

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, June 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman, telephonic  
Absent: Tom Crosby, Supervisor  
Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator  
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator  
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board  
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer  
Attendees: Alicia Thompson, Health & Social Services Director  
Craig Janiszewski, Emerg Preparedness Specialist

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING**

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***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Discussion and Possible Direction on the current status of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Dr. Thompson, Mr. Janiszewski, and Ms. Rochin presented this item. Dr. Thompson stated that the numbers are staying low; there was not an uptick in cases after Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Janiszewski reviewed the number of cases in the County and the number and percentage of vaccines administered by age group. Hospitalizations and deaths have remained consistent. Data shows that older age groups have a higher vaccination rate.

The Board and staff discussed providing incentives for those who get vaccinated. Dr. Thompson and Mr. Janiszewski reviewed potential vaccine incentive options, noting that the highest incentive that could be provided is \$25 per individual. The Board discussed their opposition to, and reasons for opposing, vaccine incentives. The Board and staff also discussed who is eligible to be vaccinated; while the County is unable to provide vaccines to Mexico, any individual in Cochise County, regardless of where they reside, is eligible to receive a vaccine. Staff worked with the Border Patrol to allow individuals to cross the border to receive a vaccination and then return; the mobile clinics will be provided by the University of Arizona.

The Board and staff discussed the timing of holding these Work Sessions. Board consensus was to hold one meeting per month.

Ms. Rochin gave an update on public outreach efforts, including: a second direct mailing to residential addresses; messaging now including more specific information as to vaccine availability; and, working with community leaders to provide messaging. Dr. Thompson and Ms. Rochin discussed a partner bringing forth research showing that people need to know what is in it for them to get a vaccine, and the slogan and graphics for the Life Is Better Vaccinated campaign.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board