

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monday, March 2, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Irwin called the March 2, 2020, regular meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 10:00 a.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Irwin, Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Minor, County Administrator Drake, Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley, Finance Director Krukemyer, Human Resource Director Frantz, Assessor Camacho, IT Technician Lucas, Elections Director Scholl, and Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Jose Garcia of the Parker Apostolic Church.

**Presentation: “Say Cheese” Incentive Program Update**

Public Health Information Officer McDaniel stated that there were over 70 employees that participated in the “Say Cheese” Incentive Program, who reported numerous accomplishments regarding their health, such as weight loss, smoking cessations, healthy lifestyle changes, etc. She added that the committee expressed that they would like to see the program continued to the next fiscal year.

**Call to the Public: This is the time for the public to comment for a limit of three (3) minutes per person. 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**

There were no comments.

**County Administrator and/or County Supervisor’s Current Event Summary: The County Administrator or Board Member may present a brief summary of current events summarizing recent occurrences without any discussion or feedback from the remainder of the board. The Board will not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on any matter mentioned in the summary unless the specific matter is already properly noticed for legal action, and then only at such time as that matter comes before the board itself pursuant to its meeting agenda**

Chairman Irwin stated she attended an informational hearing this past Monday at the State Capital regarding HB 2895 & 2896 on water issues. She stated it was reported that these bills would not be heard at the next legislative sessions, noting that Representative Griffin declined to take up the bills. She added that Supervisor Watson and the Mayor of Kingman joined with her in expressing disappointment that the water issues were not going to be addressed; meanwhile, many people were experiencing serious issues with water. She encouraged the public to look up the bills for more information.

**CONSENT AGENDA** (*Discussion and possible action on the following items*):

**6(a) Approval of Minutes of the Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting – Clerk of the Board**

Approve of Minutes of the Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

**6(b) Approval of the La Paz County Payroll, from February 13, 2020, through February 26, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$431,958.74, plus employee related expenses (ERE) in the amount of \$134,237.96, for a total of \$566,196.7, including handwritten warrants – Finance**

Approve the La Paz County Payroll, from February 13, 2020, through February 26, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$431,958.74, plus employee related expenses (ERE) in the amount of \$134,237.96, for a total of \$566,196.7, including handwritten warrants.

**6(c) Approval of the FY 2019/2020 La Paz County Payables, through March 25, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$562,451.89, including handwritten warrants – Finance**

Approve the FY 2019/2020 La Paz County Payables, through March 25, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$562,451.89, including handwritten warrants.

**6(d) Approve increase in Dispatch salaries for six (6) Dispatchers, funded by current Fiscal Year “underspend”; and revising the start pay for Dispatchers ongoing – Sheriff**

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate action.

**6(e) Approve removal of Jeff McCormick, representing the Government Sector, from the Mohave/La Paz Workforce Development Board, effective February 2, 2020 – Board of Supervisors**

Approve removal of Jeff McCormick, representing the Government Sector, from the Mohave/La Paz Workforce Development Board, effective February 2, 2020.

**6(f) Approve FY2021 submission of Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety 1) Occupant Protection \$9,408 overtime grant; 2) Step Speed Enforcement \$35,280 overtime grant; and 3) Impaired Driver \$30,675 overtime and equipment grant – Sheriff**

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate action.

**6(g) Approve FY2020/2021 Arizona Department of Homeland Security grant application for equipment in the amount of \$80,000; a 100% funded reimbursement grant for the Sheriff's Department – Sheriff**

Approve FY2020/2021 Arizona Department of Homeland Security grant application for equipment in the amount of \$80,000; a 100% funded reimbursement grant for the Sheriff's Department.

**6(h) Approve to accept bid for Tax Deeded Property, APN: 303-31-020; authorizing the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board to issue the quit claim deed – Clerk of the Board**

Approve to accept bid for Tax Deeded Property, APN: 303-31-020, in the amount of \$6,075.75, plus \$30 for the recording fee, from Nationwide Beneficial Holdings, Stephen M. Ryan, authorizing the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board to issue the quit claim deed.

