

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, March 4, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the March 4, 2019, regular meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 10:01 a.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Minor, Supervisor Irwin, Supervisor Wilson, County Administrator Drake, Deputy County Attorney Dooley, Public Works Director Simmons, Elections Director Scholl, Golf Professional Benton, Assessor Camacho, Recorder Baker, Animal Control Officer Ramos, Finance Director Krukemyer and Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Recorder Baker.

Presentation: “Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award”

County Attorney Office Administrator Echandt-Mott presented Crystal Torres, Quartzsite Court Clerk, with the Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award and a \$25 Walmart gift card.

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 Minor announced “exciting news” for the County; that the legislative bill the County had been working on, attempting to acquire Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land in East part of the County, had made its way through Congress and is now awaiting the President’s signature. He gave a brief history of the bill and acknowledged the work of the other two Supervisors and State and Federal representatives.

Supervisor Wilson acknowledged, at the time former Congresswoman Sinema as co-sponsor of the bill and Congresswoman McSally, who “really assisted” in getting it moved through the House. He added that the entire delegation was involved in this effort and encouraged the public to thank them if given the opportunity.

Chairman Minor stated that the Arizona Department of Transportation will be in the Board Room on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Highway 72 and Highway 95 projects; and will be at the Bouse Booster Club building at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the same.

Supervisor Irwin stated that she was not in attendance at the last regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors as she was testifying at the capital in regards to Bill HR2467 Representative Regina Cobb was introducing to establish the Mohave/La Paz County West Basin Water Users Study Committee, consisting of members from each County representing the several water basins in the area, giving representation of the water concerns as well as making recommendation to the Arizona Department of Water Resources. She added that the County’s consultants are busy representing opposition to HB2609, the Harquehala Non-Expansion Area Groundwater Transfer, which is attempting to obtain approval to go 500 feet more into the ground for more water.

She stated that “Show Me Rides” are starting up again at the Centennial Community Center on March 16, 2019, from 8-9:00 a.m. for experienced riders only.

County Administrator Drake reported that he was already having meetings relating to the BLM land conveyance for an environmental land assessment. He expressed that he wanted to be proactive to get it done by the end of the year.

He also noted that he met with BLM on the parks and they expressed the need for a new development plan; budget meetings were starting in March; and the agenda included the hiring of a new Community Development Director.

He added that Senator McSally visited La Paz County and met with a few of the Supervisors, which he felt was very productive. He stated that the purpose of her visit was to see what she could do to help the County.

The following items listed under the CONSENT AGENDA will be considered as a group and acted on by one motion with no separate discussion of said items, unless a Board Member so requests. In that event, the item will be removed from the CONSENT AGENDA for separate discussion and action.

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

Supervisor Irwin stated that she wanted item #6(k), the addendum on the agenda, to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

6(a) Approval of the following Minutes: Monday, February 11, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Special Meeting; Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 10:00 a.m., Regular Meeting; and Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 11:00 a.m. Special Meeting – Clerk of the Board

Approve the following Minutes: Monday, February 11, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Special Meeting; Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 10:00 a.m., Regular Meeting; and Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 11:00 a.m. Special Meeting.

6(b) Approval of the La Paz County Payroll, from February 3, 2019, through February 16, 2019; gross salary \$400,005.45, employee related expenses (ERE) \$111,064.79, for a total of \$511,070.24 – Finance

Approve the La Paz County Payroll, from February 3, 2019, through February 16, 2019; gross salary \$400,005.45, employee related expenses (ERE) \$111,064.79, for a total of \$511,070.24.

6(c) Approval of the La Paz County Demands, FY2019 payables through April 13, 2019, in the amount of \$632,984.25– Finance

Approve the La Paz County Demands, FY2019 payables through April 13, 2019, in the amount of \$632,984.25.

6(d) Approve to appoint the position of Court Clerk for the Quartzsite Justice Court, a vacant and budgeted item – JP4 (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Alberta Permann to the position of Court Clerk for the Quartzsite Justice Court, effective March 5, 2019, at an annual salary of \$24,278.11 (NE014, Step 1), a vacant and budgeted position.

6(e) Approve to appoint the position of Deputy County Attorney II, a vacant and budgeted item – County Attorney (Replacement/Partially Grant Funded)

Approve to appoint Tori Sulette Bryant to the position of Deputy County Attorney II, effective March 5, 2019, at an annual salary of \$65,797.82 (E017, Step 7), a vacant and budgeted position, and partially grant funded.

