

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the February 19, 2019, 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 Minor, Supervisor Wilson, (Supervisor Irwin was not present), County Administrator Drake, Deputy County Attorney Dooley, Public Works Director Simmons, Finance Director Krukemyer, Human Resource Director Frantz, Sheriff Risen, and Clerk of the Board Green.

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

Chairman Minor announced that Supervisor Irwin was in the Arizona capital of Phoenix testifying for a bill relating to the creation of a water basin committee for both Mohave and La Paz County.

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)

There were no comments.

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

5(a) Approval of Minutes of the February 4, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors – Clerk of the Board

Approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

5(b) Approval of the La Paz County Payroll, from January 20, 2019, through February 2, 2019; gross salary \$406,207.94, employee related expenses (ERE) \$115,277.29, for a total of \$521,485.23 – Finance

Approve the La Paz County Payroll, from January 20, 2019, through February 2, 2019; gross salary \$406,207.94, employee related expenses (ERE) \$115,277.29, for a total of \$521,485.23.

5(c) Approval of the La Paz County Demands, FY2019 payables through March 31, 2019, in the amount of \$815,157.53 – Finance

Approve the La Paz County Demands, FY2019 payables through March 31, 2019, in the amount of \$815,157.53.

5(d) Approve to appoint members to the Desert Sky Domestic Water Improvement District – Elections

Approve to appoint Cindy Sapp and Stanley Sapp as board members to the Desert Sky Domestic Water Improvement District.

5(e) Approve to promote 9-1-1 Dispatcher to the position of 9-1-1 Dispatcher Supervisor, a vacant and budgeted position – Sheriff (Replacement/Promotion)

Approve to promote Maribella Villafana, 9-1-1 Dispatcher, to the position of 9-1-1 Dispatcher Supervisor, retroactive to February 3, 2019, at an annual salary of \$45,256.49 (E042, Step 3), a vacant and budgeted position; requiring a six (6) month promotional probation.

5(f) Approve to appoint the position of 9-1-1 Dispatcher, a vacant and budgeted position – Sheriff (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Cailya Brault to the position of 9-1-1 Dispatcher, effective February 20, 2019, at an annual salary of \$29,522.70 (NE001, Step 1); requiring successful completion of training; a six (6) month County probation and an additional six (6) month probation for the Sheriff's Office.

5(g) Approve to appoint the position of Deputy County Attorney II, a vacant and budgeted position – County Attorney (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Marcus Austin Kelley to the position of Deputy County Attorney II, effective February 20, 2019, at an annual salary of \$65,797.82 (E017, Step 7), a vacant and budgeted position.

5(h) Approve to promote Court Room Clerk to the position of Chief Clerk to the Salome Justice Court, a vacant and budgeted position – JP5 (Replacement/Promotion)

Approve to promote Jasmine Martinez, Court Room Clerk, to the position of Chief Clerk, effective February 20, 2019, at an annual salary of \$33,783.94 (NE012, Step 1), a vacant and budgeted position.

5(i) Approve to promote Court Clerk to the position of Court Room Clerk to the Salome Justice Court, a vacant and budgeted position – JP5 (Replacement/Promotion)

Approve to promote Chelsea Ciszewski, Court Clerk, to the position of Court Room Clerk, effective February 20, 2019, at an annual salary of \$29,828.64 (NE015, Step 1), a vacant and budgeted position.

5(j) Approve to appoint the positions of two (2) Court Clerks for the Salome Justice Court, both vacant and budgeted positions – JP5 (Replacements)

Approve to appoint Suzanne M. Leder and Michelle Ramos as Court Clerks for the Salome Justice Court, effective February 20, 2019, at annual salaries of \$24,278.11 (NE014, Step 1), both vacant and budgeted positions.

5(k) Approve to appoint the position of Court Clerk to the Parker Justice Court, a vacant and budgeted position – JP6 (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Esparanza Armstrong to the position of Court Clerk, effective February 20, 2019, at an annual salary of \$24,278.11 (NE014, Step 1), a vacant and budgeted position.

5(l) Approve to appoint the position of Maintenance Worker I – Parker, for Public Works, a vacant and budgeted position – Public Works (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Jason Richardson to the position of Maintenance Worker I – Parker, effective February 20, 2019, at an annual salary of \$26,725.59 (NE045, Step 4), a vacant and budgeted position.

