nixon ordered 20 replacement vehicles. 10 vehicles have been received and the remaining are due in June of 2023. Staff resolved equipment issues on Cochise County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) vehicles. 14 additional vehicles for CCSO will all be received by June 2023. The compactor at the landfill has been replaced, which cost approximately \$1 million. Mr. Haverty explained that the compactor compacts the trash, which extends the life of the landfill.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board