6(f) Approve to promote the position of Lube Mechanic for Public Works to the position of Maintenance Worker III – Parker, a vacant and budgeted position – Public Works (Replacement/Promotion)

Approve to promote Blair Bruffett, Lube Mechanic, to the position of Maintenance Worker II – Parker, effective March 5, 2019, at an annual salary of \$33,499.85 (NE047, Step 4), a vacant and budgeted position.

6(g) Approve to appoint the position of Groundskeeper I for the Golf Course, a vacant and budgeted position – Emerald Canyon Golf Course (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Corey Ziegler to the position of Groundskeeper I, effective March 5, 2019, at an annual salary of \$23,251.03 (NE028, Step 5), a vacant and budgeted position.

6(h) Approve to extend agreement with 174 Power Globe – County Administrator

Approve to extend agreement with 174 Power Globe, retroactive to January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019.

6(i) Adopt Resolution No. 2019-02, a resolution by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors repealing Resolution No. 2013-04 and appointing new trustees as successor trustees under Deed of Trust dated April 13, 1940 pertaining to a lot in the Townsite of Salome - Supervisor District #3

Adopt Resolution No. 2019-02, a resolution by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors repealing Resolution No. 2013-04 and appointing Judie New, Jackie Dees and Sharon Kaney as successor trustees under Deed of Trust dated April 13, 1940 pertaining to a lot in the Townsite of Salome.

6(j) Adopt Resolution No. 2019-03, authorizing renewal of La Paz County's membership in the Arizona Local Government Employee Benefit Trust and appointing Trustees to serve during the renewal period – County Administrator

Adopt Resolution No. 2019-03, authorizing renewal of La Paz County's membership in the Arizona Local Government Employee Benefit Trust and appointing Trustees to serve during the renewal period from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

6(k) Approve to appoint the position of Community Development Director, a vacant and budgeted position – Community Development (Replacement)

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(j). Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

6(k) Approve to appoint the position of Community Development Director, a vacant and budgeted position – Community Development (Replacement)

Supervisor Irwin stated that she had just received the application this morning before the meeting and she had concerns with the application being incomplete as well as the salary offered.

Discussion ensued at length on the applicant's qualifications and whether or not certain documentation was required although not submitted with the application.

Supervisor Wilson noted the job description stated that certain job experience was adequate in place of a certain degree. He added that he understood the concerns; however, he had faith in the process, noting that there were 11 applicants, five interviewed, and no doubt "very pointed" questions we asked on experience, and the interview team selected this person at the salary indicated.

County Administrator Drake confirmed that a panel including himself, the Human Resource Director and one other person interviewed the applicants, and all individually rated this applicant the highest in their process.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve the appointment of Jeffrey McCormick to the position of Community Development Director, effective March 11, 2019, at an annual salary of \$70,000 (M005, Step 1), a vacant and budgeted position, contingent upon receipt of information regarding prior salaries, elementary and high school education information and documentation of his degree. Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed by a vote of two to one with Supervisor Irwin voting nay.

Chairman Minor recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:29 a.m.

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

7(a) Approval of the Jail District Payroll, from February 3, 2019 through February 16, 2019; gross salary \$57,792.81, employee related expenses (ERE) at \$10,549.78, for a total of \$68,342.59 – Finance

Approve the Jail District Payroll, from February 3, 2019 through February 16, 2019; gross salary \$57,792.81, employee related expenses (ERE) at \$10,549.78, for a total of \$68,342.59.

7(b) Approval of the Jail District Demands, FY2019 payables through March 27, 2019, in the amount of \$48,750.33 – Finance

Approve the Jail District Demands, FY2019 payables through March 27, 2019, in the amount of \$48,750.33.

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

Approve to appoint Daniel Stone to the position of Uncertified Detention Officer, effective March 5, 2019, at an annual salary of \$32,319.81 (L02, Step 1), increasing to \$33,019.10 with a promotion to Detention Officer (L02, Step 2) upon successful completion of an Arizona

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Detention Academy within one year; with a six (6) month County probationary period and an additional six (6) month probation for the Sheriff's Office.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve Jail District Consent Agenda Items #7(a) through #7(c). Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Chairman Minor recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:30 a.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2019-01, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2007-02, and Resolution No. 2008-09, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance, establishing a new Animal Control Ordinance and Fee Schedule, pursuant to A.R.S. §11-251.05

Animal Control Officer Ramos stated that he sought approval of the new and revised Ordinance No. 2019-01, noting that all the requirements for notice and publication have been met for the hearing.

Chairman Minor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone had any comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

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

Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-01, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2007-02, and Resolution No. 2008-09, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance, establishing a new Animal Control Ordinance and Fee Schedule, pursuant to A.R.S. §11-251.05 – Animal Control/Board of Supervisors

Chairman Minor asked if anyone wished to speak on the “highlights” of the new ordinance.

