

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Wilson called the February 20, 2018, 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 Wilson, Supervisor Minor, Supervisor Irwin, County Administrator Drake, Finance Director Krukemyer, Deputy County Attorney Buckelew, Sheriff Risen, Health Director Shontz, Human Resource Director Frantz, County Attorney Rogers, Assessor Camacho, Community Development Administrator Yackley, Elections Director Scholl, School Superintendent Price; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Presentation: “Sandy Dodge Excellence Award”

Dorothy Fenech, Safety Committee Chairman, called upon Sheriff Risen to present the recipient of the February 2018, Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award to Deputy Mike McKarson along with a \$25 gift certificate to Walmart.

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)

County Administrator Drake announced that the County’s safety program would start soon assisting the County with safety requirements.

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

County Administrator Drake presented for approval Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(l).

5(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Monday, February 5, 2018, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting and Monday, January 29, 2018, 11:00 a.m. special meeting.

5(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve January 21, 2018, through February 2, 2018, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$358,536.56, plus employer benefit contributions of \$85,757.07, for a total of \$444,293.63, including handwritten warrants.

5(c) Approval of Demands

Approve the demands already remitted, as presented, for FY2017/2018, in the amount of \$351,113.47, including handwritten warrants; and approve in advance to pay the demands, as presented, for FY2017/2018, in the amount of \$143,415.10, including handwritten warrants.

**5(d) Approve to appoint the position of Park Ranger I, a vacant, budgeted position–
*Parks***

Approve to appoint Kalin Hays to the position of Park Ranger I, retroactive to February 12, 2018, at an annual salary of \$24,080.16 (NE053, Step 1) a vacant, budgeted position.

5(e) Approve transfer of Golf Course Maintenance Worker to the position of Park Ranger I, a vacant, budgeted position – *Parks*

Approve transfer of Golf Course Maintenance Worker Jeff Reaves to the position of Park Ranger I, retroactive to February 12, 2018, at an annual salary of \$24,080.16 (NE053, Step 1), a vacant, budgeted position.

5(f) Recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Revenue for a bingo license application submitted by the Indian Hills Community Center, to hold bingo games on Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m.; located at 66738 65th Street, in Salome – *Board of Supervisors*

This item was removed from the agenda to consider at the March 5, 2018 meeting.

5(g) Approve cancellation of fifty-four (54) uncollectible personal property tax bills, pursuant to A.R.S. §42-19118; totaling \$21,422.98 – *Treasurer*

Approve cancellation of fifty-four (54) uncollectible personal property tax bills, pursuant to A.R.S. §42-19118; totaling \$21,422.98 as presented.

5(h) Approve Addendum #1 to the Mohave/La Paz Local Workforce Development Area Intergovernmental Agreement under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the addendum – *Community Resources*

Approve Addendum #1 to the Mohave/La Paz Local Workforce Development Area Intergovernmental Agreement under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the addendum.

5(i) Approve continuation of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services, Contract No. ADHS 18-193898, for Ryan White Part B HIV Care and Services, effective April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2023; at a total grant award of \$68,327; and authorize the Health Director to sign the agreement – Health

Approve continuation of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services, Contract No. ADHS 18-193898, for Ryan White Part B HIV Care and Services, effective April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2023; at a total grant award of \$68,327; and authorize the Health Director to sign the agreement.

5(j) Approve purchase of a Raven-Vcell Video/Audio Recorder, a sole-source item, funded by La Paz County Narcotics Task Force (NTF) Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) funds – Sheriff

Approve purchase of a Raven-Vcell Video/Audio Recorder, at the amount of \$8,000, a sole-source item; funded by La Paz County Narcotics Task Force (NTF) Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) funds.

5(k) Approve purchase of one (1) 2018 Ram 1500 SSV 4x4 truck completely outfitted by Pride Outfitters, under Arizona State Contract #ADSP014-052525; from Arizona Department of Homeland Security/Operation Stone Garden Grant #17-AZDOHS-OPSG-170518-03 – Sheriff

Approve purchase of one (1) 2018 Ram 1500 SSV 4x4 truck completely outfitted by Pride Outfitters, under Arizona State Contract #ADSP014-052525, in the amount of \$45,872.35; funded from Arizona Department of Homeland Security/Operation Stone Garden Grant #17-AZDOHS-OPSG-170518-03.

5(l) Approve to ratify letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers in response to the proposed action to launch a flush flow release of water from Alamo Dam by the US Army Corps of Engineers – Board of Supervisors

Approve to ratify letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers in response to the proposed action to launch a flush flow release of water from Alamo Dam by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED approve Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(e), and #5(g) through #5(l). Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Chairman Wilson recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:07 a.m.