**6(i) Approve acceptance of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) and State of Arizona Gaming Compact contribution on behalf of the Colorado River Regional Crisis Services for \$25,000, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Sacred Heart Parker Conference for \$24,631.00; and the Lily of the Valle Church for \$5,000– Board of Supervisors**

Approve acceptance of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) and State of Arizona Gaming Compact contribution on behalf of the Colorado River Regional Crisis Services for \$25,000, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Sacred Heart Parker Conference for \$24,631.00; and the Lily of the Valle Church for \$5,000, for a total of \$54,631.

**6(j) Recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a permanent change of service area application submitted by Earl Ball on behalf of the Chic Chisholm American Legion Post #46, located at 43531 Highway 72, in Bouse – Clerk of the Board**

Recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a permanent change of service area application submitted by Earl Ball on behalf of the Chic Chisholm American Legion Post #46, located at 43531 Highway 72, in Bouse.

***6(k) Sitting as the Jail District Board of Directors:***

**1) Approval of the La Paz County Jail District Payroll, from February 13, 2020, through February 26, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$64,493.12, plus employee related expenses (ERE) in the amount of \$12,257.99, for a total of \$76,751.11, including handwritten warrants – Finance**

Approve the La Paz County Jail District Payroll, from February 13, 2020, through February 26, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$64,493.12, plus employee related expenses (ERE) in the amount of \$12,257.99, for a total of \$76,751.11, including handwritten warrants.

**2) Approval of the FY 2019/2020 La Paz County Payables, through March 21, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$54,492.71, including handwritten warrants – Finance**

Approve the FY 2019/2020 La Paz County Payables, through March 21, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$54,492.71, including handwritten warrants.

**6(l) Approve Amendment to Term Sheet with 174 Power Global – Board of Supervisors**

Approve Amendment to Term Sheet with 174 Power Global, amending exclusivity provisions.

Supervisor Minor stated he wished to pull items #6(d) and #6(f) from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

**SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(l), with the exception of items #6(d) and #6(f). Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

**6(d) Approve increase in Dispatch salaries for six (6) Dispatchers, funded by current Fiscal Year “underspend”; and revising the start pay for Dispatchers ongoing – Sheriff**

Supervisor Minor stated that he felt this item deserved discussion although there “plenty of reasons to support it”; however, if so, it needed to be fully understood why there was this kind of increase.

Finance Director Krukemyer, upon explaining the underspend for the current fiscal year, stated that it would be addressed in the next fiscal year budget discussions.

Supervisor Minor stated that he would like to have seen this item addressed last year for these funds; which he explained was his frustration. He added that there was then the question as to what “other thing” was there that might not be able to be done, and what was the overall picture of the Sheriff’s Department.

Discussion ensued on the difficulty in hiring Dispatchers due to the low salary paid; noting that higher salaried staff would fill in at times, and the overtime incurred by the Dispatchers were actually a savings; however, the element of “burn out” was present.

Dispatch Supervisor Villafana stated that County Dispatchers could go right over to Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) jobs and get paid more. She added that there were no prospects because the money was not there.

Chairman Irwin stated that salaries were an ongoing issue with all Sheriff personnel.

Supervisor Wilson stated it was critical to fill these positions, noting that higher salaried Sheriff officers are sitting in those open positions when they should be doing their jobs as Officers; and the base salary range for Dispatchers should be looked at going forward.

Finance Director stated that it was his hope that the increase would show a resolve to the situation and that the increase would be part of the budget discussions.

Supervisor Minor stated that he would support this item; however, he felt it “shines a light” on the ongoing issue in the need to go forward with the overall comp and class plan.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve increase in Dispatch salaries for Dispatchers Katherine Moss, Drucilla Broglia, Morriah Solano, Kalee Stone, Kassie Hunter, and Whitney Wilson, effective March 2, 2020, at an annual salary of \$34,881.60, (NE001, Step 8) funded by current Fiscal Year “underspend”; and revising the start pay for Dispatchers ongoing. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

*6(f) Approve FY2021 submission of Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety 1) Occupant Protection \$9,408 overtime grant; 2) Step Speed Enforcement \$35,280 overtime grant; and 3) Impaired Driver \$30,675 overtime and equipment grant – Sheriff*

Supervisor Minor stated that he wanted to be clear that this item is regarding the submission of three (3) grants, offering 40% to employee related expenses (ERE), not all of it.