Deputy County Attorney Dooley stated that the ordinance will be helpful to the public with the reference towards barking dogs as the County has no “barking dog” ordinance that would have enabled the Sheriff's Department to respond.

Captain Bagby asked if a violation ticket for this offense could be left at someone's door as it is often a problem to get anyone at home where there are barking dogs.

Animal Control Officer Ramos stated that was allowable.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-01, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2007-02, and Resolution No. 2008-09, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance, establishing a new Animal Control Ordinance and Fee Schedule, pursuant to A.R.S. §11-251.05. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Approve entering into a contract with All Covered for telephone services for the Sheriff's Department – Sheriff. (Continued from the February 19, 2019, regular meeting)

Lieutenant Epps and Finance Director Krukemyer reported that upon entering into a contract with All Covered for telephone services for the Sheriff's Department; it would start "breaking even" at 16 months into the contact in consideration that the Sheriff's Department already has a contract with Frontier that cannot be cancelled as there was no "early out" provision. He added that Frontier was unwilling to offer a break in their pricing although their system would not be in use.

All Covered representative John Peterson highlighted the advantages of the services they would be offering, noting that the equipment would be replaced after 36 months when the contract renewal comes up at no additional cost.

Administrative Assistant Bonds from the Sheriff's Department explained that the All Covered contract would also replace their telephone Dispatch recording system and call log, which cost \$50,000 if done separately.

Finance Director Krukemyer stated that he had not put that information into the equation, which would greatly change the situation, and recommended approving the new equipment.

Administrative Assistant Bonds added that the Parker Justice Court would still be using the Frontier system; therefore, it would not be completely dormant should the Sheriff's Department abandon it for the All Covered contract

Mr. Peterson expressed that the Sheriff's Department would see an immediate greater capability to their call reporting and added recording abilities for law enforcement.

Supervisor Wilson summed up the discussion by saying that a case has been made that to approve the contract with All Covered makes good operational sense and good financial sense.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve entering into a three-year contract with All Covered for telephone services for the Sheriff's Department at an up-front cost of \$7,485 for equipment and installation and a monthly fee of \$2,709.45 to be paid from three budgets in the Sheriff's Department, as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Adjournment

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

APPROVED:

/s/
Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
Diane Green, Clerk of the Board

The following La Paz County demands were approved, audited and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors: Robert S. Wolkin, \$13,775.17; #11137940, Brian Thomas, \$1,248; #11137941, Public Safety Retirement, \$51,493.52; #11137953, Sandra Carr, \$13,740; #11137961, Gloria Eagle PAC, \$2,812.50; #11137964, La Paz Regional Hospital, \$1,067.03; #11137966, Marcus Faust, \$7,500; #11137967, Mark's Plumbing Parts & Supply, \$1,727.78; #11137984, Redburn Tire Company, \$1,892.20; #1137987, River Septic, \$1,020; #11137989, Laurence Schiff, \$3,681; #11137990, Senergy Petroleum, \$18,672.93; #11137994, Staples Credit Plan Dept., \$2,064.88; #11137997, TAMPO, \$2,965.77; #11137998, Trinity Services Group, Inc., \$5,498.05; #11138000, Western States Petroleum, \$3,481.88; #11138001, White Sheet Free Shopping Guide, \$1,038.36; #11138004, Karen Ziegler, \$4,655; #11138006, Allied Waste Services, \$150,000; Joshua Street Boat Storage, \$1,050; #11138071, Norbert Mendoza, \$1,380.50; #11138073, Motorola Solutions, \$12,681.97; #11138078, Parker Auto & Marine, \$1,264.31; #11138080, Parker Oil Products, Inc, \$8,337.93; #1138082, Parker Tree Service, \$6,000; #11138084, Phoenix Children's Hospital #11138085, Pitney Bowes Purchase, \$2,009.56; #11138089, Redburn Tire Company, \$1,902.70; #11138098, Shamrock Foods Co., \$2,319.46; #11138102, Southern Links, Inc., \$2,260.60; #11138103, Southwest Gas Corporation, \$1,017.04; #11138108, T & C Seal Coating Inc., \$26,859.97; #11138109, TDS Telecom, \$1,338.67; #11138113 Thomson Reuter West, \$2,389.29; #11138115, Tri-State Reporting, \$1,222.77; #11138122, West Payment Center, \$1,644.20; #11138123, Western Arizona Humane Society, \$1,410; #11138127, AHCCCS State Treasurer, \$17,675.