

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 1:00 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; 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
Jackie Watkins, Engineering & Natural Resources Director
Jason Faccio, Operations Superintendent
Fred Nixon, Operations Superintendent
Steven Jones, Financial Manager

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

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. Mr. Haverty discussed personnel changes within Public Works. Mr. Haverty began with Solid Waste and gave an update on funding for Cell 5. Cell 5 will be out for bid next week; he discussed his concerns about how much it will cost. After carry overs, contributions, interest and transfers, there should be approximately \$5.2 million in the fund. Mr. Haverty stated that the last cell cost \$2 million in 2017 and with the economy and inflation, he is not sure what the cost will be, but he believes the \$5 million will cover it.

Mr. Haverty stated that staff met with city managers who make up the Rate Review Advisory Board (RRAB), who recommended that tipping fees remain \$64 per ton. He projected that Solid Waste will have made \$1.85 per ton off the \$64 tipping fee, while still putting funds into the capital account for cell development. In response to the Board, Mr. Haverty stated that not much is made off of recycling, but it does help to stabilize the tipping fee.

Mr. Haverty stated that 81,000 tons are projected to be taken in this year. He stated that there are plans to improve transfer stations. Approximately \$200,000 has been spent in the last two years improving the transfer stations: \$200,000 each year for the next five years. In response to the Board, Mr. Haverty stated that it is required by the RRAB to pay attention to what each municipality is charged and assure everyone pays the same amount. He stated that the County subsidizes losses incurred due to the rural transfer stations not charging enough to cover the cost and assures that the cities are not responsible for the difference. There was discussion regarding how communities and cities bill for utilities.

There was discussion between the Board and staff regarding the engineering of cells.

Mr. Haverty displayed a 4th quarter Highway Workplan breaking the County into four different districts and five road yards, which are Bisbee, Benson, Willcox, Douglas and Elfrida (which are combined). He stated Mr. Faccio was just reclassified to Operations Superintendent for Highways. Mr. Haverty stated that grading and right of way mowing are taken care of first and reviewed the various roads and sites that will be worked on in the 4th quarter by each road yard. He stated that Charleston and Gleeson are some of the more scenic roads in the County and will be chip sealed, fogged and striped. Mr. Haverty stated that a contractor is completing a slurry seal on the Sierra Vista Regional service center and will be doing the chip seal on 20 miles of Charleston Road due to limited staff and equipment. The Board and staff discussed the maintenance of Cascabel and Geronimo Trail. Mr. Haverty stated that the goal is to get 70 miles of chip seal completed this year, which will require those roads to be chip sealed again in 10 years, with fogging in between. The Board and staff discussed the cost of oil and fuel being similar to what it was last year, the disrepair and maintenance of various state-owned roads in the County, and that the Sierra Vista Service Center is being completed with vehicle license funds.

The Board and staff discussed compacting and the feasibility of mining gas at the landfill.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board