

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY JAIL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025**

A meeting of the Cochise County Jail District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing 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
Paul Correa, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

CONSENT

Board of Directors

1. Approve the Minutes of the Cochise County Jail District Board of Directors meeting for July 22, 2025.
2. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2. Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

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

ACTION

Board of Directors

3. Approve the budget for design, engineering and construction costs for the New Jail Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$130 million.

The Board recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m. Vice-Chairman Crosby joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve the budget for design, engineering and construction costs for the New Jail Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$130 million.

Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to amend the cost of the New Jail project to the not-to-exceed amount of \$120 million.

The Board and staff discussed whether to set the jail construction budget at \$130 million or reduce it to \$120 million. The Board and staff discussed the covered funding sources, potential cost impacts, public perception, interest on bonds, inflation, and the need for contingency funds to address unforeseen expenses over the five-year project timeline.

Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote on the amended motion and it failed 1-2. (Antenori and Gomez opposed).

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

County Sheriff

4. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Arizona Complete Health (AzCH) and Cochise County Sheriffs Office (CCSO) to enhance effective communication, coordination and continuity of care for individuals eligible for services provided by AzCH who are under the supervision of CCSO.

Note: This item was heard prior to agenda item number 3.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Arizona Complete Health (AzCH) and Cochise County Sheriffs Office (CCSO) to enhance effective communication, coordination and continuity of care for individuals eligible for services provided by AzCH who are under the supervision of CCSO. Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

Megan Kennedy, Detention Medical Services Manager, presented this item. Ms. Kennedy requested approval of a memorandum of understanding between Arizona Complete Health and the Cochise County Sheriff's Office. She stated the agreement would enable both parties to establish systems for timely data exchange to support coordination and continuity of care.

In response to the Board, Ms. Kennedy explained that the agreement would enable data exchange when an Arizona Complete Health enrollee receiving community services is booked into jail. She stated the process would notify providers of custody status, allowing them to share records for continued care during incarceration and ensure services resume upon release.

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

Tricia Gerrodette informed the Board that Arizona Complete Health's parent company, Centene Corporation, is facing a recent class action lawsuit and noted the potential, though uncertain, relevance to jail operations.

5. Approve Data Sharing Agreement between Arizona Complete Health (AzCH) and Cochise County Sheriffs Office (CCSO) to enhance effective communication, coordination and continuity of care for individuals eligible for services provided by AzCH who are under the supervision of CCSO.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve Data Sharing Agreement between Arizona Complete Health (AzCH) and Cochise County Sheriffs Office (CCSO) to enhance effective communication, coordination and continuity of care for individuals eligible for services provided by AzCH who are under the supervision of CCSO. Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board