

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 9:30 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, Interim County Administrator
Joe Casey, Interim Deputy County Administrator
Paul Correa, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

ROLL CALL

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the process for filling the County Recorder vacancy pursuant to A.R.S§ 16-230 (A)(2).

Sharon Gilman, Interim County Administrator, explained recorder David Stevens resigned, requiring the board to appoint a replacement who will serve until the 2026 primary election. She stated the board needs to determine the appointment process and schedule to inform the public. She stated the statutes mandate the appointee be a qualified Republican elector.

The Board and staff discussed the process for filling a vacancy. The Board questioned whether they needed to issue a formal notice of vacancy before proceeding with recruitment or could begin the process early, given the advance notice of the resignation. The Board and staff discussed the qualifications required for the position, including residency and party affiliation, and the political nature of the role. The board also considered gathering input from the Republican precinct committee men to help guide the decision, recognizing the political, administrative, and legal responsibilities tied to the role. The Board and staff stated they would include public input and have a thorough review of candidates. The Board and staff stated the final candidate selection would be made after considering all applications, public input, and a potential background check.

The Board and staff set a timeline for filling the position with the goal of appointing a

candidate by March 1st. Applications would be due by February 11, 2025, with a screening and review of those applications taking place on February 12, 2025. The finalists will then be selected, and public input will be gathered on February 18th before conducting interviews. A final decision can be made after the interviews, with deliberations held in executive session, and a potential appointment scheduled for February 21, 2025.

Paul Correa, Chief Civil County Attorney, expressed appreciation for working with David, acknowledging his knowledge and ability to handle complex issues.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board