

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 30, 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, Telephonic; 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

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

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

ACTION

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2. Approve the retention of Timothy La Sota to represent the Board of Supervisors for the purposes of recovering the settlement amount in the LaChance vs. Cochise County Case CV2023-00363.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve the retention of Timothy La Sota to represent the Board of Supervisors for the purposes of recovering the settlement amount in the LaChance vs. Cochise County Case CV2023-00363. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion,

Allison Morse spoke in opposition and discussed the reasons.

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

3. Approve the initiation of a lawsuit against Daniel LaChance to recover the \$130,000 settlement amount from Case CV2023-00363.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve the initiation of a lawsuit against Daniel LaChance to recover the \$130,000 settlement amount from Case CV2023-00363. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Allison Morse spoke in opposition and discussed the reasons.

Chairman Antenori stated that free speech was not restricted, but concerns arose over one party denying the other the benefits of the settlement, leading the Board to hire counsel to review the matter and later decide whether to proceed with a lawsuit after receiving legal advice.

Supervisor Gomez stated that outside counsel was hired due to a conflict of interest within the county attorney's office, with the county attorney remaining in an advisory role while Mr. La Sota serves as lead counsel.

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

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board