

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 11:00 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
Bert Whitehead, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Barbara Lang, Health and Social Services Director
Megan Kennedy, Division Director Detention Health Services
Kenneth Bradshaw, Jail Commander
Anne Copolla, Contracts Administrator

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Medical Director Oversight and Support Contract with PetraMED, LLC for Cochise County Health & Social Services and Detention Medical Services.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve the Medical Director Oversight and Support Contract with PetraMED, LLC for Cochise County Health & Social Services and Detention Medical Services. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the Motion.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to enter Executive Session with only the Board of Supervisors and the Clerk present. Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

When asked whether legal counsel should attend, Vice-Chairman Crosby stated that counsel was not necessary and indicated the Executive Session request was for a personnel matter.

Chairman Antenori noted that personnel issues associated with the subject contract involved a subcontractor of Petra Med, LLC and clarified that the contract itself was between the County and Petra Med. He stated that the Board could enter Executive Session but that counsel, Mr. Whitehead, would need to participate due to the

contractual nature of the discussion.

Vice-Chairman Crosby then restated his motion and cited A.R.S. § 38-431.03. He moved that the Board enter Executive Session pursuant to that statute to discuss the medical director oversight and support contract between Petra Med, LLC and Cochise County Health and Social Services and Detention Medical Services.

Chairman Antenori clarified again that the matter was a contract issue rather than a personnel issue. Following discussion, the Board agreed that Mr. Whitehead would participate in the Executive Session.

Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion to enter Executive Session. Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

Chairman Antenori announced that the Board would recess to enter Executive Session. He stated that the Executive Session would include Mr. Whitehead, Civil Deputy County Attorney, Clerk of the Board Lara Loewenheim, Supervisor Gomez, Vice-Chairman Crosby, and himself. He confirmed that the Board would return to the public meeting following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 11:04 a.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. All Board members were present. Chairman Antenori stated there were some computer issues and the meeting resumed at 11:58 a.m.

Ms. Gilman explained that the contract provides Medical Director oversight through PetraMed. She stated the county completed a request for proposal process (RFP) and interviewed three applicants for the role. She stated staff recommended PetraMed based on the company's qualifications, and the contract runs for one year beginning November 25th, 2025.

Barbara Lang, Health Director, noted that Addendum D received a streamlined update. She stated the revision adjusted the opportunity to confer a timeline from five days to thirty days. She stated the update also introduced clearer language regarding restrictions on Board statements.

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

Supervisor Gomez announced upcoming cleanup efforts in Pirtleville, with dumpsters placed at the fire station. She stated the cleanup will be held on December 5th and 6th, 2025 and December 13th and 14th, 2025, for tires, appliances, and general trash. She stated the goal is to restore the area and keep it in the condition long valued by local residents. She noted that the Douglas Christmas Light Parade will take place this Saturday, November 29th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board