

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, March 5, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Wilson called the March 5, 2018, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 10:07 a.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Wilson, Supervisor Minor, Supervisor Irwin, Deputy County Attorney Buckelew, (County Administrator Drake was on annual leave) Finance Director Krukemyer, Assessor Camacho, Treasurer Castro, Community Development Administrator Yackley, Public Works Director Simmons, Human Resource Director Frantz, Elections Director Scholl, Health Director Shontz, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Wilson followed by the Invocation give by Deacon Yoder of the Messiah Lutheran Church.

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)

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

Chairman Wilson presented for approval Consent Agenda Items #4(a) through #4(n).

4(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 20, 2018, regular meeting; and Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 11:00 a.m. special meeting.

4(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve February 4, 2018, through February 17, 2018, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$371,392.63, plus employer benefit contributions of \$84,245.86, for a total of \$455,638.49, including handwritten warrants.

4(c) Approval of Demands

Approve the demands already remitted, as presented, for FY2017/2018, in the amount of \$344,867.79, including handwritten warrants; and approve in advance to pay the demands, as presented, for FY2017/2018, in the amount of \$89,800.12, including handwritten warrants; for a total of \$434,667.91.

4(d) Approve to appoint the position of Legal Assistant to the Victim Advocate for the County Attorney's office, a vacant budgeted position through grant funds – County Attorney (Replacement/Grant Funded)

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

4(e) Approve salary increase for the Crime Victim Advocate position to Step 4, retroactive to October 1, 2017; funded through grant funds – County Attorney (Salary increase/Grant funded)

Approve salary increase for Lucero Ruiz, Crime Victim Advocate, to an annual salary of \$36,024.77 (NE075, Step 4), retroactive to October 1, 2017; funded through Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and the Office of the Arizona Attorney General (AG) grant funds – County Attorney.

4(f) Approve to appoint the position of Mechanic I – Parker, a vacant budgeted position – Public Works (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Kane Gonzalez, to the position of Mechanic I – Parker, effective Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at an annual salary of \$30,975.36 (NE049, Step 5), a vacant budgeted position.

4(g) Approve the Sheriff's Office FY 2019 application to the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety for DUI and speed enforcement overtime; seat belt and child seat enforcement, traffic collision investigation equipment; and a patrol car for traffic enforcement – Sheriff

Approve the Sheriff's Office FY 2019 application to the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety for \$21,504 for DUI and speed enforcement overtime; \$33,792 for seat belt and child seat enforcement, \$28,453.28 for traffic collision investigation equipment; and \$42,331 for a patrol car for traffic enforcement.

4(h) Approve the Sheriff's Office FY 2019 application to the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety/DUI Abatement Council for DUI overtime – Sheriff

Approve the Sheriff's Office FY 2019 grant application to the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety/DUI Abatement Council for \$18,432 in DUI overtime.

4(i) Approve to install six (6) "No Off-Road Vehicles on Shoulders of the Road" sign, pursuant to A.R.S. §28-1174, on Joshua Drive between Highway 72 and Plomosa Road, and on La Posa Road between Yellowbird Road and Plomosa Road in Bouse – Public Works

Approve to install six (6) "No Off-Road Vehicles on Shoulders of the Road" sign, pursuant to A.R.S. §28-1174, on Joshua Drive between Highway 72 and Plomosa Road, and on La Posa Road between Yellowbird Road and Plomosa Road in Bouse.

4(j) Approve to install four (4) “No Dumping” signs, pursuant to A.R.S. §13-1603, on Vicksburg Road just south of the CAP on the west side of right-of-way – Public Works

Approve to install four (4) “No Dumping” signs, pursuant to A.R.S. §13-1603, on Vicksburg Road just south of the CAP on the West side of right-of-way.

4(k) Approve cancellation of forty-five (45) uncollectible personal property tax bills, pursuant to A.R.S. §42-19118, totaling \$12,713.83 – Treasurer

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

4(l) Approve revision of the Arizona State Purchasing Cooperative Agreement revising the primary and secondary contact persons, authorizing Finance Director Krukemyer to sign the agreement change request – Finance

Approve revision of the Arizona State Purchasing Cooperative Agreement revising the primary and secondary contact persons, authorizing Finance Director Krukemyer to sign the agreement change request.

4(m) Approve Intergovernmental Sub-Delegation Agreement allowing the Town of Parker to continue the Smoke Free Arizona delegated authority to provide services and education, retroactive to December 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019; authorizing the Health Director to sign the agreement – Health

Approve Intergovernmental Sub-Delegation Agreement allowing the Town of Parker to continue the Smoke Free Arizona delegated authority to provide services and education, retroactive to December 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019; authorizing the Health Director to sign the agreement.

4(n) Approve to accept bids for the following Tax Deeded Properties: APNs: 304-78-722; 304-78-723; and 304-78-369 – Board of Supervisors

Approve bid offers from Thomas W. Scannell, a single man, on the following Tax Deeded Properties: 304-78-722 in the amount of \$772.50, plus \$15 recording fee; 304-78-723 in the amount of \$772.50 plus \$15 recording fee; and 304-78-369 in the amount of \$605 plus \$15 recording fee.

Supervisor Irwin requested that item 4(d) be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

Supervisor Minor requested that item 4(k) be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items #4(a) through #4(n), excluding items #4(d) and #4(k). Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Supervisor Irwin stated that she requested that item #4(d) be removed from the Consent Agenda for the purposes of voting separately on this item.

