

## **Administrative Council Meeting for November 6, 2025**

### **Transcript**

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The Administrative Council Meeting established a quorum with 8 members present. Key updates included Christine McLachlan's Cochise County Development Services' progress on a \$50 million solar farm and port of entry projects. Luis Pedroza highlighted Douglas's utility construction and special events. Jeff Pregler discussed Sierra Vista's multi-use path projects and general plan updates. Robert Kirschmann mentioned Wilcox's private land developments and community events. Heath Brown noted Thatcher's commercial and residential growth. Terry Hinton and Ron Robinson discussed Duncan and Patagonia's infrastructure and community activities. Kevin Adam provided a legislative update on state budget outlook and federal funding impacts. The council approved reappointments for Kathy Spangler and Arnold Lopez to the Advisory Council on Aging.

### **Action Items**

- [ ] Approve the reappointment of Kathy Spangler (Cochise County) and Arnold Lopez (Santa Cruz County) to the Advisory Council on Aging for their second three-year terms.
- [ ] Reach out to community members to identify potential candidates to fill the vacant seats on the Advisory Council on Aging.

### **Outline**

#### **Quorum Established and Meeting Commencement**

- Speaker 1 confirms the presence of Steve, Christine, Justin, Dustin, Robert, Steve Heath, Christine, and Jeff.
- Unknown Speaker confirms the presence of Ron Robinson, establishing a quorum of 8 members.
- Speaker 3 calls the meeting to order and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Speaker 4 apologizes for technical issues and explains the setup for the meeting.

#### **Introductions and Community Updates**

- Speaker 3 introduces John Merideth, acting manager for SEAGO.
- Speaker 2 suggests Heather call out each community representative.

- Christine McLachlan from Sierra Vista updates on the draft comp plan, brownfield grants, and port of entry projects.
- Luis Pedroza from Douglas discusses various ongoing projects, including utility construction, new well construction, and special events.

### **Additional Community Updates**

- Jeff Pregler from Sierra Vista mentions applications for FDA grants, multi-use path projects, and the update of the general plan.
- Robert Kirschmann from Wilcox highlights private land development projects, new single-family homes, and community events.
- Heath Brown from Thatcher talks about commercial developments, new hotels, and residential projects.
- Terry Hinton from Duncan mentions ongoing grants for water and sewer improvements and road projects.

### **Public Updates and Staff Introductions**

- Ron Robinson from Patagonia discusses the Fall Festival, water projects, and community events.
- Cindy Blackmore from Clifton introduces herself and outlines priorities for blight removal, zoning code updates, and economic development projects.
- Staff members introduce themselves: Carrie Gibbons, Dina Curtis, Will Osborne, Celeste Vasquez, Chris Vertrees, and Steve Pauken.

### **Steve Pauken's Report and Legislative Update**

- Steve Pauken provides updates on housing and rate studies, resiliency plans, and comprehensive plan updates.
- He mentions funding for Camp Not Go and Bisbee Municipal Airport, and the restoration of FAA funding.
- Kevin Adam provides a legislative update, discussing the state budget outlook, revenue collections, and potential impacts of federal actions on state funding.

### **Action Items and Consent Agenda**

- Speaker 3 calls for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

- Chris Vertrees moves to approve the consent agenda, and Douglas seconds the motion.
- The motion is approved unanimously.
- Celeste Vasquez discusses the nominations for vacant seats on the Advisory Council on Aging and requests motions for reappointments of Kathy Spangler and Arnold Lopez.
- Robert Kirschmann makes a motion, and Ron Robinson seconds it. The motion is approved unanimously.