

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman, telephonic; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator, telephonic
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Tim Mattix, Deputy Clerk of the Board
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Mark Dannels, Sheriff
Kenneth Bradshaw, Jail Commander
Robert Watkins, Commander
Randal Wilson, Sergeant
Carol Capas, PIO
Thomas Alinen, Chief of Staff

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Sheriff's Office

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the Jail and the new Justice Center proposal.

Sheriff Dannels and Commander Bradshaw presented this item. Sheriff Dannels reviewed House Bill (HB) 2537, which would appropriate funds for the new facility. Commander Bradshaw reviewed various options, including: moving the female population to the vacant Juvenile Detention facility; use of the Pinal County facility for the male population, at a per-inmate, per-day cost that is being negotiated; and, the Arizona Department of Corrections facility in Douglas, which needs substantial renovations prior to use. He discussed transportation costs associated with the Pinal County option and meetings with Presiding Judge Timothy Dickerson and Judge Trevor Ward regarding the use of virtual hearings, when allowed, to reduce transport. The current recommendation is to pursue the Pinal County option; house the female population in the vacant Juvenile Detention facility; use the Sierra Vista Jail to book males; and, maintain the Willcox facility.

Mr. Karwaczka stated that he met with Judge Dickerson and Judge Ward regarding updated video equipment and other options for remote attendance, and reported on staffing impacts of housing the female population at the Juvenile Detention facility and discussions with Pinal County Administration.

The Board, Sheriff Dannels, and staff discussed the female and male population numbers; the possibility of a County Judge Pro Tem working in Pinal County; the impact to staff regarding transport to Pinal County; and, the estimated cost of using the Pinal County facility being an additional approximate \$3 million annually, though cost negotiations are ongoing. The discussion also included the timing for the next meeting and update; potential use of the Pinal County facility temporarily while the Douglas facility is renovated; security requirements based on the various custody levels; and, the capacity required for the various populations and custody levels. Commander Bradshaw noted that Pinal County is able to house all custody levels, while the Douglas facility is not.

Supervisor Crosby distributed a handout. The Board, Sheriff Dannels, and staff also discussed next steps in developing a Request for Proposals (RFP); and, the potential to use modular units and their cost, functionality and capacity, including their use at the Jail.

Mr. Karwaczka stated that a Jail District Committee consisting of staff will gather requirements and begin to develop the RFP for an outside agency to facilitate the process.

Chairman English stated that the next meeting will be in approximately one month (date to be determined).

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Deputy Clerk of the Board