

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, July 26, 2016**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Member
Absent: Richard R. Searle, Chairman
Staff Present: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator
Edward T. Gilligan, Deputy County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Karen Riggs, Highway & Floodplain Director, Community Development Department
Katie Howard, Elections & Special Districts Director
Lisa Marra, Communications & Community Relations Administrator
Terry Couchenour, Right of Way Agent, Highway & Floodplain Division, Community Development Department

Vice-Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 2:30 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

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. Discussion and possible direction regarding legislative proposals submitted by staff for the 2016 County Supervisors Association Legislative Summit.

Mr. Vlahovich gave the background and said that the County Supervisors Association (CSA) requested legislative proposals from all counties on an annual basis. He said staff had six proposals to discuss and any recommended proposals would be submitted to CSA to be discussed at their annual summit.

Ms. Riggs presented proposal 1, which would decrease the speed limit on dirt roads from 65 miles per hour (mph) to 45 mph. She said that this was being brought forth because it was a safety issue and one of the concerns and topics of the long range transportation plan. She added that there would be no cost to the County.

Vice-Chairman Call asked if other county engineers would support this legislation.

Ms. Riggs said that there would be support and noted that most of the cost savings would come from motor vehicle accident prevention.

Supervisor English asked if more signs would be placed on the dirt roads.

Ms. Riggs said that extra signs would impact costs, but staff would work with Ms. Marra to do public service announcements and use social media to get the word out to the citizens.

The Board directed staff to submit this proposal.

Ms. Riggs presented proposal 2, which would restore management of public roads through abandoning Federal patent easements.

Mr. Hanson asked how many of these types of easements the County had.

Ms. Riggs said that there were not many parcels affected.

Supervisor English said that she did not think this was worth pursuing at this time since it did not affect most of the County.

Vice-Chairman Call said that it would be worth adding and seeing what kind of traction it received from other counties during the CSA summit.

The Board directed staff to submit this proposal.

Ms. Riggs presented proposal 3, which restored management of public roads through abandoning established highways by the Board. She said that this statute was an issue because it was difficult to get title companies to ensure title if there is no legal access to the property, which makes parcels harder to sell.

Mr. Hanson said that he does not think it affects abandoning access, but rather highways.

Mr. Couchenour said that although the statute was not clear about abandoning access as opposed to highways, it affected the work for staff and noted that this had been a big issue for the Davis Road Project.

Mr. Hanson suggested leaving the statute as is since it does not impact most projects.

Ms. Riggs withdrew the proposal.

Ms. Riggs presented proposal 5, which allowed counties to designate substandard roads as "primitive roads" for roads opened prior to June 13, 1990. She said that essentially this fixed two statutes, which had become inconsistent. She added that it made it clear that any road that is brought up to standard can be maintained by the County even though it was not a subdivision road.

Mr. Hanson said that it would help clean up the two statutes.

The Board directed staff to submit this proposal.

Ms. Howard presented proposal 6, which proposed amending the continuing reimbursement for the Presidential Preference Election (PPE). She noted that she would also be submitting this proposal through the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo).

Supervisor English said that she thought the best avenue for this proposal was through AACo.

The Board agreed that this proposal should go through AACo.

Mr. Vlahovich clarified that only three of the six proposals would be forwarded to CSA.

Vice-Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board