

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, February 24, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
Worksession**

Vice Chairman Wilson called the February 24, 2020, Worksession of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 11:00 a.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Vice Chairman Wilson, (Chairman Irwin was not present), Supervisor Minor, County Administrator Drake, Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley, Public Works Director Simmons, Chief Deputy Public Works Director Braska, Parks Director Prefling, Judge Slaughter, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Schuler and Clerk of the Board Green.

Vice Chairman Wilson stated that item #2 on the agenda would be considered first.

International Waterskiing Association Event: rental of Patria Flats for the weekend of March 7-8, 2020

Parks Director Prefling explained that the International Waterskiing Association was looking to change venues from the Blue Water Casino and asked about using Patria Flats at the La Paz County Parks.

He explained that he was looking for direction as how to handle the request, not sure as to whether it needed to have formal approval by the Board and what would be required from the organization. He stated that he was looking to provide use of Patria Flats at a fee based on 100 cars, for a total of \$2,000.

Brian Vesely, representing the International Waterskiing Association's 35th annual event here in Parker, noted that the new general liability requirements by the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) and the Blue Water Casino "prices them out" of the venue. He further stated that the event would not impede park activities, and he did not want to lose their most popular event every year.

Discussion ensued noting that it was not necessary for the Parks Director to obtain Board approval; it was not unusual to close parts of the park for various events; and the minimum liability limits would be required; all done administratively.

Discussion regarding the Salome Justice Court facilities

County Administrator Drake stated that the trailers that were purchased for the purpose of building new facilities for the Salome Justice Court were currently an issue as the Town of Parker gave notice to the County that it needed a fence around the trailers, which would be a cost of approximately \$15,000.

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He stated that he asked for this discussion, adding that nothing had been done or would be until the matter of the Land Conveyance was concluded.

He stated that the engineering alone would run approximately a quarter of \$1 million dollars and referred to the documents and pictures provided to the Board in their packets of information.

Finance Director Krukemyer reported that approximately half the project was budgeted; \$90,000 for the engineering, \$243,000 for improvements, plus more for contents, and the balance budgeted for the following fiscal year.

County Administrator Drake stated that there was another option – to reduce the number of Justice Courts to two instead of three.

Supervisor Minor stated there was a discussion on that possibility in 2017 that “did not go anywhere”.

He added that there was no financial basis for the court; the ongoing expenses, difficulties in hiring/keeping personnel, all pointed at the need to take a “hard look” at consolidating.

Discussion ensued regarding the photos indicating the serious condition of the building that incurred over time to their current building. The modulars were acquired as a solution to the problems of mold and mildew, ceiling fallout and water damage, and the modulars were expected to be half the cost of a stick-built facility.

Discussion ensued on the “court credits” and how it affects the provision of courts within the County, and the calculation of Judge salaries.

Supervisor Minor stated that the County needed to look at the two options; the total to build out versus dividing the courts.

Judge Slaughter stated that repairs were still needed due to the rains.

Discussion ensued on aspects of the budget; building cost changes, revenues from Jail prisoners; the bonds maturing in the next years; and a possible cost estimate on a metal building.