Finance Director Krukemyer stated that he was aware of the unfunded portion of overtime, noting that he had budgeted \$25,000 to the budget for overspends incurred to the General Fund. He added that the grants are now being “tracked” for these issues.

**SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED** to approve FY2021 submission of Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety 1) Occupant Protection \$9,408 overtime grant; 2) Step Speed Enforcement \$35,280 overtime grant; and 3) Impaired Driver \$30,675 overtime and equipment grant. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA** (*Discussion and possible action on the following items*):

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Docket No. Z2020-002, Landway Development Corp., Jim Kunisch; APN: 302-32-012A, requesting to rezone from SR-1 (Suburban Ranch-One Acre) to Planned Development (PD) to accommodate the addition of glamping, tents, and cabins; located at 51626 Ave 23E, in Quartzsite. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this rezoning request – Community Development**

Interim Community Development Director Hoogerwerf presented Docket No. Z2020-002, Landway Development Corp., Jim Kunisch; APN: 302-32-012A, requesting to rezone

from SR-1 (Suburban Ranch-One Acre) to Planned Development (PD) to accommodate the addition of glamping, tents, and cabins; located at 51626 Ave 23E, in Quartzsite.

She stated that this property was located in Arroyos Preserve, owner, Jim Kunisch; in Flood Zone X, adding that two (2) property owners were notified of the rezone request. She noted Review Committee members and the surrounding property zones, adding that a signed A.R.S. §12-1134 (207) Waiver was obtained.

She further added that the zoning code did not address glamping; therefore, the reason for a request for a Planned Development zoning.

Brief comments were made on “glamping”.

Chairman Irwin opened the Public Hearing and asked of anyone wished to comment on the rezone request.

There being no comment, Chairman Irwin closed the Public Hearing.

**Discussion and possible action on Docket No. Z2020-002, Landway Development Corp., Jim Kunisch, APN: 302-32-012A, requesting to rezone from SR-1 (Suburban Ranch-One Acre) to Planned Development (PD) to accommodate the addition of glamping, tents, and cabins; located at 51626 Ave 23E, in Quartzsite. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this rezoning request – Community Development**

Chairman Irwin thanked Mr. Kunisch for defining “glamping”, which sounded “very exciting”.

Supervisor Wilson defined it as “glamorous camping”.

**CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to approve Docket No. Z2020-002, Landway Development Corp., Jim Kunisch, APN: 302-32-012A, requesting to rezone from SR-1 (Suburban Ranch-One Acre) to Planned Development (PD) to accommodate the addition of glamping, tents, and cabins; located at 51626 Ave 23E, in Quartzsite. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Supervisor Wilson.

**Discussion and possible action to register for a County “.az.gov” domain – IT**

IT Technician Lucas stated that the Arizona Department of Administration has requested that all counties move to a “.gov” domain, given only to governmental entities, and more secure than a “.org” or a “.com”.

He added that, because of the upcoming elections, it would also be a good thing to move to the “.gov” domain. He felt that it would not cause any real issues with email, needing only a relog into the system.

He stated that the “.az.gov” address would be free for the County; however, if the County wanted just a “.gov” for \$400 a year.

Discussion ensued noting that ten out of the fifteen counties has gone to the “.gov” emails; and a preference was expressed for the “.gov” address instead of “.az.gov”.

IT Technician Lucas assured the Board old email addresses will be routed to the new address.

**SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED** to approve request to register for a County “.gov” address at a cost of \$400 per year. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

**Approve Antenna Site Agreement with Frontier Communications of the Southwest, Inc., for the purpose of installing a 35-foot monopole microwave antenna at the Centennial Library and authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement – Board of Supervisors**

Finance Director Krukemyer presented an Antenna Site Agreement with Frontier Communications of the Southwest, Inc., for the purpose of installing a 35-foot monopole microwave antenna at the Centennial Library.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley stated the he had approved the form of the agreement, adding that the agreement allows Frontier to install a tower on the County’s building and maintain it.

