

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026**

A meeting of the Cochise County Library District was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman; Kathleen L. Gomez, Supervisor

Absent: Frank Antenori, Chairman

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

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

CONSENT

Library

1. Approve the Minutes of the Library District Board meeting for January 6, 2026.
2. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve Consent items 1 and 2.
Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Amadee Ricketts, Library District Director, reported strong library use in 2025, with high circulation of physical and digital materials, steady visits to smaller branches, and the addition of a free North Star Digital Literacy service offered through the Arizona State Library at no cost to the county.

In response to the Board, Ms. Ricketts explained that the North Star Digital Literacy service is easy to access through the county libraries or website, requires only an email address rather than a library card, and offers guided lessons on basic technology skills through a simple assessment and training process.

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

Vice-Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

APPROVED:

Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board