5(m) Approve to extend contract option with GovNet providing broadband internet service to the Bouse Public Library; authorizing the Accounting Operations Manager to sign the contract – Finance

Approve to extend contract option (to June 30, 2020) with GovNet providing broadband internet service to the Bouse Public Library; authorizing the Accounting Operations Manager to sign the contract.

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SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(m), excluding item #5(f), which was pulled from the agenda. Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed unanimously.

Chairman Minor recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:02 a.m.

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

6(a) Approval of the Jail District Payroll, from January 20, 2019 through February 2, 2019; gross salary \$61,857.64, employee related expenses (ERE) at \$10,671.77, for a total of \$72,529.41 – Finance

Approve the Jail District Payroll, from January 20, 2019 through February 2, 2019; gross salary \$61,857.64, employee related expenses (ERE) at \$10,671.77, for a total of \$72,529.41.

6(b) Approval of the Jail District Demands, FY2019 payables through March 6, 2019, in the amount of \$62,467.78 – Finance

Approve the Jail District Demands, FY2019 payables through March 6, 2019, in the amount of \$62,467.78

6(c) Approve to appoint the position of Uncertified Detention Officer, a vacant and budgeted position (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Marc Moraga to the position of Uncertified Detention Officer, effective February 20, 2019, at an annual salary of \$32,319.81 (L02, Step 1, increasing to \$33,019.10 (L02, Step 2) upon successful completion of an Arizona Detention Academy within one year; requiring a six (6) month County probation and an additional six (6) month probation for the Sheriff's Office

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve the Jail District Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(c). Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed unanimously.

Chairman Minor recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:03 a.m.

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

Docket No. Z2019-002, AZ Solar 1 LLC, (Origis Energy) APN: 304-39-017, requesting to rezone from Rural Agricultural Zoning District Minimum 40 Acres (RA-40) to Public Utility Zoning District (PU), for the purpose of developing a solar project; located at 64224 Hall Street, in Salome – Community Development (*The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval at their February 7, 2019, Public Hearing*)

Building Inspector Hoogerwerf presented Docket No. Z2019-002, AZ Solar 1 LLC, APN: 304-39-017, requesting to rezone from Rural Agricultural Zoning District Minimum 40 Acres (RA-40) to Public Utility Zoning District (PU), for the purpose of developing a solar project; located at 64224 Hall Street, in Salome.

She stated that eleven (11) property owners were notified of the rezone request and no comments were received.

She described the surrounding properties; reported that the Review Committee had no objections and reported no adverse effects, although Public Works Department stated that some residents had expressed concern over increased traffic over dirt roads. She added that there were no other objections and staff recommended approval with the stipulation that the applicant sign an A.R.S. §12-1134 (207) Waiver.

Matthew Gomes, Director of Development for Origis Energy USA, Inc., described their company and gave a brief history of its development, noting the various assessments that are being done as required on the project. He noted that roads being used to develop the site would be left as they were found when the project is finished, and he would be available to answer any questions.

Chairman Minor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the project.

He read an email from William and Mary Goodman, who expressed support of the project.

There being no further comments, Chairman Minor closed the public hearing.

Discussion and possible action regarding Docket No. Z2019-002, AZ Solar 1 LLC, APN: 304-39-017, requesting to rezone from Rural Agricultural Zoning District Minimum 40 Acres (RA-40) to Public Utility Zoning District (PU), for the purpose of developing a solar project; located at 64224 Hall Street, in Salome – Community Development

Supervisor Wilson stated that it sounded like Mr. Gomes had listened to the public with regards to the road/dust concerns.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve Docket No. Z2019-002, AZ Solar 1 LLC, APN: 304-39-017, to rezone from Rural Agricultural Zoning District Minimum 40 Acres (RA-40) to Public Utility Zoning District (PU), for the purpose of developing a solar project; located at 64224 Hall Street, in Salome, with the stipulation that the applicant sign an A.R.S. §12-1134 (207) Waiver. Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed unanimously.

Approve entering into a contract with All Covered for telephone services for the Sheriff Department – Sheriff

Lieutenant Epps requested approval of a contract with All Covered for telephone services for the Sheriff Department that he stated would offer more flexibility at a better price.

