



**OFFICE OF THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COCONINO COUNTY JAIL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL SESSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**January 18, 2022**

**1:00 p.m. – Special Session**

**Present:** Vice Chair Lena Fowler, Supervisor Patrice Horstman and Supervisor Jeronimo were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology. Chair Ryan joined the meeting virtually at approximately 3:36 p.m.

**Absent/Excused:** Supervisor Judy Begay.

**Also Present:** County Manager Steve Peru, Assistant County Manager Eslir Musta, Deputy County Manager Sue Brown, Public Affairs Director Trey Williams, Deputy County Attorney Rose Winkeler, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Lindsay Daley and Deputy Clerk of the Board Valerie Webber were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

Acting Chair, Vice Chair Lena Fowler called the Special Session meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Upon inquiry from Vice Chair Fowler, Deputy County Attorney Rose Winkeler recommended the Board enter executive session.

**Motion:** Based on the advice of legal counsel, move to enter executive session, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Patrice Horstman, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez. The motion passed with Vice Chair Fowler, Supervisor Horstman and Supervisor Vasquez voting ‘aye’; Chair Ryan and Supervisor Begay were not present for the vote.

Vice Chair Fowler called for a break at 1:07 p.m. to allow time for the Board to conduct executive session.

**Executive Session:**

1. Discussion and consultation with attorney regarding the Board’s position in *Pearlmutt v. Coconino County*, [CV-19-08344-DJH] and possible instructions to attorney, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4) and receipt of legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3). **County Attorney**

**Present:** Vice Chair Lena Fowler, Supervisor Patrice Horstman and Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez

**Absent/Excused:** Chair Matt Ryan and Supervisor Judy Begay.

**Also Present:** County Manager Steve Peru, Deputy County Manager Sue Brown, County Risk Manager Margaret Penado, Clerk of the Board Lindsay Daley, Deputy County Attorney Rose Winkeler, Contracted Legal Counsel Gordon Lewis and David Potts of Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, P.L.C.

The executive session discussion began at 1:09 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Vice Chair Fowler reconvened open session at 2:01 p.m. and noted Chair Ryan is busy in another meeting and will join the meeting at some point today. Supervisor Begay is out and will not be attending today's meeting.

**Discussion and Possible Action Items:**

2. Discussion and possible direction on appointment of Supervisors and/or staff to select local boards and commissions for 2022. **Public Affairs**

There was a brief discussion as to whether or not to address agenda item #2 at this time without Chair Ryan and Supervisor Begay.

**Motion:** Table item #2 until we have a full Board with us, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Patrice Horstman, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez. The motion passed with Vice Chair Fowler, Supervisor Horstman and Supervisor Vasquez voting 'aye'; Chair Ryan and Supervisor Begay were not present for the vote.

3. Presentation, discussion and possible direction regarding recommended Road District Policy changes. **Public Works**

County Manager Peru requested to table the item as the presenter is at the same meeting with Chair Ryan.

**Motion:** With the recommendation of our County Manager, move to table item #3 until we can get our Board or most of our Board back together again, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Patrice Horstman, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez. The motion passed with Vice Chair Fowler, Supervisor Horstman and Supervisor Vasquez voting 'aye'; Chair Ryan and Supervisor Begay were not present for the vote.

**Motion:** Resolve as the Jail District Board of Directors, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Patrice Horstman, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez. The motion passed with Vice Chair Fowler, Supervisor Horstman and Supervisor Vasquez voting 'aye'; Chair Ryan and Supervisor Begay were not present for the vote.

County Manager Peru requested to recess the meeting until 3:30 p.m. when Chair Ryan and Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani were present.

**Motion:** Move that the Board recess items 4 and 5 until 3:30 p.m., **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Patrice Horstman, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez. The motion passed with Vice Chair Fowler, Supervisor Horstman and Supervisor Vasquez voting 'aye'; Chair Ryan and Supervisor Begay were not present for the vote.

Vice Chair Fowler called for a recess at 2:12 p.m.

