

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON  
Tuesday, September 4, 2014**

A special board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2014 5:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria, Carmichael Elementary School, 701 N. Carmichael Avenue, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Member

Absent: Ann English, Vice-Chairman

Staff Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator; Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board; Mark

Present: Dannels, County Sheriff; Carol Capas, County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer; Beverly J. Wilson, Planning Director; Dora Flores, Zoning Administrator; Chris Saylor, Zoning Enforcement; Ray Falkenberg, Health Department PIO

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING**

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***ACTION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Discussion with members of the public and other elected officials, and possible comment, regarding issues concerning Fry Townsite. (No legal action will be taken).

Sheriff Mark Dannels thanked all the attendees.

Ms. Gwen Calhoun, Sierra Vista Councilwoman, gave background on how a meeting was requested by citizens in the area to address all the entities that are involved with the area.

Ms. Carol Capas, Sheriff's Office PIO, stated that the meeting had been noticed as a Board of Supervisors' Special Meeting as required by Arizona's Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Rick Mueller, City of Sierra Vista Mayor clarified that this location included both City and County limits and went around the room to introduce City and County employees.

Ms. Capas went over the ground rules.

Mr. Marty Jones, Fry Townsite citizen, gave a history of the town.

Members of the public safety offices for the City and County discussed their partnership

when addressing issues in Fry Townsite and added that they could be contacted in order to form a neighborhood watch group.

Sheriff Dannels added that they were working with property owners in the area to set up a substation in order to address calls in a more timely fashion and covered some statistics on crime in the area.

Ms. Capas added that the County does have information regarding sex crimes and kidnapping.

Ms. Capas introduced County Planning and Zoning and City Planning representatives.

Ms. Beverly Wilson, Planning Director for Cochise County, gave an overview of the services and duties of her department and added that the County was currently working on the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Chris Saylor, Code Enforcement for Cochise County, reviewed code enforcement processes and gave citizens a way to contact the County for concerns on these issues.

Mr. Scott Dooley, Public Works Director for the City of Sierra Vista, gave an overview of the services the city provides and noted that easements are the responsibility of the land owner to keep up.

Mr. Saylor said that easements worked the same way in the County.

Supervisor Searle added that the County could deed back alley ways to property owners if they made a request.

Chairman Call stated that the clean up process was very complex due to the State statutes that govern how much involvement the County can have. He said that if the County did not follow processes they could ultimately get sued and fined by the court system. He added that the best way to deal with this was for citizens to reach out to the legislature and encourage local representatives to change those statutes.

Mr. Saylor stated that property owners could always contact the County if they wanted to report code enforcement issues.

Supervisor Searle explained that hazard abatement cannot be very specific because there are different types of properties in the County, specifically urban and rural zonings.

Mayor Mueller said that there were three ways to begin a process for improvement. He suggested that the community considers annexation into the City, begin a cleanup group, and/or contact the legislature about changing statute.

Chairman Call said that there are some projects moving forward in the community, but both the County and the City were facing budget challenges with a stagnant economy.

A representative from Fry Fire District spoke on services they provide and noted that they work with the City to help the community stay safe.

Mr. Ray Falkenberg, Health Department PIO for Cochise County, handed out some information to the citizens regarding public health and focused on prevention being a big part of keeping the community healthy.

Ms. Capas said that there would be another meeting as a follow up once the County and city

met to address some of the concerns discussed at this meeting.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board