John Peterson of All Covered highlighted the benefits of the service they would provide, describing a more stable service at a savings of \$7,200 per year, and added benefits for law enforcement.

Finance Director Krukemyer explained the savings that would include better technology; however, he noted that there was an existing contract still effective for another two years.

Discussion ensued noting a need to know more fully where the County was with regard to the service agreements and “central controls”.

Account Operations Manager MacFarland described the situation with existing agreements and the need to “get a handle” on them.

Supervisor Wilson agreed that it was not clear what the impacts were and expressed there was a need for further information.

Finance Director Krukemyer concurred adding that he would like to go forward with an analysis of these services.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to continue the request to the March 4, 2019, regular meeting of the Board regarding the contract with All Covered for telephone services for the Sheriff’s Department. Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed unanimously.

Approve fiber optic internet services agreements with Suddenlink; authorizing the Sheriff to sign the Commercial Service Order, Agreement and Permission to Access Property – Sheriff

Lieutenant Epps requested approval of a fiber optic internet services agreement with Suddenlink, which would ensure 99.9% performance/priority service.

Discussion ensued on the price, which was double the current internet price; however, the urgency for dependable and reliable internet service was critical.

Further discussion ensued describing how fiber optics worked to ensure reliability of operations and prompt service when needed; providing a long-term solution to the current problems with internet service; and for the quality and dependability of service, not an unreasonable price.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve fiber optic internet services agreements with Suddenlink; authorizing the Sheriff to sign the Commercial Service Order, Agreement and Permission to Access Property. Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed unanimously.

A brief discussion ensued on when the service would be fully installed, noting a target date of July 1, 2019.

Approve to advertise for the 2019 Tax Deeded Property Auction to occur on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. – Clerk of the Board

Clerk of the Board Green requested approval to advertise the 2019 Tax Deeded Property Auction to occur on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room; different from the lien sale the Treasurer holds each year at this time.

She explained that the Tax Deeded Sale is for property that has been deeded to the State for taxes, penalties and fees due; and the County is obligated by statute to put them up for sale to the highest bidder, i.e., auction; for one time only.

She added that bids can also be made in writing and submitted with a \$100 bond prior to the auction, with a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019. Forms can be obtained on the County website.

She stated that; thereafter, properties remaining can be sold “over the counter”; a process by which a bid is submitted by filling out the required forms along with a cashier’s check. and once approved/accepted by the Board, a quit claim deed is issued and recorded and mailed to the new owner.

Clerk of the Board Green stated that any questions can be directed to her at the Board of Supervisor’s office at 928-669-6115.

Deputy County Attorney Dooley added that, if properties had someone living on the parcels illegally, the County Attorney’s office is authorized to start eviction proceedings; a service provided by statute.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve advertisement for the 2019 Tax Deeded Property Auction to occur on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed unanimously.

Approve payment of \$150,000 to Republic Services for the disposal of tires in the Landfill – Finance

Terry Krukemyer explained that this request is to “draw down” the number of tires needed for disposal at the Landfill. He stated that a significant number of tires need to be disposed and the funds received by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) are meant to be used for this purpose.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve payment of \$150,000 to Republic Services for the disposal of tires in the Landfill. Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed unanimously.

Approve Training and Reimbursement Agreement to be utilized in the Assessor’s Office – Assessor

Chief Deputy Assessor Olsen presented for approval an agreement that would require those that are newly hired to reimburse costs to the County on training should they leave within a certain time frame.

She stated that the County Attorney’s office and the Human Resource Department had already reviewed the agreement and are agreeable, noting that it is similar to what other counties are using.

Deputy County Attorney Dooley explained that, for example, in the event that an Appraiser should leave prior to a certain amount of time and the County had already expended funds to send that person to training, that person would reimburse the County on a pro-rata basis, with build in safety measures that would also help the applicant should the applicant not be able to complete that process for some reason.

