

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman; Kathleen L. Gomez, Supervisor

Absent: Frank Antenori, Chairman

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, Interim County Administrator; Joe Casey, Interim Deputy County Administrator; Paul Correa, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney; Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Vice-Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Eli Dalton-Webb spoke in opposition to Consent Item number 3.

Radford Hyde spoke in opposition to ES&S spending.

Allison Morse spoke in favor of approving the scanners and letter openers.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of April 22, 2025.
2. Approve Grant Agreement 2025-405b-502 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) to the Cochise County Sheriff's Office for overtime and employee-related expenses for the "Buckle Up Arizona... It's the Law" program, in the amount of \$4,000, effective May 19, 2025, through June 1, 2025.

Court Administration

3. Approve Fiscal Year 2025 Fill The Gap Funding Agreement, as provided by the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$33,443.

Eli Dalton-Webb spoke in opposition and discussed reasons.

Elections

4. Approve the appointment of 1 Republican Party Precinct Committeemen, Richard Brown - Precinct 38, by recommendation of their Cochise County Party Chairman, to serve through the October 1, 2026 term.

Finance

5. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Juvenile Probation

6. Adopt Resolution 25-08 to approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Family Counseling Fund Allocation, as provided by the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), in the amount of \$11,960 and the required \$2,990 matching funds, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve Consent agenda Items 1 through 6. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman called for the vote and it was approved 2-0. (Antenori absent),

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

7. Approve Community Enhancement Fund expenditures for District 2: Provide two (2) roll-off dumpsters to Thunder Mountain Church for a community cleanup project, not to exceed \$2,500.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve Community Enhancement Fund expenditures for District 2: to provide two (2) roll-off dumpsters to Thunder Mountain Church for a community cleanup project, not to exceed \$2,500. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Supervisor Gomez presented this item. Supervisor Gomez expressed appreciation for Thunder Mountain Church's assistance in helping a resident clean up their property.

Vice-Chairman Crosby called for the vote and it was approved 2-0. (Antenori absent).

Development Services

8. Approve Contract 25-09-DEV-01 between Elliott D. Pollack and Company and Cochise County for the creation of an Affordable Housing Plan for Cochise County, in the amount of \$177,400.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve Contract 25-09-DEV-01 between Elliott D. Pollack and Company and Cochise County for the creation of an Affordable Housing Plan

for Cochise County, in the amount of \$177,400. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Susan Bronson, Planner I, presented this item. Ms. Bronson reported that the Development Services Department received a \$194,450 grant from the Arizona Department of Housing for an affordable housing plan. She stated two consultants submitted proposals, and Elliot D. Pollack was selected as the top candidate. She explained the proposed work includes a housing needs assessment, a housing investment strategy, and a Douglas-specific economic development alignment.

Vice-Chairman Crosby called for the vote and it was approved 2-0. (Antenori absent).

Facilities

9. Approve the transfer of general fund contingency funds to the Facilities Department to replace (24) Carrier Gas Pack Units at 1415 W Melody Lane, Bldg A in Bisbee, in the amount of \$175,000.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve the transfer of general fund contingency funds to the Facilities Department to replace (24) Carrier Gas Pack Units at 1415 W Melody Lane, Bldg A in Bisbee, in the amount of \$175,000. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman called for the vote and it was approved 2-0. (Antenori absent)

STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

10. Discussion and possible action regarding state and federal legislative matters listed or described in the attached County Supervisors Association Legislative Policy Committee Agenda, the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) Legislative Policy Committee Agenda, and the proposed State budget, and other matters related thereto.

Supervisor Gomez mentioned that the Mexican gray wolf issue will be addressed during a work session scheduled for Thursday, May 8th, 2025. She stated the Sheriff's Ranch Patrol will also participate and a separate public comment session is planned for May 13th at 5:30 p.m. for residents to express concerns and frustrations.

REPORT BY SHARON GILMAN, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR -- RECENT AND PENDING COUNTY MATTERS

Ms. Gilman reminded Supervisor Gomez and the public about a General Services Administration (GSA) public meeting on May 7th, 2025 regarding the draft supplemental environmental impact statement for the Raul Castro Port of Entry remodel. She stated the meeting will be held at the Douglas Visitors Center from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in a come-and-go format. She also noted that the county is wrapping up budget figures and plans to present revenue projections and the overall budget plan to the Board next week.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Report by District 1 Supervisor, Tom Crosby

Vice-Chairman Crosby deferred his report.

Report by District 2 Supervisor, Kathleen L. Gomez

Supervisor Gomez announced that Douglas Days will take place on May 16th and May 17th, 2025. She stated the event will include a parade at the park, live music, and numerous vendors. She encouraged residents to attend and enjoy the festivities.

Report by District 3 Supervisor, Frank Antenori

Chairman Antenori was absent.

Vice-Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

APPROVED:

Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board