

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator  
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator  
Joe Casey, Associate County Administrator  
Paul Correa, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: David Stevens, County Recorder  
Ravi Patel, Jones, Skelton & Houchuli Law Firm  
Gordan Lewis, Jones, Skelton & Houchuli Law Firm

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:00 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**

***ACTION***

**Board of Supervisors**

*This executive session is authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03, Subsection (A)(3) and (4).*

1. Discussion, direction and possible action to outside legal counsel from Jones, Skelton and Hochuli, PLC, regarding the current status of public records lawsuit filed by American Oversight v. Cochise County, et al., CV202400017, 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.***

Supervisor Judd made a motion to go into Executive Session authorized under A.R.S. § 38.431.03 Section 8 paragraphs (3) and (4). Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

The Board moved into executive session at 9:01 am.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:22 a.m. and reconvened the open meeting. Chairman English, Vice-Chairman Crosby, and Supervisor Judd were all present.

2. Discussion with Possible Action regarding settlement agreement in the matter of American Oversight v. Stevens, et.al., Cochise County Superior Court No. CV 2024-00017.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to follow the recommendations of Counsel regarding the American Oversight matter and authorize the execution of the settlement agreement, submitting it for payment in the amount of \$125,000 to American Oversight. Supervisor Judd seconded the motion.

Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board