

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Frank Antenori, Chairman; Kathleen L. Gomez, Supervisor

Absent: Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, County Administrator
Joe Casey, Deputy County Administrator
Lori Zucco, County Attorney
Dylan Hendel, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Bert Whitehead, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Philip Leiendecker, County Assessor
James Susa, Outside Counsel

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

This executive session is authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03, Subsection (A) (4).

1. Consultation with the Board's attorneys for legal advice and discussion regarding the retention of James M. Susa of DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, P.C. to represent Cochise County in *A&P Ranch v. Cochise County, et al.*, CV-25-0217-PR, currently pending before the Arizona Supreme Court.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(4), the Board may go into executive session for legal advice with the attorney of the public body.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(4), to consult with the Board's attorneys for legal advice and discussion regarding the retention of James M. Susa of DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, P.C. to represent Cochise County in *A&P Ranch v. Cochise County, et al.*, CV-25-0217-PR, currently pending before the Arizona Supreme Court. Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 2-0 (Crosby absent).

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:41 a.m. Chairman Antenori and Supervisor Gomez were present. (Crosby absent).

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to retain James M. Susa of DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, P.C. to represent Cochise County in *A&P Ranch v. Cochise County, et al.*, CV-25-0217-PR, currently pending before the Arizona Supreme Court. Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 2-0. (Crosby absent).

Mr. Hendel stated the County Attorney's Office also recognized the retention of James M. Susa.

Phil Leiendecker, County Assessor, noted that House Bill 2261 was dropped, and the bill focused on identifying agricultural land and all improvements as real property. He stated the valuation of the property was to be based on income.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board