

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Frank Antenori, Chairman, Telephonic; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman

Absent: 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

Vice-Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Review of agenda items for the Board of Supervisors/Directors meetings and work sessions for the week of May 18, 2025.

Ms. Gilman presented this item. She stated the May 20th, 2025 agenda includes regular meetings for the Flood Control, Library, and Jail Districts, focused only on approving minutes and demands, with no action items. She stated a budget review work session for the Flood Control and Jail Districts was added to the Public Notice. She stated public hearings will cover a liquor license application and a previously tabled water franchise agreement for Cactus State Utility. She stated agenda item number 7 includes Supervisor Gomez's proposal to fund tourism-focused TV episodes about Tombstone. She stated agenda item number 8 discussed the appointment of Melissa Avant as Elections Director, along with Interim Elections Director, Marisol Renteria, Recorder Billy Cloud, Deputy Civil Attorney, Dylan Hendel and Jacob Vasquez scheduled to attend certification training in early June.

Ms. Gilman stated agenda number 9 involves an intergovernmental agreement between Cochise County and the City of Douglas. She stated the agreement allows the county to use City of Douglas funds to acquire right of way for the Kings Highway project. She stated the right of way will support utility access to the new port of entry, which is located within county jurisdiction.

Jackie Watkins, Director of Engineering and Natural Resources, explained that the project supports the City of Douglas in installing water and sewer lines to the new port of entry. She stated it also involves acquiring right of way for future road extensions, including extending Kings Ranch Road south from the Border Patrol station and west to connect with the new port road.

The Board and staff discussed that the intergovernmental agreement is necessary

because the area involved has not yet been annexed by the City of Douglas. Ms. Watkins noted the city does plan to annex the land, the process will take several years.

Chairman Antenori shared that during the County Supervisors Association (CSA) meeting, it was reported the state budget is currently at an impasse. He stated the governor is holding off on budget discussions until there's a resolution on supplemental funding for developmental disabilities. He noted the budget likely won't be finalized until around June 30th and that the timing falls after the county's tentative budget deadline.

2. Discussion and possible direction to staff on proposed meetings, scheduling, and agenda items for future meetings and work sessions.

The Board and staff had no discussion.

Vice-Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board