

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

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator
Lara Loewenheim, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Jason Faccio, Public Works Interim Director

Vice Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

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Work Sessions are a time for County staff to inform and discuss agenda items with the Board of Supervisors and public comments will not be taken.

INTRODUCTIONS

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. Faccio presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the Board throughout. Mr. Faccio stated that for the second quarter of 2023, the highways division would be working on maintenance blading, ride of way mowing, and sight distance clearing. He stated they have completed culvert repairs on Hereford Road and finished striping the County roads for the season.

Mr. Faccio stated various road repair projects are going on, including a fissure in Dregon that poses safety concerns. He explained Engineering department is involved, and a meeting is scheduled to determine the repair approach. Mr. Faccio discussed that Bell Ranch Road underwent hot mix patching, and the future of Parker Ranch Road is being reconsidered due to base issues and resident input. A new head wall construction is planned for Apache Pass to prevent washouts. The use of hot mix in cold

temperatures was explained, and the board acknowledged the efforts of the interim superintendent and the team in maintaining roads.

Mr. Faccio stated that in Solid Waste, a decrease in tonnage was offset by increased revenue through recycling efforts, resulting in a stable profit. He shared the financials for the first quarter, showing a slight increase in expenses but higher revenue per ton compared to the previous year. He stated there is a current purchase order of around 3.18 million, which may increase to 3.3 million due to a change order related to unexpected wet areas in the excavation for cell five. Mr. Faccio highlighted strategies to maintain the tipping fee and the financial benefits of completing cell five under budget. In response to the Board, Mr. Faccio emphasized the importance of managing the tipping fee.

In response to the Board, Mr. Faccio emphasized the county's commitment to providing fair opportunities for companies to secure contracts.

Chairman Judd and Supervisor English made comments and acknowledged the department for the work that has been done.

Vice Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

APPROVED:

Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sharon Gilman, Interim Clerk of the Board