

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Peggy Judd, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Supervisor

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Elda Orduno, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Marty Haverty, Public Works Director
Ruben Miranda, Fleet Services Director
Lisa Marra, Elections Director
Shar Porier, Sierra Vista Herald
Tricia Gerrodette, Citizen
Mignonne Hollis, Citizen
Margaret Stephens, Citizen
Thomas Fellrath, Citizen
Tom Crosby, Citizen
Chris Russell, Citizen
Josephine Mabe, Citizen
Kale Kiyabu, Citizen

Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 9:30 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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the process for filling the District 1 Supervisor Vacancy pursuant to A.R.S. 11-213.

Chairman Judd said she would permit public comment for 1.5 minutes.

Ms. Margaret Stephens, Sierra Vista resident, addressed the Board regarding her concern of the Board's decision to appoint Supervisor Pat Call for the position of Justice of the Peace for Precinct 5.

Mr. Hanson said that the Board could not comment on any topics brought up during this "call to the public".

He then went over the requirements for appointment of a Board vacancy: resident of that district and belonging to the same political party. He noted that under the law there is no specific process and would it be up to the Board's discretion on how they filled that vacancy. He noted that in this instance, State statute also gave a vote to the Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Judd stated that the Board had made the decision regarding the Justice of the Peace because it had to be made within a certain timeline.

Mr. Hanson said that the Justice of the Peace process was not on the agenda and was pending a law suit, therefore could not be discussed.

Supervisor English said she had made a list of what she thought was important regarding the process to fill this vacancy.

1. Letter of interest and a Curriculum Vite
2. Must be submitted in person or online by Monday, February 25, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.
3. Supervisor Call would be part of the selection process, as his input was invaluable
4. The candidate must be available for an interview on Wednesday, February 27, 2019
5. Each Board member would look through the applicants and chose no more than three individuals to interview
6. Special Board meeting would be scheduled and she wanted to include panelists from the Sierra Vista area. She suggested the Mayor and a representative form Fort Huachuca

Vice-Chairman Call asked if he could participate in the process.

Mr. Hanson said that Vice-Chairman Call could participate, but could not vote.

Vice-Chairman Call said he was fine with not voting, but said that with the proposed schedule he would not be able to participate as he was scheduled to testify in the water adjudication case in Phoenix, but he could review applications and chose from the pool of applicant. He noted that having someone from Sierra Vista on the panel would be beneficial.

Supervisor English said that the interview date could then be changed to March 1, 2019.

Mr. Hanson reminded everyone that applications are anonymous up until the point when an applicant is selected for an interview.

Mr. Gilligan said that having interviews during the public portion of the meeting could have a negative consequence for the candidates.

Supervisor English said that she would like Ms. Gilman to put together questions with the possibility of the Board's stipulated questions. same for everyone.

Chairman Judd said she would contact the Mayor of Sierra Vista to see if he could participate and agreed that public interviews would not be optimal.

Vice-Chairman Call asked that interviews begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday.

Mr. Hanson suggested that applications be routed through the Clerk of the Board.

Mr. Gilligan suggested that the deadline to submit an application be at noon on Monday, February 25 and that the Board be given until 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 27 to submit their selected candidates.

Ms. Rios said she would send out the notices to candidates by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27.

Mr. Tom Crosby, citizen, asked about the interview questions and the process.

The Board went over the process details.

Mr. Kale Kiyabu, citizen asked if voters could make suggestions.

The Board said only applications would be considered as interested parties.

Mr. Hanson noted that the appointment would be effective through December 31, 2020.

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVED:

Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board