

The Board met in a Regular Meeting at the Santa Cruz County Complex, 2150 N. Congress Drive, Room #120, Nogales, AZ. Present: Rudy Molera, Chairman; John Fanning, Vice-Chairman; Luis Carlos Davis, Member; Jesus Valdez, County Manager; Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager; Robert May, Civil Bureau Chief; Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Molera called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Arlene Gonzalez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to adopt the Agenda and deviate from the Agenda sequence as necessary; seconded by Supervisor Davis; motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Pam Lemke was called upon but was not present in person or remotely.

Wendy Islas, a Rio Rico resident, congratulated Dr. Martinez and the participants of Emerging Leaders. She spoke about the University of Arizona School of Mining & Mineral Resources, which held a Mining Social License Summit on Earth Day and discussed the Community Protections and Benefits Agreement, as well as Pima County Resolution 2025-13 in support of mining reform. She urged the Board to support mining reform and stronger regulations. She also had questions for Mr. Pat Risner. Sky Leone, a Tubac resident, recognized the Emerging Leaders for their efforts. Since he did not know the contents of the Community Protection and Benefits Agreement, he pleaded with the Board to require South32 to allocate a minimum of 10% of every infrastructure development cost back to the County for community protection projects. He also urged that the UNS transmission line be placed on the east side of I-19.

Jay Thompson, a Rio Rico resident, spoke about the recent Forest Service open house, noting that it was underwhelming. He acknowledged that public engagement is often limited, but emphasized the lack of reasonable impact plans and spoke about the need for planning that could support the Community Protection and Benefits Agreement (CPBA).

Robin Lucky, a Rio Rico resident, on behalf of the Calabasas Alliance, introduced the Water for All program that aims to improve water access and affordability. She also introduced the chief scientists of the program.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUPERVISOR DAVIS: participated in an Emerging Leaders event at the Americana Hotel and expressed his hope that the county can retain its youth or see them return after completing higher education. He also attended both the Nogales High School and Rio Rico High School graduations, noting it was a bittersweet moment, as it marked his final day as a teacher at Nogales High School.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING: congratulated Dr. Martinez and the Emerging Leaders for their success, and thanked Mr. Velasquez for allowing him to be part of the Teacher of the Year event. He also thanked those who attended the recent town hall in Rio Rico and mentioned that another town hall is scheduled to take place in a different area of the county. He attended the Patagonia High School graduation, observed Judge Fink in action, and gained insight into how the courts operate. He also

participated in a tabletop exercise, read the proclamation during the Fallen Officer Memorial Day, attended a Friends of the Santa Cruz County River meeting, and took part in the Rural Water Working Group with Governor Hobbs' office.

CHAIRMAN MOLERA: offered condolences to our County Recorder, Anita Moreno, on the passing of her mother. He attended the Rio Rico High School graduation, hosted the Small Counties Forum in Phoenix, and participated in a County Supervisors Association Board of Directors meeting. He also attended the 2025 Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference, took part in a Port Authority meeting, and spoke about a congressional bill. He congratulated Sheriff Hathaway on the Peace Officer Memorial Day event and noted that it was nice to have Mr. Fanning represent the Board. He also commended Dr. Martinez for leading a successful program and congratulated the students.

2. MANAGER

JESUS VALDEZ, COUNTY MANAGER, reported that they are currently working on the budget, and a tentative version will be presented to the Board on July 8. A series of public meetings will follow to review revenues.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. DEPARTMENT(S) UPDATE

The Board recognized the Emerging Leaders in a presentation led by Supervisor Davis.

Alejandro Paz, County Treasurer, recognized Jeannette Rojas for the phenomenal job she did while serving as Chief Deputy Treasurer and stated that she is always more than welcome to return. He also introduced Bettina Damon as the new Chief Deputy Treasurer. He noted that their office is currently working on a reconciliation report and a cash-handling policy for the County Treasurer's Office.

Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager, through Booth Management, will be conducting a training session on grants management and preparedness, scheduled for June 4.

STUDY SESSION

1. MAY 2025 HERMOSA PROJECT UPDATE BY PAT RISNER, PRESIDENT OF SOUTH32 HERMOSA INC. (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

Pat Risner provided an update to the Board. Supervisor Davis inquired about remote operations at Centro in Nogales, asking how many jobs would be fully automated or impacted by AI or other machinery. He emphasized the importance of adapting job skills rather than replacing human workers. Chairman Rudy asked about the construction start date for the Centro in Nogales. Mr. Risner responded that they are currently working with the City of Nogales to obtain project approvals. The Board thanked Mr. Risner for the update.

