

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Vice Chairman Wilson called the January 21, 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 (telephonically), Vice Chairman Wilson, Supervisor Minor, County Administrator Drake, Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley, Finance Director Krukemyer, Human Resource Director Frantz, Elections Director Scholl, Community Development Director McCormick, Recorder Garcia, and Clerk of the Board Green.

Vice Chairman Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Pastor Swarthout of the First Baptist Church of Parker.

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. A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K)

Chairman Irwin stated that she was recently appointed to the Arizona State Parks Off-Highway Advisory Commission and was informed that in 2019, there had been 199,360 decals sold by the Arizona Department of Motor Vehicles and 6,643 sold by Arizona Game & Fish, which enables grants to be available to counties; and the number seems to be growing each year.

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

**5(a) Approval of the Minutes of the Monday, January 6, 2020, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting – Clerk of the Board**

Approve the Minutes of the Monday, January 6, 2020, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

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

**5(b) Approval of the La Paz County Payroll, from December 26, 2019, through January 15, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$426,632.38, plus employer related expenses (ERE) at \$133,502.91, for a total of \$560,135.29, including handwritten warrants – Finance**

Approve the La Paz County Payroll, from December 26, 2019, through January 15, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$426,632.38, plus employer related expenses (ERE) at \$133,502.91, for a total of \$560,135.29, including handwritten warrants.

**5(c) Approval of the La Paz County Payables, for FY2019/2020, through February 10, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$611,394.84, including handwritten warrants – Finance**

Approve the La Paz County Payables, for FY2019/2020, through February 10, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$611,394.84, including handwritten warrants.

**5(d) Approve to reappoint member to the La Paz County Planning & Zoning Commission – Board of Supervisors**

Approve to reappoint Doyle Thompson III as member to the Planning & Zoning Commission, term to expire on December 31, 2022.

**5(e) Approve to appoint member to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission – Board of Supervisors**

Approve to appoint Jo Andress to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for the term ending December 31, 2020, representing District #1.

**5(f) Approve to appoint the position of Ranger I for the Centennial Park in Wenden/Salome area, a vacant and budgeted position – Parks (Replacement)**

Approve to appoint William Weidkamp to the position of Ranger for the Centennial Park in Wenden/Salome area, effective January 13, 2020; at an annual salary of \$25,064 (NEO53, Step 1); a vacant and budgeted position.

**5(g) Approve recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for Special Event License application submitted by Lynnda Sweeney on behalf of the Soroptimist International for a fund raiser at the La Paz County Park, located at 7350 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ, on Saturday, March 28, 2020 – Clerk of the Board**

Recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for Special Event License application submitted by Lynnda Sweeney on behalf of the Soroptimist International for a fund raiser at the La Paz County Park, located at 7350 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ, on Saturday, March 28, 2020.

**5(h) Approve to accept bid for Tax Deeded Property, Parcel #304-78-482, pursuant to A.R.S. §42-18261 – Clerk of the Board**

Approve to accept bid from Ken and Billy Jean Richter in the amount of \$558.33, plus \$30 for the Recorder's fee, for Tax Deeded Property parcel #304-78-482, pursuant to A.R.S. §42-18261; authorizing the Chairman and Clerk of the Board to issue the deed.

**5(i) Approve all mail ballots for the Presidential Preference Election on March 17, 2020, for Precinct #59 in Cibola – Elections**

Approve all mail ballots for the Presidential Preference Election on March 17, 2020, for Precinct #59 in Cibola.

**5(j) Sitting as the Jail District Board of Directors:**

**1) Approval of the La Paz County Jail District Payroll, from December 26, 2019, through January 15, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$59,739.95, plus employee related expenses (ERE) at \$11,304.53, for a total of \$71,044.48, including handwritten warrants – Finance**

Approve the La Paz County Jail District Payroll, from December 26, 2019, through January 15, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$59,739.95, plus employee related expenses (ERE) at \$11,304.53, for a total of \$71,044.48, including handwritten warrants.

**2) Approval of the La Paz County Jail District Payables, for FY2019/2020, through February 1, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$57,443.34, including handwritten warrants – Finance**

Approve the La Paz County Jail District Payables, for FY2019/2020, through February 1, 2020, as presented, in the amount of \$57,443.34, including handwritten warrants.

**SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(j). Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Vice Chairman Wilson.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

**Arizona Department of Revenue Application for Bingo License submitted by Clint Potter, 46751 E. Highway 60, Salome, AZ – Clerk of the Board**

Clerk of the Board Green presented an Arizona Department of Revenue Application for Bingo License submitted by Clint Potter, 46751 E. Highway 60, Salome, AZ.

She stated that the application is one that is intended to simply play games in a small community, and it is not a complicated operation as it might be in larger cities. She added that statute requires that there be a public hearing noticed on all bingo applications.

Vice Chairman Wilson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the bingo application.

There being no comment, Vice Chairman Wilson closed the public hearing.

**Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation to the Arizona Department of Revenue Application for Bingo License submitted by Clint Potter, 46751 E. Highway 60, Salome, AZ – Clerk of the Board**

**SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED** to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Revenue Application for Bingo License submitted by Clint Potter, 46751 E. Highway 60, Salome, AZ. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Vice Chairman Wilson.

**Approve the purchase of four (4) used 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe PPVs to replace high mileage vehicles, from the City of Avondale, Arizona, for the amount of \$45,300, a budgeted item – Sheriff**

Vice Chairman Wilson stated that no one from the Sheriff's Department was present to discuss this item.

Supervisor Minor questioned whether the purchase was actually budgeted.

Finance Director Krukemyer explained why the purchase made sense after the cost of maintenance of the high mileage vehicles currently used by the Sheriff's Department. He gave a report on lower-than-budgeted expenditures in the Department that would allow the funds to be available.

Discussion ensued regarding the Sheriff's Department budget overall, noting that the "bottom line" was what was important, expressing that, although expenditures may be currently underbudgeted, something unexpected could come up.

Vice Chairman Wilson inquired about the mileage on the Sheriff's vehicles, which Chief Deputy Public Works Director Braska answered that the vehicles being replaced were in excess of 200,000 miles.

Discussion ensued regarding the expenditures in the Sheriff's Department for the past six months, noting that the vehicles proposed to be purchased were all equipped except for radios and decals/detailing.

Chairman Irwin expressed that she would like to see the item continued for further discussion when someone from the Sheriff's Department could be present. She added that she felt it could be a liability issue and wanted additional information.

Lieutenant Epps appeared indicating that he was delayed on other business.

Lieutenant Epps reiterated that all the vehicles they are requesting to be purchased were all under 100,000 miles and fully equipped, minus the decals needed, and would be using grant funds to do that; and they already have the radios. He reiterated the savings on maintenance costs. He added that the software/hardware budgeted from All Covered has not been purchased and they would divert some of those funds to purchasing of these vehicles.

Finance Director Krukemyer explained that \$75,000 was budgeted for the software/hardware and only \$20,905 has been used for the past six months; and in Tuition/Training, \$30,000 was budgeted but only \$5,264 has been spent; thereby, providing some operational savings from certain line items.

He explained that any overspend was for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) made from under-contributions in 2016/2017.

Lieutenant Epps further explained that any non-essential training, such as drug training would be stopped to stay on budget to allow for the more-needed vehicles.

Supervisor Minor and Vice-Chairman Wilson both expressed that it was the "bottom line" that was their concern; and the fact that these vehicles, very much needed, may not be available at a later date.

Lieutenant Epps explained that if this opportunity was missed, they would no longer be available; and while most of their needs and opportunities for equipment are covered by grants, the purchase of used vehicles is not.

County Administrator Drake added that it was explained to them that this program would be shut down and this appeared to be the last opportunity to acquire these kinds of savings on vehicles and maintenance costs.

Supervisor Minor explained his position, that there was always going to be another need for something, and he wanted assurance the Department would stay on budget.

Finance Director Krukemyer stated that added savings are coming from Dispatch, which is understaffed, and has "quite a large underspend". He stated that other salaried personnel step in to take up the slack when needed, at no additional cost.

Chief Deputy Public Works Director Braska stated that the wholesale value of the Sheriff's vehicles over 200,000 miles on four vehicles would bring in approximately \$2,000, in answer to County Administrator Drake's question.

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**VICE CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED** to approve the purchase of four (4) used 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe PPVs to replace high mileage vehicles, from the City of Avondale, Arizona, for the amount of \$45,300, from account 100-017-00200-8510. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin.

Chairman Irwin reiterated that her main concern what was that the County has Deputies sitting in vehicles with over 200,000 mileage which represents a “huge liability” for the County.

