

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Richard R. Searle, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, 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  
Karen Riggs, County Engineer

Chairman Searle 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**

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***INTRODUCTIONS***

***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding creating a quiet zone in Bowie for a railroad crossing.

Chairman Searle asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Ms. Riggs, said that in the request to make Bowie a rail road quiet zone had come from the Bowie and in order to qualify through the federal government, the request had to be sponsored by the County. She gave background information regarding the specifics from the Union Pacific Railroad in order to become a quiet zone.

Mr. Randy Seggerman, Bowie citizen, said that he had provided information to the County on who could be contacted in order to begin the process. He also passed out background information on statistics of train noise and the impact on a community.

Mr. Riggs showed pictures of the location and said improvements would probably have to be made in order to make Bowie a quiet zone, while balancing safety features. She noted

that as the county engineer she did not support a quiet zone due to safety.

Chairman Searle said that he had spoken with the City of Willcox since they had been successful in establishing a quiet zone and stated that the City had not acquired any liability by establishing the quiet zone. He said he would like staff to do more research and contact the railroad system to ensure all information was discussed before the Board made a decision.

Ms. Riggs said she would begin research on this process.

Chairman Searle allowed Bowie residents present to give comments.

Mr. Jerry Cooke, Bowie resident, said that there were a lot of tired citizens due to the noise.

Ms. Darlene Smythe, Bowie resident, gave the Board more handouts about health issues related to loud noises.

Ms. Nancy Jean Welker, representative for the Bowie economic development, said that train noises were a problem in the town and she offered to work with the County to come up with a solution.

Chairman Searle said there were other communities in the area who were affected by the train noise and he would like to look into the issue further.

The Board directed Ms. Riggs to get more background information and set up meetings with the appropriate entities to provide accurate costs.

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board