Supervisor Davis made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting to convene the Jail District seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

JAIL DISTRICT

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT DETENTION BOOKING CLERK POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)

Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Davis; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera) Deputy County Manager Chavez stated that the item was included in the budget.

The Board adjourned the Jail District and reconvened the Regular Session. (Motion: Supervisor Davis; second: Vice-Chairman Fanning; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL OFFICER POSITION (REQ: ANIMAL CONTROL)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CAPITALIZATION POLICY FOR CAPITAL ASSETS (REQ: DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER)

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA RAPID RESPONSE POLICY (REQ: WIOA)

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SANTA CRUZ COUNTY B.R.I.D.G.E. COALITION FOR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO REDUCE YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE AND TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY WELL-BEING (REQ: WIOA)

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05 REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TRANSFER OF FY24 REGIONAL ACCOUNT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS OF APPROXIMATELY \$440,128 FROM THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA (REQ: SPECIAL PROJECTS)

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE NOTICE OF AWARD AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH THE ASHTON COMPANY, INC. FOR AN EROSION CONTROL PROJECT AT THE NOGALES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT USING FUNDS FROM THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AERONAUTICS DIVISION GRANT NO. E5S5F01C IN THE AMOUNT OF \$502,000 (REQ: SPECIAL PROJECTS)

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR SERVICES NO. 8 WITH C&S ENGINEERS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT THE NOGALES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR THE EROSION CONTROL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,848 (REQ: SPECIAL PROJECTS)

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE COOPERATIVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SPEEDY STRIPING, INC. FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF STRIPING SERVICES PURSUANT TO PROPOSALS #3742, 3743, 3744, AND 3745 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$269,938 (REQ: PUBLIC WORKS)

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LAURI OWEN AS A PAID PART-TIME JUDGE PRO TEMPORE TO SERVE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 (REQ: SUPERIOR COURT)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FILL THE GAP (FTG) AMENDED APPLICATION FOR FY2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,619 (REQ: SUPERIOR COURT)

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY VOTING FOR THE JULY 15, 2025, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION (REQ: RECORDER)

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL WITH PNC BANK, N.A. FOR LOCKBOX SERVICES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TREASURER TO ADD THE SERVICE THROUGH THE SERVICING BANK (REQ: TREASURER)

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONTRACT NO. CTR068545 WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORP (MRC STTRONG) TO EXTEND THE TERM FROM 05/31/2025 TO 05/31/2028 (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE GRANT NO. G-202410-06175 WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (NEHA) - U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE 2025 OUTBREAK RESPONSE PLAN PROJECT THROUGH 03/31/2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,500 (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) REGIONAL GRANT FY2024 WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (AZDOHS) IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$5,500 (REQ: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)

16. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MARIPOSA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOR PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES COLLABORATION RELATED TO THE LOS PADRES PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH ZIGMA CONSULTING LLC FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2025 ROBOTICS SUMMER CAMPS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,502.37 (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

18. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2025 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 WITH: (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

A NOGALES FIRE DISTRICT

B RIO RICO MEDICAL & FIRE DISTRICT

C SONOITA-ELGIN FIRE DISTRICT

D TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT STATION NO. 2

**19. APPROVAL OF TAX VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS: (REQ: ASSESSOR)
A 116-07-303 - RUBEN JOHNATHAN BUSTAMANTE, RESOLUTION NO. 57171**

20. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 05/06/2025 & 05/20/2025 SPECIAL MEETING

21. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS were approved as presented. Monthly reports are available for inspection during working hours and are to be considered as part of these minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

No Action Items

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES CONT.

1. DEPARTMENT UPDATE CONT.

Kerri Munoz, C-CREO Gear Up Director, introduced the incoming interns from the Santa Cruz County Leaders in Training (LIT) program.

Supervisor Davis made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting to convene into Executive Session seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4), DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE AND/OR DIRECTION REGARDING CURRENT LITIGATION AND CASE STATUS IN THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY V. AUDIT USA MATTER (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

The Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened Regular session. (Motion: Vice-Chairman Fanning; second: Supervisor Davis; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m. (motion: Vice-Chairman Fanning; second: Supervisor Davis; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)