

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY JAIL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, County Administrator
Joe Casey, Deputy County Administrator
Dylan Hendel, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Kenneth Bradshaw, Jail Commander
Zachary Sakas, Bond Counsel
Phil Bourdon, Project Manager

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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

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

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the draft of the publicity pamphlet for the upcoming Cochise County Jail District election being held on November 4, 2025.

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the County Attorney or other legal counsel regarding the publicity pamphlet, statutory requirements, and related election matters.

Ms. Gilman explained that staff have prepared a statutory-compliant publicity pamphlet for the upcoming election, including background information, voting dates and locations, resolution text, tax purpose and revenue estimates, and arguments for and against the tax, and shared the draft with the Board for feedback.

Ms. Gilman confirmed the sheriff's office reviewed the pamphlet for accuracy and that prior copies were shared with the Board for review. She noted that most of the pamphlet is standard content, while pages two through six focus on key information like background, tax purposes, revenue estimates, and frequently asked questions.

Chairman Antenori discussed that while the bond requires a 15-year schedule to ensure county revenue stability, negotiations allow paying additional principal to potentially retire it in 10 years. He stated the intent is to pay off the bond as quickly as possible so the half-cent sales tax can be freed for other uses or emergencies.

The Board and staff discussed that paying for the new jail requires a bond because the county cannot fund it through the general fund without exceeding expenditure limits. The Board explained that bonds are a common practice for major projects helps clarify why excess taxes are needed to generate the necessary revenue and it allows the jail to be built efficiently without logistical issues from spreading payments over multiple years.

Chairman Antenori explained that the jail is a capital project funded off the general fund under Title 48, which does not impact the county's spending limit. He stated the project requires a bond because the construction company expects a large final payment that cannot be covered in a single year from general revenue.

Vice-Chairman Crosby noted a typo on page six, where "county property tax owners" should read "property owners."

The Board and staff discussed the Spanish translation of the pamphlet, confirming that Runbeck would prepare the pamphlet and reference federal requirements under the Voting Rights Act for publishing materials in other languages if a certain population threshold is met.

Ms. Gilman confirmed the pamphlet is scheduled to be sent to print on August 28th, 2025 and does not require formal board approval, as it is prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the County Attorney or other legal counsel regarding the publicity pamphlet, statutory requirements, and related election matters. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 1:25 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. All Board members were present.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

