

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.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
Denise Riden, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Jason Faccio, Public Works Director
Jessica Moore, Administrative Manager

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the Public Works Department Informational Update, including the following topics:
 - Highways Quarterly Workplan;
 - Solid Waste Division Update; and,
 - Light and Heavy Fleet Divisions Update.

Jason Faccio, Public Works Director, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Faccio highlighted the acquisition and maintenance of fleet vehicles, including recent additions and upcoming replacements. He emphasized cost-effective strategies like in-house upfits and strategic auctions to manage equipment expenses while extending their operational lifespan. Mr. Faccio explained that a high-side trailer was budgeted to speed up and improve the safety of metal recycling trips to Tucson, which is helping offset costs and maintain a \$64 per ton tipping fee. He also detailed various fleet upgrades, including in-frame engine rebuilds, a new chip spreader, dump trucks, and rolloff trucks, emphasizing cost efficiency and preparedness for road maintenance needs.

Mr. Faccio shared plans for a county "Adopt-a-Highway" program modeled after the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), which would let residents clean stretches of road and be recognized with signage. He also gave an update on the fourth-quarter road maintenance work, including chip sealing, fog sealing, and striping efforts across several communities like Bisbee, Sunsites, and Double Adobe.

The Board and staff discussed the new asphalt plant starting up in Douglas and its potential for county use. Supervisor Gomez suggested that county staff connect with the

plant operators to provide guidance on minimum requirements for road projects.

Mr. Faccio gave a solid waste update, noting that tonnage and revenue are slightly higher than last year. He stated that despite operational costs being \$76 per ton, the county continues to charge \$64 thanks to creative recycling and metal hauling efforts. He stated metal is hauled to Tucson to be recycled, which helps offset costs and avoids raising tipping fees.

Mr. Faccio highlighted the improvements made at the Douglas transfer station, noting the success of new leadership and contractor repairs that enhanced the facility's appearance and functionality. He also discussed efforts to upgrade equipment and automate processes at the stations to improve efficiency and reduce labor costs.

Mr. Faccio shared plans to modify the free dump day program, aiming to streamline the process and reduce costs. He stated the goal is to transition it from an every-other-year event to an annual one, with the program set to launch right after July, featuring new changes communicated via vouchers and online platforms.

The Board and staff discussed road maintenance issues, particularly with the Rucker Road, where concerns about inconsistent grading were raised. Mr. Faccio stated the department is working on improving grading techniques and ensuring proper maintenance despite staffing limitations.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board