Vice Chair Fowler reconvened open session at 3:34 p.m. She noted for the record Chair Ryan and Supervisor Begay were not present however, Chair Ryan would be joining the meeting shortly. Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani was present.

**Jail District – Discussion Item:**

4. Presentation and discussion regarding the Extension of the Jail District Sales Tax. **Jail District**

Sheriff Jim Driscoll provided a presentation that provided an overview on the history of the Jail District and 2006 ballot measure that was adopted to increase sales tax by 2/10 of a cent, to extend the levy for 20 years and initiate a new in-custody drug and alcohol program. He spoke about the facility built as a result of the initiative and highlighted enhanced services that have been provided, sustainability of operations, success of the Exodus Program and other inmate programs.

Chair Ryan joined the meeting at approximately 3:36 p.m. and resumed the role of Chair.

Vice Chair Lena Fowler left the meeting virtually and reconnected telephonically at 4:06 p.m.

Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani continued with a presentation that provided an overview of the process steps staff will take to support the Board's consideration of placing an initiative on the ballot to extend the Jail District Sales Tax.

Chair Ryan spoke about the success of the past initiative and programs ran at the Sheriff's Office. He noted the general fund cannot carry operations of the Jail.

Upon inquiry from Chair Ryan, Sheriff Driscoll explained there will be a lot of financial and operational information provided to the Board in upcoming discussions. He explained that the COVID pandemic has put the Jail in a lock-down, but staff will get through it. Deputy County Manager Andreani noted staff will bring a deadline date back to the Board for the measure to be placed on the ballot.

Individual Board members provided feedback on the information provided and spoke about the importance of moving forward with a jail tax extension and renewal and to not go backwards.

County Manager Peru provided closing statements on the process and requested the Board let staff know if there is any additional information or education information they would like to receive.

5. Presentation and discussion regarding a new proposed program, Pathways to Community, for coordinated reentry planning services. **Jail District**

Sheriff Driscoll provided a presentation that outlined a proposed program, Pathways to Community. He explained that the program is a collaborative effort that works with criminal justice, behavioral health and community service providers to address the needs of inmates transitioning out of jail. The program will immediately connect the inmates with services when leaving the jail facility, and ultimately help reduce recidivism. He explained that funding has been awarded through the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for establishment of the program and outlined the process of focusing on four main components for reintegration of individuals into the community through appropriate treatment.

Health and Human Services (HHS) Director Kim Musselman stated Health and Human Services is excited to be a part of this program and awaits submitting the application for award of funding. Once

awarded, the group utilize a behavioral health model and welcome released inmates to a warm welcoming environment where they can utilize available services.

Vice Chair Fowler rejoined the meeting virtually at 4:48 p.m.

Upon inquiry from individual Board members, Sheriff Driscoll explained that the funding would be available as soon as late February and the funding comes with a three-year option, with potential for additional funding after. He further explained that nationally there is up to a 60% recidivism rate and, there may be a need for additional staffing in the future. HHS Director Musselman spoke about communication that will take place to promote access to services and further explained funding that was figured into the program.

Sheriff Driscoll explained that there are hopes for additional funding in the future as the state legislature is committed to reducing recidivism. He noted one of the requirements of the grant is to share information from assessments with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission.

Individual Board members expressed their appreciation of staff and spoke about the importance of the proposed re-entry program.

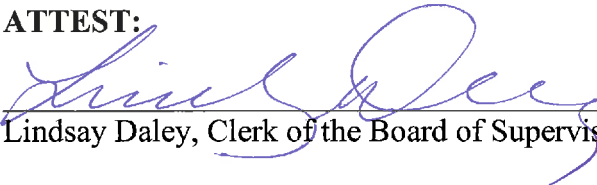
**Motion:** Resolve as the Board of Supervisors, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Patrice Horstman, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez. The motion passed with Vice Chair Fowler, Supervisor Horstman, Supervisor Vasquez and Chair Ryan voting ‘aye’; and Supervisor Begay was not present for the vote.

There being no further discussion, Chair Ryan adjourned the Special Session portion of the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

**COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Matt Ryan, Chair

**ATTEST:**  
  
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Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