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

County Administrator Drake presented for approval Jail Consent Agenda Items #6(a) and #6(b).

6(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll

Approve January 21, 2018, through February 3, 2018, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$44,381.61, plus employer benefit contributions of \$9,179.34, for a total of \$53,560.95, including handwritten warrants.

6(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve the demands already remitted as presented, for FY2017/2018, in the amount of \$23,217.59, including handwritten warrants; and approve in advance to pay the Jail District demands, a presented, for FY2017/2018, in the amount of \$12,140.23, including handwritten warrants, for a total of \$35,357.82.

Chairman Wilson recessed as the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors at 10:09 a.m.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 2018-03, a resolution ordering and calling a Special Election to be held in and for La Paz County, Arizona on May 15, 2018 – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Drake presented for adoption Resolution No. 2018-03, a resolution ordering and calling a Special Election to be held in and for La Paz County, Arizona on May 15, 2018, regarding the County's expenditure limitation.

He stated that he had met with the Auditor General's office and explained the process the County is going through; presented a copy of the resolution and the ballot wording; and they were pleased with the progress of the County.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2018-03, a resolution ordering and calling a Special Election to be held in and for La Paz County, Arizona on May 15, 2018. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve designation of election polling location change for all future elections for Precinct #055 Bouse from Bouse Elementary School at 44936 Joshua Drive, in Bouse, to Bouse Community Building at 44031 E. Plomosa Road, in Bouse – Elections

Elections Director Scholl requested changes in the location of future elections for Precinct #055 in Bouse back to the Community Center. He explained that in 2016 the Community Center was not available, and he would like to see it moved back to that location as it was a better location for all. He added that the school was more difficult with the access issues and the presence of children.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve designation of election polling location change for all future elections for Precinct #055 Bouse from Bouse Elementary School at 44936 Joshua Drive, in Bouse, to Bouse Community Building at 44031 E. Plomosa Road, in Bouse. Motion seconded by Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve designation of election polling change for all future elections for Precinct #056 Wenden from the Wenden Fellowship Hall at 71002 E. Cedar Street, in Wenden to Indian Hills Airpark Pilot’s Lounge at 66901 Indian Hills Way, in Salome – Elections

Elections Director Scholl explained that it had been increasingly difficult to get poll workers in Wenden, and the number of voters were few. He stated that Vicksburg voters were also sharing the Salome polling location.

He explained that election costs and efficiency would improve with the new voting equipment, and the number of poll workers and an equipment pickup crew would be easier to obtain.

Supervisor Irwin stated that she was concerned for those voters in the outlying areas, and possible confusion as to where to go to vote.

Elections Director Scholl stated that the voters would be adequately notified of the new location with early planning and multiple mailings to the area.

He added there was a loss of 18 poll workers and the County was the lowest in numbers that vote by mail.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve designation of election polling change for all future elections for Precinct #056 Wenden from the Wenden Fellowship Hall at 71002 E. Cedar Street, in Wenden to Indian Hills Airpark Pilot’s Lounge at 66901 Indian Hills Way, in Salome. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously.

Approve to designate Census Tract 04012020100 as an Opportunity Zone and authorize staff to complete the requested on-line survey response by February 23, 2018 – Board of Supervisors

Chairman Wilson stated that “Opportunity Zones” were something new in which new business moving into the County have a possible means to avoid capital gains taxes in identified areas of the County and are to submit that information to the Federal government by responding to an on-line survey.

Discussion ensued noting that not a lot of information has been given so far on what will follow; and there was no guarantee the County will be granted the ability to acquire this designation.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to designate Census Tract 04012020100 as an Opportunity Zone and authorize staff to complete the requested on-line survey response by February 23, 2018. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously.

Approve letter to the US Fish and Wildlife Services for request to renew ROW (Right-of-Way) AZA 1379, for Planet Ranch Road – Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Irwin explained that the renewal application, “or lack of”, for the ROW (Right-of-Way) AZA 1379, for Planet Ranch Road, amounted to the submission of a letter. She explained that time was of the essence on this matter and she had brought it before the Board for discussion and recommended approval.

Discussion ensued, noting that the letter was written by Mike Wilson, the County’s consultant on these matters; and the Board suggested some word changes, noting that some detailed information needed to be added.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve letter to the US Fish and Wildlife Services for request to renew ROW (Right-of-Way) AZA 1379, for Planet Ranch Road with the changes as advised. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously.

Call to the Public: This is the time for the public to comment. 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

George Nault, from Bouse complimented the Board on their letter to the Army Corps of Engineers relating to the Alamo Dam.

