



Board of Supervisors

Santa Cruz County

AMENDED 03/16/2026

AGENDA

March 18, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Santa Cruz County Complex
2150 N. Congress Drive, Room 120
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- The meeting date(s)
- The relevant agenda item number and title (if applicable)
- Your full name and phone number
- Your comment or question

A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

D. CURRENT EVENTS

1. Board of Supervisors
2. Manager

E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Finance: cash & investments, expenditures & revenue reports
2. Department(s) update
 - a Update on Early Actions Community Investment Agreement by County Management
3. Awards, Recognitions & Accomplishments:
 - a Recognition of Adam Amezaga, Fire Chief, Rio Rico Medical and Fire, for his outstanding leadership and service to the community, and for his vision in developing a training tower to enhance emergency response capabilities (Req: Chairman Molera)
 - b Recognition of Isabella Felix, an eighth-grade student from Patagonia Middle School, for her exemplary achievement as the Champion of the 2026 Santa Cruz County Spelling Bee, earning the honor by correctly spelling the championship word "supplicate" in the 10th round of competition (Req: Chairman Molera)

- c Recognition of Shulamithy Battu, a seventh-grade student from Coatimundi Middle School, for her exceptional performance as the Runner-Up of the 2026 Santa Cruz County Spelling Bee (Req: Chairman Molera)
- d Recognition of Edgardo Muñoz for his exemplary dedication, leadership, and significant contributions to the community through his “We Love Nogales” initiative, including community engagement, improvement efforts, and the promotion of civic pride (Req: Chairman Molera)

F. 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 settlement with the Fire Districts covering all litigation matters related to the embezzlement by the former County Treasurer Elizabeth Gutfahr (Req: County Manager)

G. STUDY SESSION

- 1. Report on Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce by Olivia Ainza-Kramer, President and CEO
- 2. Government 101: Roles and Responsibilities of the Emergency Management Department by Sobeira Castro, Director and staff

H. JAIL DISTRICT

ACTION TAKEN

- 1. Discussion/possible action for authorization to fill vacant: (Req: Sheriff)
 - a Detention Sergeant position
 - b Detention Corporal position

I. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

- 1. Discussion/possible action to approve the Tax Year 2025 and 2024 Notice of Claim Appeal Decisions for Tubac Management Co. LLC as presented by the Board of Equalization (Req: Clerk)

J. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discussion/possible action to approve Proclamation declaring April 13, 2026 through April 20, 2026 as International Dark Sky Week (Req: Vice-Chairman Fanning)
- 2. Discussion/possible action to approve proposed Settlement Agreement with the Fire Districts and to resolve any legal matters with the Fire Districts related to the Gutfahr embezzlement litigation (Req: County Manager)
- 3. Discussion/possible action to ratify execution of Contract for Special Deputy on March 6, 2026, with Central for Rural American Justice by and through Celeste Robertson, for litigation of a pending criminal case with upcoming hearings and trial in the amount of \$15,000 (Req: County Attorney)

K. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will be considered as a group and acted on by one motion with no separate discussion unless by the request of a Board Member. Upon the request of an item to be removed from the Consent Agenda, the item will be placed under the regular Action Items section of the agenda.

- 1. Discussion/possible action to approve Letter of Support to the Arizona Department of Housing for the Montezuma Senior Apartments Project (Req: Supervisor Davis)
- 2. Discussion/possible action for authorization to approve vacant:
 - a Two (2) Deputy Sheriff positions (Req: Sheriff)
 - b Deputy County Attorney V position (Req: County Attorney)
 - c Evidence Technician position (Req: County Attorney)
 - d Two (2) Tax Clerk positions (Req: Treasurer)
 - e Senior Court Clerk position (Req: Justice of the Peace)
 - f Principal Court Clerk position (Req: Justice of the Peace)

3. Discussion/possible action to approve the re-appointments to serve in the Superior Court from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027: (Req: Superior Court)
 - a Vanessa Cartwright as paid Full-Time Judge Pro Tempore
 - b Karla D. Berber as paid Part-Time Judge Pro Tempore
 - c Sheila Dagucon as paid Part-Time Judge Pro Tempore
 - d Dee-Dee Samet as volunteer Part-Time Judge Pro Tempore
4. Discussion/possible action to approve the re-appointments to serve in Justice of the Peace from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027: (Req: Superior Court)
 - a Melinda Maddock as paid Part-Time Judge Pro Tempore
 - b Deirdre Eshleman as paid Part-Time Judge Pro Tempore
 - c Michael Vohland as paid Part-Time Judge Pro Tempore
5. Discussion/possible action to approve Amendment No. 1 to Workforce Development Strategic Plan Agreement with WestEd making technical changes regarding indemnification and content rights (Req: County Manager)
6. Discussion/possible action to amend Exhibit A to the Early Actions Community Investment Agreement with City of Nogales, Town of Patagonia and South32 for community projects and planning and authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement (Req: Deputy County Manager)
7. Discussion/possible action to approve Services Contract with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC to provide a 2CFR and full Cost Allocation Plan effective through December 31, 2026, in the amount not to exceed \$9,500 (Req: Administrative Services)
8. Discussion/possible action to ratify execution of Arizona STOP (Services, Training, Officers and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Grant No. GR-STOP-GOYFF-010124-18Y3 signed on December 8, 2025, for a period through December 31, 2026 in the funding amount of \$149,710 and a Grantee match amount of \$50,480 (Req: County Attorney)
9. Discussion/possible action to approve Amendment No. 4 to Intergovernmental Agreement Contract No. CTR070294 with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the CDC Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) program, revising the termination date to December 31, 2028, updating the Scope of Work, Price Sheet, and federal award requirements in the annual funding amount not to exceed \$41,818 (Req: Health Services)
10. Discussion/possible action to approve renewal of Operations, Maintenance & Sustainment Agreement with Mutualink, Inc., for software licensing, operations, maintenance, and services supporting the School Safety Interoperability Program effective through June 30, 2026 in compliance with Arizona Revised Statute § 41-1733 in the amount of \$350,000 (Req: Sheriff)
11. Discussion/possible action to approve Supplemental Consultant Agreement No. 1 to Authorization for Services Agreement No. 8 with C&S Engineers, Inc., for additional engineering and construction management services for the Erosion Control Project at the Nogales International Airport in the amount of \$31,638 (Req: Special Projects)
12. Discussion/possible action to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Patagonia for the Elections Department and the Recorder's Office to conduct and facilitate candidate contests and ballot measures that may appear on the ballot for the July 21, 2026 Primary Election and the November 3, 2026 General Election (Req: Elections)
13. Discussion/possible action to approve Bond for Duplicate Warrant: (Req: Clerk)
 - a #2-130455 in the amount of \$1,375.00 dated 01/21/2026 payable to Falco K9 Academy
 - b #2-129608 in the amount of \$6,300.00 dated 12/03/2025 payable to Coordinated Consulting Services, LLC
14. Approval of Tax Valuation Adjustments: (Req: Assessor)

