

The Board met in a Special 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 Mauricio Chavez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Davis made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented; seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning. The motion carried unanimously after discussion. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

Supervisor Davis asked Robert May, Bureau Chief of the Civil Division, to explain the reason for holding an Executive Session and of the item.

Mr. Robert May, Bureau Chief of the Civil Division, provided a brief explanation regarding the County's relationship with GovNet. He noted that the original intent of the partnership was to expand broadband services to rural areas of the County. However, broadband was ultimately not provided. Mr. May explained that, instead, federal agencies engaged with GovNet and established services. After several years, the County determined that the relationship with GovNet was not beneficial and made the decision to terminate the partnership. As a result of this decision, GovNet initiated a lawsuit against the County. Mr. May stated that efforts have been ongoing to reach a resolution.

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 GOVNET, LLC AND RED MOUNTAIN MATTERS (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A PROPOSAL TO GOVNET, LLC REGARDING RED MOUNTAIN (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to allow County Management and IT to negotiate and settle the matter under the terms discussed in Executive Session and to extend any agreement or removal of the tower as County Management deems appropriate, seconded by Supervisor Davis. The motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m. (motion: Vice-Chairman Fanning; second: Supervisor Davis; The motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)