

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
Monday, August 31, 2015**

A special meeting/executive session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 31, 2015 1:30 p.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
Absent: Richard R. Searle, Member
Staff Present: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator
Edward T. Gilligan, Deputy County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Lauri Owen, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Kenny Bradshaw, Jail Commander, Sheriff's Office
Chris Mullinax, Risk Manager, Human Resources Department
Julie Morales, Human Resources Director
Cynthia Maalouf, Arizona Counties Insurance Pool
Susan Strickler, Arizona Counties Insurance Pool
Kurt Braatz, Arizona Counties Insurance Pool

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 1:30 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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

This executive session is authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03, Subsection (A), paragraph 7.

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431-03(A)7, the Board may vote to go into Executive Session for discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding ongoing litigation currently handled by the Arizona Counties Insurance Pool (ACIP).

Chairman Call asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Mr. Vlahovich said that the ACIP representatives would be doing their annual update.

Mr. Bill Hardy introduced his staff and their duties. He said they would be covering workers' compensation, liability claims analysis, and an executive session to discuss the County's specific liabilities.

Ms. Susan Strickler, ACIP, gave a presentation on worker's compensation and said she was using ten years of data for comparison. She explained the data and said that the trends are down and they would continue to go down. She showed a graph of the top five departments for claims and said that training would assist to bring costs down. She added that there was room for improvement by involving supervisors and investigating accidents in depth.

Mr. Hardy said that improvement could be focused in: common areas, workplace safety, and frequency interaction, while also focusing on training inmates to reduce liability.

Chairman Call asked if Cochise County was worse than other counties.

Mr. Hardy said that Cochise County was worse than other counties based on the last ten years, but the County had improved over the last four years.

Mr. Braatz said that there were power strip issues and emergency exit access issues.

Mr. Hardy said that the use of hangars at the Bisbee/Douglas International Airport was an issue due to compliance issues.

Mr. Vlahovich said that staff was working on the hangar issues.

Mr. Hardy said that liability claims were capped at \$250,000 and Cochise County was the one with the second highest in a ten year period out of all the counties. He noted that jail cases and jail medical cases were big issues, but the numbers were going down and it was important to have continuity in that department. He moved on to auto losses and said this was also a big issue for the County.

Mr. Vlahovich said that Risk Management has begun tracking these issues.

Mr. Hardy said that all areas needed to be cleaner and safer and ACIP was currently working on purchasing internet based training programs to assist counties with training.

Vice-Chairman English moved to go into executive session, Chairman Call seconded the motion and the Board went into executive session at 1:57 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 2:26 p.m.

The Board thanked ACIP for the update.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlathe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board