

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; Christopher Young, 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 Mr. Montiel.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

STUDY SESSION

1. UPDATE FROM THE SANTA CRUZ COUNCIL ON AGING ON THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENIOR HEALTH PROMOTION GRANT AWARDED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

Introduction and closing remarks by Dr. Marcelino Varona Jr. and presented by Laura Villa, Member and Center Manager, Santa Cruz Council on Aging. Gave recognition to Fernando Silva for his contribution and support and to Emanuel Zuniga for his contribution. The Board thanked the Santa Cruz Council on Aging for their service and gave them a County token.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Marcela Chavez, a resident of Nogales speaking on behalf of United Way, announced the closure of United Way and the launch of the Santa Cruz County Diaper Bank. She thanked the Board and County staff for their support and expressed her enthusiasm for continuing to work with the community through this new initiative.

Zander Avlt, a resident of Patagonia, spoke about promoting outdoor recreation in Santa Cruz County and highlighted the upcoming Spirit World 100 gravel cycling event, scheduled for October 23–26, 2025, in Patagonia.

Anna Darian, a resident of Patagonia and Executive Director of the Patagonia Area Resource Alliance (PARA), addressed the Community Benefits and Protections Agreement. She requested greater transparency and a more inclusive public process beyond simply placing the item on the agenda. She also asked for additional time for public review and comment, and referenced the South32 Hermosa Project Air Quality Permit, which is currently open for public review.

Dr. Susan Watherington, a resident of Patagonia, shared that her well has been negatively impacted by South32's activities, forcing her to rely on alternative water sources. She requested that the Community Benefits and Protections Agreement include provisions for free water delivery and address concerns related to aquifer disturbance. She also mentioned having spent approximately \$25,000 to address the issue and requested compensation and a reduction in property taxes.

Robin Lucky, a resident of Rio Rico and President of the Calabasas Alliance, expressed concerns about the Community Benefits and Protections Agreement, particularly regarding the declining water levels in wells in the Patagonia area and is in support of Dr. Susan Watherington.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUPERVISOR DAVIS: shared that he has been visiting the Provisional Community College on Mondays to meet and engage with students and other members of the community. He plans to identify additional locations within his district to continue these meet-and-greet sessions. He also met with Senator Gabaldón to discuss potential collaboration on major projects and visited the Santa Cruz Council on Aging. Supervisor Davis noted that one of his former students began an internship yesterday, working alongside Communications Manager Shannon Hall. He also attended the Santa Cruz County Fair, where he saw participation from H4 students.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING: reported that he has been actively participating in the Santa Cruz Reliability Project meetings and encouraged everyone to engage with UniSource on the matter. He met with Deputy County Manager Christopher Young to connect with residents in the Elgin area, resulting in several promising ideas aligned with the Community Planning and Benefits Agreement (CPBA). He also attended the Tubac Citizens Council meeting and met with Dr. Sharon B. Megdal, Director of the WRRC (Water Resources Research Center) and Elia Tapia of southern Arizona water concerns, as well as Dr. Chris Lim to discuss air quality and related University of Arizona initiatives. He participated in a Port Authority meeting regarding the DeConcini Port of Entry and its future plans. He also joined Mr. Young for a meeting with Chicanos Por La Causa at the Nogales Airport. He thanked Marcela Chavez for her outstanding work with United Way and expressed his support for the new Diaper Bank initiative. Additionally, he shared his excitement about the upcoming cycling event and noted that he had the opportunity to announce the high school girls' flag football game, celebrating Rio Rico High School's first victory.

CHAIRMAN MOLERA: shared that he had the privilege of hosting a hybrid open house, an initiative inspired by Dr. Davis's idea. He thanked staff for delivering the Government 101 presentations to the community. He also expressed appreciation to School Superintendent Ms. Maya Donnelly and Kerri Muñoz for hosting the Santa Cruz County Fair judging. He attended the Jesús Córdova Memorial Golf Fundraiser and commended Carlo Garcia and Wendy Ruiz for their outstanding work organizing the event. He noted that he would be traveling to Phoenix for the Small Counties meeting and Executive Board session with fellow supervisors. Additionally, he announced plans to attend training with Arizona Game & Fish in preparation for hosting a youth fishing event. He explained that such events were held regularly in the past but were discontinued due to COVID-19. The training will enable the County to revive and safely host these events for local children.

2. MANAGER

JESUS VALDEZ, COUNTY MANAGER, had nothing significant to report at that time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. FINANCE: CASH & INVESTMENTS, EXPENDITURES & REVENUE REPORTS

Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager, reported \$17,835,739.96 in the General Fund, of which \$16,443,877.82 is invested; \$6,066,464.86 in the Road Fund, of which \$5,086,150.81 is invested; \$2,386,660.15 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which \$306,528.55 is invested; \$6,354,866.62 in the Jail District Fund, of which \$4,368,804.75 is invested; \$54,822,060.03 total for all funds, of which \$28,311,229.56 is invested; \$4,779,198.97 estimated end of month balance, compared to \$10,878,500.21 cash at September 2024, a difference of \$(6,099,301.24).

2. DEPARTMENT(S) UPDATE

Zaida Bustamante, WIOA Local Workforce Director, spoke about the upcoming job fair on October 15, 2025, at the Nogales High School gymnasium. She highlighted the benefits available to jobseekers, noting that approximately 70 employers have signed up to participate. She encouraged everyone to visit their website for more information.