Supervisor Wilson added that the Centennial Library currently receives internet service through Gov.net, through an antenna that sits on the roof. He explained that, with the \$3 million grant that provided broadband to schools and libraries, Frontier obtained the contract and provided an analysis that indicated that there needed to be a “real antenna” rather than something “stuck up on the roof”, which would result in better service.

Discussion ensued noting that the antenna agreement was exclusively for library usage and not some other business use by Frontier.

**SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED** to approve the Antenna Site Agreement with Frontier Communications of the Southwest, Inc., for the purpose of installing a 35-foot monopole microwave antenna at the Centennial Library and authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Irwin adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Holly Irwin, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Diane Green, Clerk of the Board

**The following La Paz County demands have been audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors:** #11144182, All Covered, \$23,063.21; #11144193, Charlotte Young & Assoc., \$30,000; #11144197, Davis Building Supply, \$3,656.21; #11144200, Empire Southwest, \$1,058.45; #11144201, Enterprise Technology Servs., \$3,737.75; #11144202, Frontier, \$4,521.60; #11144205, Growers Oil Company, \$2,016.04; #11144207, JP Morgan One Card, \$27,918.40; #11144212, Parker Motor Company, \$1,863.91; #11144214, Pavement S25,448.13; #11144250, Sandra Carr, \$9,787.30; #11144251, City of Avondale, \$45,400; #11144253, Cunningham Users Assoc., \$2,500; #11144257, Dorn Policy Group, Inc., \$3,000; #11144258, Emerald Canyon Petty Cash, \$4,843.59; #11144260, Gloria Eagle PAC, \$1,750; #11144268, Optim LLC, \$9,151.25; #11144270, Parker Oil Products, \$11, 477.49; #11144274, Redburn Tire Company, \$1,302.77; #11144276, Rideout Law PLLC, \$7,687.25; #11144277, Ruffner Law PLLC, \$16,625; #11144279, Laurence Schiff MD, \$3,385; #11144281, Simpson Norton Corp., \$2,040.02; #11144284, TAMCO, \$2,965.77; #11144285, Tri-State Reporting, \$3,615.70; #11144288, Vederman Law Office PLLC, \$3,290; #11144290, Whitney & Whitney, \$5,825; #11144291, Arizona Department of Revenue, \$16,081.52; #11144292, Abbey Stubbs & Ford, LLC < \$7,500; #11144296, AZ Counties Insurance Pool, \$1,750; #11144297, CBRE, Inc., \$20,000; #11144301, Jones Skelton & Hochuli, \$1,899; #11144316, Rosenfeld, Gust, PLC, \$3,076; #11144319, Scorecards Unlimited, \$2,156.26; #11144326, Arizona Department of Public Safety, \$55,383.26; #11144327, Autocolor, \$4,126.88; #11144335, Craig Plumbing Contractors, Inc., \$2,462.85; #11144351, Joshua Street Boat Storage, \$1,050; #11144358, Marcus G. Faust, \$9,888.50; #11144359, MCI, \$1,972.05; #11144366, Parker Tree Service, \$6,000; #11144368, Pitney Bowes, \$1,085.61; #11144375, Rusts River Glass, Inc., \$1,035.99; #11144377, Shamrock Foods Co., \$1,074.85; #11144383, Sunedison c/o Solar Lease, LLC, \$1,885.68; #11144386, T & C Seal Coating, Inc., \$57,962.45; #11144391, Thomson Reuters West, \$1,184.88; #11144392, Titleist, \$2,018.09; #11144399, Walker & Armstrong, \$3,844; #11144403, West Payment Center, \$1,696.35; #11144405 Western Arizona Humane Society, \$1,338.75; #11144406, White Sheet Free Shopping Guide, \$2,529.56.