Supervisor Minor stated that he would support the purchase of these vehicles for the reason stated by Chairman Irwin; however, he reiterated that, for the next six months, he expected the Department to adhere to their statements made regarding staying within the budget.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously, including the vote by Supervisor Minor.

**Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Wilson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

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/s/  
Holly Irwin, Chairman

ATTEST:

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/s/  
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:** #11143492, Abbey Stubbs & Ford LLC, \$7,500; #11143493, Advanced Mechanical, \$4,543.38; #11143494, All Covered, \$16,715.49; #11143496, Arden Industries, \$2,580.13; #1114#11143498, Atkins North America, Inc., \$61,511.20; #11143503, CRIT Library Archives, \$4,507.37; #11143504, Davis Building Supply, \$1,834.6; #11143505, Desert Weed Control, \$21,855; #11143506, Election Systems @Software, \$15,994.81; #11143507, Frontier, \$8,857.19; #11143508, Fulton Distributing, \$1,511.76; #11143509, FX Tactical, \$13,381.12; #11143511, Growers Oil Company, \$1,417.58; #11143515, JP Morgan One Card, \$15,131.62; #11143516, La Paz Solar, LLC, \$1,151.98; #11143518, Matthew Bender & Co., Inc., \$1,157.19; #11143522, Northern Safety Co., \$2,393.96; #11143525, Parker Library, \$4,507.37; #11143528, Pitney Bowes, \$1,958.36; #11143529, Quartzsite Library, \$4,507.37; #11143531, Quill, \$1,332.58; #11143533, River Septic, \$1,358; #11143534, Rosenfeld, Gust, PLC, \$13,123.97; #11143537, Shaffer Welding, \$1,040; #11143541, The Masters Touch, LLC, \$4,250; #11143544, Vederman Law Office, PLLC, \$4,453; #11143551, Allied Waste Services #527, \$1,111.26; #11143554, AT & T Mobility, \$2,541.34; ##11143559, Bob Barker Company, \$2,052.02; #11143560, BOK Financial, \$9,729.06; #11143564, Colorado River Join Venture, \$1,713.50; #11143568, Daves Commercial Service, \$3,940; #11143574, EZ-Go Textron Company, \$2,389.39; #11143577, Emerald Canyon-Petty Cash, \$3,570.06; #11143578, Empire Southwest, \$125,919.47; #11143596, LR Anderson, LLC, \$2,380; #11143598, Mohawk Automotive Lifts SW, \$1,050; #11143606, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$11,820.13; #11143607, Parker Tree Service, \$4,000; #11143624, Sauls Creek Engineering, \$6,540; #11143625, SBA Structures, \$4,446.60; #11143626, Laurence Schiff, MD, \$3,000; #11143628, Shaffer Welding, \$1,925; #11143629, Shamrock Foods Co., \$1,406.04; #11143639, Stericycle, \$2,859.68; #11143643, TAMCO, \$1,160.10; #11143646, Trinity Services Group, Inc., \$10,696.57; #11143653, AZ Counties Insurance Pool, \$6,536.69; #11143658, Data Bank, \$3,132.34; #11143666, Pride Outfitting, \$6,419.81; #11143667, Joy Reeves, \$1,470; #11143670, State Bar of Arizona, \$1,860; #11143672, T & C Seal Coating, Inc., \$36,660; #11143674, Walker & Armstrong, \$3,500; #11143677, APS, \$29,863.31; #11143679, Arizona Dept. of Revenue, \$9,442.71; #111411143682, Bouse Chamber of Commerce, \$2,000; #11143689, Cintas Fire, \$3,079.83; #11143691, Colorado River Funeral, \$2,900; #11143695, Digital Assurance Certification LLC, \$2,500; #11143696, Dominick Horn, \$2,744; #11143711, La Paz County Sheriff's Office, \$1,648.88; #11143712, La Paz Economic Development Corp., \$7,500; #11143716, McMullen Valley Chamber, \$\$3,000; #11143722, Parker Senior Center, \$2,500; #11143723, Parker Tourism, \$5,000; #11143726, Precision Striping, Inc., \$2,968; #11143728, Quartzsite Area Chamber of Commerce, \$3,000; #11143730, R & R Products, Inc., \$1,259.35; #11143734, Melina Santos, \$2,744; #11143744, Three Four Printing, \$3,687.49; #11143745, Todays News Herald, \$6,177.92; #11143750, White Sheet Free Shopping Guide, \$1,763.68; #11143753, Standard Insurance, \$10,290.70.