

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator  
Joe Casey, Associate County Administrator  
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Lara Loewenheim, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Jackie Watkins, Engineering and Natural Resources Director  
Jason Faccio, Public Works Director  
Joaquin Solis, Assistant Director of Highway & Floodplain  
Mark Apel, Environmental Project Coordinator

Vice-Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 Engineering & Natural Resources Department Informational Update, including the following topics: Engineering Division update; and Flood Control Division update.

Jackie Watkins presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Watkins updated on the projects from last quarter, including ongoing work on Mosen Road and Davis Road. She stated the projects along Davis Road from Highway 80 to North Central and Central to Highway 191 are in various stages of development. She stated efforts include acquiring Right-of-Way, updating designs, and seeking additional funding through grants. For Davis Road, she noted that plans for widening intersections and eventual expansion to a four-lane divided highway demonstrate forward-thinking infrastructure planning.

In response to the Board, Ms. Watkins stated the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) conducts archaeological research to identify any ancient artifacts or historical sites, as was the case at milepost 9 on Davis Road where pits were discovered.

Ms. Watkins stated the Douglas Port of Entry connector road project, in collaboration with Cochise County, the City of Douglas, and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), is currently in the design phase, evaluating three options for the Connector Road. She stated the County and ADOT have applied for a grant of \$43 million. She explained the grant will support the construction of the new Port of Entry connector road.

Ms. Watkins discussed in-house projects and efforts to address the condition of 61 bridges in Cochise County. She noted a 20-year plan for repair and replacement is being developed with the assistance of a structural engineer, taking into account inspection reports conducted by ADOT. She stated sidewalk and improvements in Sunsites are being considered with a detailed design survey underway.

Vice-Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sharon Gilman, Interim Clerk of the Board