Chief Deputy Assessor Olsen added that the position of Appraiser is an “intense” position and one that has a lot of turnover as an employee may decide it is not for them after a time and decide to leave after the expense of training and schooling, only to have to start it all over again with someone else; which is the reason able the agreement.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve the Training and Reimbursement Agreement to be utilized in the Assessor’s Office. Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

APPROVED:

/s/
Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
Diane Green, Clerk of the Board

The following La Paz County demands were audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors: #11137697, Abbey Stubbs & Ford, LLC, \$7,500; #11137698, Allied Waste Services, \$5,806.95; #11137701, APS, \$11,458.60; #11137702, Arizona Department of Public Safety, \$100,000; #11137703, Atkins North America, Inc., \$29,805; #11137707, Blue 360 Media, \$2,058.30; #11137712, Colorado River Funeral, \$2,845; #11137717, Enterprise Technology Servs., \$2,337; #11137718, Frontier, \$9,798.25; #11137720, Haven Family Resource Cntr., \$1,300; #11137723, Horizon Health & Wellness, \$14,400; #11137726, JP Morgan Chase \$3,322.92; #11138827, JP Morgan One Card, \$27,996.29; #11137731, La Paz County Sheriff, \$2,516.25; #11137732, La Paz County Treasurer, \$2,569.91; #11137736, Matthew G. Newman, \$2,601.42; #11137737, Parker Funeral Home, Inc. \$1,720; #11137739, Pitney Bowes, \$1,290.11; #11137743, Redburn Tire Company, \$1,316.26; #11137747, Rosenfeld, Gust, PLC, \$8,802.81; #11137752, Staples Credit Plan, \$1,357.43; #11137754, Suddenlink Communications, \$4,465.49; #11137755, Sunedison c/o DG Solar Lease, \$1,652.37; #11137760, Timeclock Plus2, \$10,455.84; #11137762, Verizon Wireless, \$10,270.89; #11137764, WACOG, \$7,425; #11137765, Fred Welch, \$16,657.25; #11137766, West Payment Center, \$3,302.42; #11137768, Yuma County Financial Serv., \$2,395; #11137769, AZLGEBT, \$193,629.80; #11137770, Pitney Bowes Reserve Acct. \$1,000; #11137771, Standard Insurance, \$10,333.40; #11137773, All Covered, \$2,544.37; #11137779, Bingham Equipment, \$1,876.50; #11137780, Bradley Chevrolet, \$1,393.14; #11137784, Colorado River Joint Venture, \$1,557.72; #11137787, Desert Golf Cars, \$8,880.63; #11137790, Emerald Canyon-Petty Cash, \$5,038.76; #11137793, Fulton Distributing, \$1,418.43; #11137794, Grainger, \$1,121.63; #11137795, Growers Oil Company, \$3,600.05; #11137799, La Paz Solar LLC, \$1,047.06; #11137806, Parker Auto & Marine, \$2,356.15; #11137807, Parker Motor Company, Inc., \$2,055.12; #11137808, Town of Parker, \$1,275.88; #11137810, Pima County Treasurer,

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\$4,600; #11137814, REDW, \$3,100; #11137817, Simpson Norton Corp., \$1,074.88; #11137819, Southern Links, Inc., \$2,402.35; #11137820, Southwest Gas Corp., \$1,440.89; #11137824, Trinity Services, Group, Inc., \$5,568.80; #11137827, Walker & Armstrong, \$72,835; #11137837, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$10,385.72; #11137839, Suddenlink Communications, \$1,181.44; #11137844, Shaffer Welding, \$2,600; #11137851, Autocolor, \$1,248.95; #11137861, CDW Government, Inc, \$2,209.73; #111367871, Empire Southwest, \$1,706.13; #11137873, Michael Leland Frame, \$12,982.50; #11137874, Freedom Rifle Co., LLC, \$4,320; #11137883, Jack Pots Portables, Inc., \$1,073.11; #11137893, Norbert Mendoza, \$2,177.50; #11137899, Pavement Sealants & Supply Inc., \$1,520.35; #11137903, Redburn Tire Company, \$1,192.35; #11137905, Rideout Law PLLC, \$5,347.75; #11137908, Ruffner Law PLLC, \$18,890; #11137912, Sanofi Pasteur, Inc., \$1,429.53; #11137922, TAMCO, \$1,364.52; #11137923, Titleist, \$3,562.99; #11137925, Trinity Services Group, Inc., \$10,386.17; #11137928, Vederman Law Office, PLLC, \$6,648.25; #11137931, Western States Petroleum, \$1,081.98; #11137932, White Sheet Free Shopping Guide, \$1,326; #11137935, XSquared Southwest Inc., \$4,023.74; #11137937, AZ Department of Revenue, \$14,179.53.