



Board of Supervisors

Santa Cruz County

AMENDED 04/13/2026

AGENDA

April 15, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Santa Cruz County Complex

2150 N. Congress Drive, Room 120

Nogales, AZ 85621

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A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors calls this meeting to order on April 15, 2026, at 9:30 AM in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room 119, located at 2150 N. Congress Dr., Nogales, AZ 85621. The doors to the meeting room open at 9:15 a.m. Please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Board may change the order of items, remove or postpone items, as needed to ensure the efficient conduct of business.

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

Board members may present brief summaries of current events, including updates on meetings, conferences, or other official activities related to County business. No discussion, deliberation, or action will take place on any matter presented during Current Events.

1. Board of Supervisors
2. Manager

E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Finance Department will provide its report, including updates on cash and investments, as well as expenditures and revenue. County departments may also present brief reports or updates on current projects, operations, or activities related to County business. No discussion, deliberation, or action will take place on items presented during 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 Jessence Octavio-Callejo, 2026 AIA Girls Division II State Wrestling Champion, celebrating her remarkable achievement and commitment to excellence in athletics (Req: Chairman Molera)

F. STUDY SESSION

The purpose of the Study Session is to receive information, review materials, and engage in detailed discussion on the matter presented. Study Sessions are informational only; no action or decision will be taken.

1. Government 101: Roles and Responsibilities of Public Works Department by staff

G. JAIL DISTRICT

When acting as the Jail District, the Board will consider items related to and funded by the Jail District budget. Items listed under the Jail District may include action items when appropriate.

1. Discussion/possible action for authorization to fill vacant Detention Officer position (Req: Sheriff)

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H. ACTION ITEMS

Action Items consist of matters presented to the Board for consideration, discussion, direction, or decision. Listed with sufficient detail, these items may pertain to motions, resolutions, agreements, budget or staffing issues, or requests for policy direction. This section also includes matters brought forward for discussion or guidance that do not require formal Board action.

1. Discussion/possible action to approve Proclamation declaring: (Req: Sheriff)
 - a April 19, 2026 through April 25, 2026, as Administrative Professional Week _____
 - b May 3, 2026 through May 9, 2026, as National Correctional Officer Week _____
2. Discussion/possible action to approve Professional Services Agreement with Greg Hitt to provide Hearing Officer services for Building Code violations, Health Services violations, and other civil administrative law matters as agreed, effective through April 15, 2027, at a rate of \$75 per hour, not to exceed \$450 per assigned hearing (Req: Community Development) _____
3. Discussion/possible action regarding the settlement with Rio Rico Medical and Fire District, Nogales Suburban Fire Districts and potential other fire districts covering all litigation matters related to the embezzlement by the former County Treasurer Elizabeth Gutfahr (Req: County Manager) _____
4. Discussion/possible action to approve Response to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the South32 Hermosa Critical Minerals Project (Req: County Manager) _____

I. 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 the rescheduling of the Regular Meeting originally scheduled for 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, to 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 (Req: Clerk) _____
2. Discussion/possible action for authorization to fill vacant:
 - a Adult Probation Officer position (Req: Probation) _____
 - b Deputy Corporal position (Req: Sheriff) _____
 - c Public Safety Telecommunicator position (Req: Sheriff) _____
 - d Roads Foreman position (Req: Public Works) _____
 - e Administrative Assistant (Req: Clerk) _____
 - f Court Clerk, Senior/Assistant Jury Commissioner position (Req: Clerk of the Superior Court) _____
 - g Court Clerk position (Req: Clerk of the Superior Court) _____
 - h Recorder/Voter Clerk position (Req: Recorder) _____
3. Discussion/possible action to approve the appointment of Omar Villa as a paid Temporary Part-Time Judge Pro Tempore to serve in Justice of the Peace from April 15, 2026 through April 15, 2027 (Req: Superior Court) _____
4. Discussion/possible action to approve authorization to advertise for the Job Order Contracting for Public Works projects (Req: County Manager) _____
5. Discussion/possible action to approve Professional Services Agreement with WorkEd Consulting to develop the Phase I Recompete AI and Green Jobs Workforce Development Initiative, effective through June 30, 2026, in the amount not to exceed \$87,300 (Req: Deputy County Manager) _____
6. Discussion/possible action to approve Agreement with Southwest Decision Resources for consulting services on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments previously approved April 1, 2026 to incorporate scope of work, Exhibit A in the amount of \$88,500 (Req: Community Development) _____
7. Discussion/possible action to approve Community Investment Agreement with South32 Hermosa Inc. to receive funding to support the 2026 and 2027 summer camps in the amount of \$99,550 (Req: School Superintendent) _____

8. Discussion/possible action to approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. CTR077322 with Arizona Department of Education for Family Engagement Early Literacy Hubs effective through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$100,000 (Req: School Superintendent) _____
9. Discussion/possible action to approve Grant Federal Award ID No. 1945404-51-26 with National Endowment for the Arts to support multidisciplinary arts education programs for middle and high school students effective through December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$40,000 (Req: School Superintendent) _____
10. Discussion/possible action to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 2025-077 with Arizona Department of Public Safety to enhance law enforcement services for Local Border Support effective until December 31, 2026, reallocating funding previously designated for license plate readers to the purchase and upfitting of a mobile command post unit in the amount of \$125,000 within the total agreement amount of \$540,434.20 (Req: Sheriff) _____
11. Discussion/possible action to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Nogales Unified School District for implementation and subsequent maintenance of the playground structure for Pierson field to be funded through a Community Development Block Grant (Req: Special Projects) _____
12. Discussion/possible action to approve Emergency Voting Procedure according to A.R.S. § 16-542(H) (Req: Recorder) _____
13. Discussion/possible action to approve Early Ballot Drop Box Locations and Early Voting Sites for the July 21, 2026, Primary Election (Req: Recorder) _____
14. Discussion/possible action to approve Resolution No. 2026-05 canceling Precinct Committeepersons Elections on July 21, 2026, and appointing candidates that filed as deemed elected (Req: Elections) _____
15. Discussion/possible action to approve Bond for Duplicate Warrant #4-052849 in the amount of \$1,750.00 dated 02/27/2026 payable to Unearth Sonoran Desert Locating LLC (Req: Clerk) _____
16. Discussion/possible action to approve Application for Fireworks Display at the Rio Rico High School on May 21, 2026 (Req: Clerk) _____
17. Discussion/possible action to approve the Recommendation of Approval for a Special Event License Application for: (Req: Clerk)
 - a Arizona Craft Producers Association for an event on May 16, 2026 at Patagonia Lake State Park _____
 - b Wisdom Sports and Scholars for an event on July 3, 2026 in Tubac _____
 - c Arizona Craft Producers Association for an event on July 27, 2026 in Elgin _____
18. Approval of Monthly Reports _____
19. Approval of Minutes: 04/01/2026 _____
20. Approval of Demands _____

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4), discussion and consultation for legal advice and/ or direction regarding potential settlement with Rio Rico Medical and Fire District, Nogales Suburban Fire Districts and potential other fire districts covering all litigation matters related to the embezzlement by the former County Treasurer Elizabeth Gutfahr (Req: County Manager)

K. ADJOURNMENT

Posted: 04/13/2026 at 4:50 p.m. by NB

Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board

The Board of Supervisors may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's Attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

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