

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 9:00 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, County Administrator
Joe Casey, Deputy County Administrator
Dylan Hendel, Deputy Civil County Attorney
Daniel Restrepo, Deputy Civil County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Tom Alinen, Chief of Staff
John Gjerde, Cochise County Sheriff Captain

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology and Grant Amendment.

Chairman Antenori raised concerns about cloud-based AI license plate cameras, stressing a duty to protect individual's rights as the core role of government. He distinguished traditional license plate readers used for specific law enforcement purposes from newer systems that collect extensive data and create long-term tracking profiles. He cited examples of errors, data misuse, security vulnerabilities, and private control of information as risks that could lead to intrusive surveillance. He emphasized the need to set clear limits now, favor proven tools with local control, and avoid future public backlash or restrictive contracts.

Vice-Chairman Crosby agreed with the chair's concerns and emphasized that government exists to serve and protect the people, not monitor everyday life. He noted that surveillance technologies erode constitutional rights gradually, drawing parallels to past opposition to traffic cameras and contact tracing, and cautioned against unchecked expansion of monitoring systems.

Supervisor Gomez noted long-standing concerns about data collection and commercialization, drawing parallels to experiences with testing companies, smartphones, and contact tracing. She supported asking firm questions about how surveillance data is used and shared, emphasizing caution and the need to preserve personal freedom before control becomes irreversible.

Chairman Antenori expressed serious concerns about Flock's business practices, including restrictive contracts, lack of transparency, and the ability to aggregate public and hacked data to track individuals. He explained that the sheriff's office will modify the grant language, allowing the county to seek other vendors with more secure and ethical practices while still maintaining effective law enforcement.

Chairman Antenori stated the Sheriff's office will return in a few weeks with revised grant language and possible amendments. He stated the Sheriff's office will also present alternative vendors in a work session, focusing on systems with stronger security and privacy protections. He emphasized that any selected system must leave full control of the data with the sheriff, with access tightly restricted and formally approved, consistent with long-standing law enforcement practices.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board