

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, June 17, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
Special Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the June 17, 2019, special meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:30 a.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were Chairman Minor, Supervisor Irwin, Supervisor Wilson, County Administrator Drake, Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley, Treasurer Castro, and Clerk of the Board Green.

Discussion and possible action to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion with the attorney(s) of the public body for direction regarding A.R.S. §37-721 through 726 relating to the Taylor Grazing Act fees – County Attorney/Treasurer

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion with the attorney(s) of the public body for direction regarding A.R.S. §37-721 through 726 relating to the Taylor Grazing Act fees. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Convene into Executive Session: 9:31 a.m.
Reconvene to Open Meeting: 9:59 a.m.

Discussion and possible action to provide direction on how to proceed regarding the Taylor Grazing Act fees pursuant to A.R.S. §37-721 through 726 – County Attorney/Treasurer

Brian DeGanahl, identifying himself as from the La Paz County Stockman and on the La Paz Resource Area Grazing Board; stated that the grazing boards were common to the other counties in Arizona and he was interested in “getting this one going again”.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley explained the Taylor Grazing Act, stating that a portion of the grazing permit fees goes back to the Federal Bureau of Land Management and a portion to the County, which currently has approximately \$50,000 in the County’s Treasurer’s fund from these permit fees.

He stated that the Board, because there are no “regularly constituted” grazing districts at this time in La Paz County, had four options with regard to these funds: 1) simply direct staff to use the funds according to the grazing act to benefit federal grazing lands for that purpose; 2) create a steering committee, or adopt the La Paz group as the steering committee, and instruct them to make recommendation to the Board as to how the funds would be used to help grazers; or 3) adopt the grazing board by ordinance and have the Bureau of Land Management countersign checks, as statute requires, if that route is selected; or 4) accept applications from grazers that have specific projects which the Board could approve and provide funding for the materials.