Maya Donnelly, School Superintendent, shared updates on the county fair judging, expressing gratitude to all participants and giving special recognition to Shantel Gallardo. She also thanked County Treasurer Alejandro's office for their assistance with the Business Managers meeting. She spoke about Gear Up, a federal grant program that is scheduled to end on September 30th. Although an extension has been requested, no response has been received yet. Nevertheless, the team continues to support the Class of 2024, particularly with resume building and other career-related materials. She also announced the Fifth Annual Thrive Fest, which will take place at The Pierson on Saturday, September 27th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The event is designed to encourage youth and provide a fun experience for families. Finally, she shared that the AI Center has officially opened. Staff members, including Terri Sprigg and Kerri Muñoz, are now developing training sessions for the public, focusing on how educators can use AI effectively. Spoke about the upcoming Arts month of October.

3. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

None.

ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BENEFIT SUPPORT POLICY FOR THE RIO RICO LANDFILL, SONOITA-ELGIN LANDFILL AND TUBAC TRANSFER STATION GRANTING FREE LANDFILL DISPOSAL PRIVILEGES TO ELIGIBLE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 (FY26) EFFECTIVE 10/01/2025 THROUGH 06/30/2026 (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

Deputy County Manager, Christopher Young provided information to the Board on the item. Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Davis; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RESCHEDULING OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2025, REGULAR MEETING FROM THE MORNING TO THE EVENING AT 5:30 PM (REQ: CLERK)

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

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

JAIL DISTRICT

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT:

A DETENTION SERGEANT POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)

B DETENTION CORPORAL POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)

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

The Board adjourned 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 the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT:

A COURT CLERK POSITION (REQ: CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT)

B DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY I POSITION (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

C ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL OFFICER POSITION (REQ: ANIMAL CONTROL)

D COURT CLERK POSITION (REQ: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE)

E LITERACY FACILITATOR POSITION (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025, AS NATIONAL DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK (REQ: CHAIRMAN MOLERA)

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DG COURSE DEVELOPMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AQUA SALADA CANYON DISC GOLF COURSE EFFECTIVE 09/17/2025 UNTIL COMPLETION IN THE FIXED AMOUNT OF \$10,000 (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH COORDINATED CONSULTING SERVICES LLC., FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE PLANNING TO ENSURE CONTINUED OPERATIONS DURING OR AFTER EMERGENCIES OR DISRUPTIONS EFFECTIVE THROUGH 03/31/2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,500 FOR PHASES 1-3 (REQ: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TUCSON FOR BASIC PEACE OFFICER TRAINING FOR RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) AS AUTHORIZED BY CITY OF TUCSON RESOLUTION NO. 23978 AND CONTRACT NO. 19693 (REQ: SHERIFF)

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE QUOTE NO. 3087120 WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRACS INTEGRATION MODULE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO BE PAID OR REIMBURSED FROM THE STATE ELECTRONIC DATA COLLECTION GRANT (2025-SEDC-002) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,475.64 (REQ: SHERIFF)

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL WITH CODE 3 TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PURCHASE OF PRINTERS AND EQUIPMENT FOR CITATIONS AND WARNINGS TO BE PAID OR REIMBURSED FROM THE STATE ELECTRONIC DATA COLLECTION GRANT (2025-SEDC-002) IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$29,885.96 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$32,911.56 (REQ: SHERIFF)

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO MASTER AGREEMENT WITH MODERN CAMPUS TO RETAIN DATA FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS UPON EXPIRATION OF THE AGREEMENT ALLOWING TIME FOR DATA DOWNLOAD BY THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE AND THE COUNTY (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN THE ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, AND ZYDUS OPIOID SETTLEMENTS, AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE REQUIRED FORMS AND ALLOW DELEGATION OF SIGNATORY AUTHORITY AS NEEDED (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH JUSTICE COURT TO CONTINUE DRUG COURT PROGRAMMING FROM 10/01/2025 THROUGH 09/30/2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,500 (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CONSTRUCTING CIRCLES OF PEACE TO CONTINUE DRUG COURT PROGRAMMING FROM 10/01/2025 THROUGH 09/30/2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,500 (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONTRACT NO. CTR070903 WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE ARIZONA STATE OPIOID RESPONSE SUPPORT OVERDOSE FACILITY REVIEW PROGRAM REVISING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 (FY25) PRICE SHEET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL UNSPENT FUNDING (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT NO. WPG 3-04-0024-027-2025 WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR FUEL FARM CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT AT NOGALES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY MANAGER, JESUS VALDEZ, AS THE AIRPORT SPONSOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000 (REQ: SPECIAL PROJECTS)

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BOND FOR DUPLICATE WARRANT #2-126272 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00 DATED 06/17/2025 PAYABLE TO ARIZONA COUNTY CLERKS ASSOCIATION (REQ: CLERK)

15. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 09/03/2025

16. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

17. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS were approved in the total amount of \$1,439,727.78, of which \$592,149.60 is from the General Fund. Details of these expenditures are available for inspection

during working hours and are to be considered as part of these minutes.

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)

Supervisor Davis requested information from Christopher Young regarding the Community Protections and Benefits Agreement.

Mr. Young stated that a public process will soon be available for the community to review. He also noted that there will be an opportunity for public feedback before the signatories make a final decision. The Board agreed to the public process and feedback before a decision is made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4), DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE AND/OR DIRECTION REGARDING THE SOUTH32 HERMOSA PROJECT COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND BENEFIT AGREEMENT (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. (motion: Vice-Chairman Fanning; second: Supervisor Davis; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)