

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, July 8, 2014**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Member

Staff Present: Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator
Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator
Arlathe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Eddie C. Levins, Facilities Management Director
Mark Dannels, County Sheriff
Mark Genz, Commander
Ken Bradshaw, Jail Commander
Ariel Monge, Jail Lieutenant
Lois Klein, Finance Director

Attendees: Scott Rumel
Shar Porier

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.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

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

Discussion and possible direction regarding Cochise County Jail Expansion/Remodel (Bisbee).

Mr. Ortega gave the background information and stated that original request to expand/remodel the jail was to address the capacity issue due to an increase in population. He stated that in recent years the Sheriff's Office had actually have seen a downward trend on the jail population, but felt like the jail needed some improvements to accommodate the special population and upgrade the security systems in place. He added that the expenditure limit placed on the County by the legislation was also of concern for such a big project as the expansion/remodel of the jail.

County Sheriff Mark Dannels listed several of the issues with the jail.

Vice-Chairman English said she was concerned about the expenditure limit and wanted to look at ways to address the issue without impacting projects.

Mr. Ortega stated that he was looking into several options to address this issue.

Mr. Kenneth Bradshaw, Jail Commander, stated that the biggest concern is the special population, which included female inmates, mental health cases, and juveniles being tried as adults. He noted that handling the female population was tough because there was no division based on the crime committed. He also showed a map of the suggested improvements.

Supervisor Searle asked what the new capacity for juveniles would be in the remodeled jail.

Commander Bradshaw said they would have a capacity of 16 juveniles.

Supervisor Searle said he was supportive of moving forward with jail remodel/expansion to address current issues with the special population.

Sheriff Dannels stated that mental health was a particular concern due to the impact of how to handle these inmates in jail.

Mr. Ortega clarified that when inmates are prosecuted as having mental health issues they have to be separated from the general population regardless of the severity of their mental health. He stated that he would move forward with the direction from the Board, which was to continue with the jail project, finalize building documents, finalize cost, and look at financing options. He noted that the construction would be broken up into two phases beginning in Spring 2015.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board