4(d) Approve to appoint the position of Legal Assistant to the Victim Advocate for the County Attorney's office, a vacant budgeted position through grant funds – County Attorney (Replacement/Grant Funded)

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to appoint Alex Taft to the position of Legal Assistant to the Victim Advocate, effective March 19, 2018, at an annual salary of \$29,598.40 (NE042, Step 2), a vacant and budgeted position; funded out of VOCA (Victims of Crime Grant), and AG (Office of the Arizona Attorney General) grants. Motion seconded by Chairman Wilson, passed by a vote of two to one, with Supervisor Irwin voting nay.

4(k) Approve cancellation of forty-five (45) uncollectible personal property tax bills, pursuant to A.R.S. §42-19118, totaling \$12,713.83 – Treasurer

Supervisor Minor requested verification of the number of uncollectible personal property tax bills presented. It was noted that that there was a “typo” on the agenda indicating; however, the correct number was (45) forty-five.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve cancellation of forty-five (45) uncollectible personal property tax bills, pursuant to A.R.S. §42-19118, totaling \$12,713.83. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Chairman Wilson recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:18 a.m.

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

Chairman Wilson presented for approval Jail Consent Agenda Items #6(a) and #6(b).

5(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll

Approve February 4, 2018, through February 17, 2018, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$51,142.73, plus employer benefit contributions of \$10,047.04, for a total of \$61,189.77, including handwritten warrants.

5(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve the demands already remitted, as presented, for FY2017/2018, in the amount of \$20,901.36, including handwritten warrants; and approve in advance to pay the Jail District demands, as presented, for FY2017/2018, in the amount of \$14,351.97, including handwritten warrants; for a total of \$35,253.33.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve Jail Consent Agenda Items #5(a) and #5(b). Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously.

Chairman Wilson recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:20 a.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Application to the Arizona Department of Revenue for a Bingo License for the Indian Hills Community Center submitted by Donald Cronk – Board of Supervisors

Chairman Wilson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on as Arizona Department of Revenue bingo license application submitted by Donald Cronk on behalf of the Indian Hills Community Center.

There were no comments.

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

Approve/Deny recommendation to the Arizona Department of Revenue for a Bingo License for the Indian Hills Community Center submitted by Donald Cronk – Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Revenue for a Bingo License for the Indian Hills Community Center submitted by Donald Cronk, to hold bingo games on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.; located at 66738 65th Street, in Salome. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously.

Approve to accept bid submitted for the 8 SCUBA Packages Bid for the Sheriff's Department, funded through an Arizona State Homeland Security Grant– Sheriff

Chairman Wilson, on behalf of the Sheriff's Department, presented for approval the low bid received for the 8 SCUBA Packages Bid for the Sheriff's Department from Ocean Enterprises in the amount of \$9,279.44.

He stated that three bids were received at a bid opening on February 21, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., that included a regulator, secondary regulator, 3-gauge console, Octopus, and Buoyancy compensator. He added that the equipment would be funded from the Arizona State Homeland Security Grant #160506-03.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to accept the lowest bid submitted by Ocean Enterprises for 8 SCUBA Packages for the Sheriff's Department that include a regulator, secondary regulator, 3-gauge console, Octopus, and Buoyancy compensator in the amount of \$9,279.44, funded from the Arizona State Homeland Security Grant #160506-03. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve construction and quote for a security wall/window for the Treasurer's office, an unbudgeted item – Treasurer

Treasurer Castro requested approval for the construction of a security wall at the Treasurer's office.

She stated that Captain Bagby from the Sheriff's Office took the lead in obtaining quotes, noting that out of the several quotes requested, only one called back.

She explained that she felt that increased security was necessary due to the amount of cash being taken in and the limited staff available in her office.

Finance Director Krukemyer stated that, although this was an unbudgeted item for the Treasurer's budget, County funds allocated to the Jail were freed up due to funds received for Federal inmates brought into the Jail.

Deputy County Attorney Buckelew indicated that there had been situations that had arisen warranting this type security; as well as there had been threatening documents received.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve construction and quote for a security wall/window for the Treasurer's office in the amount of \$6,687.90, an unbudgeted item. Motion seconded by Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

Supervisor Minor noted that the cost for the window along was \$2,700.

Discussion and possible action regarding a draft FY2019 Non-Profit Funding request letter – Finance

Finance Director Krukemyer presented a draft of a letter he requested to send out into the community for those non-profit organizations that were requesting contributions from the County. He added that after receipt of the information requested, the requests would go before the Board for approval of those organizations to receive funds.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve the FY2019 Non-Profit Funding Letter for distribution to La Paz County non-profit organizations. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Arizona State University (ASU) Law School Recruitment Program – *Human Resources/Public Defender*

Human Resource Director Frantz, along with Public Defender Higgs, described the Arizona State University (ASU) Law School Recruitment Program, explaining that this program would be an excellent way to obtain a potential pool of law students to assist the Public Defender's office as well as the County Attorney's office.

Public Defender Higgs explained that the students could receive temporary certifications to practice law under supervision and would be under the fellowship program until their bar examination.

He felt that the program would be very beneficial to the County and attract potential personal to come and live here.

Chairman Wilson asked if other counties were involved in the program.

Public Defender Higgs stated that the Phoenix metro area was taking advantage of it, as well as Yuma and Tucson. He added that if the students were given a stipend, it would be additionally attractive to applicants as stipends were not given in other areas; and indicated it would be cost effective for the skills acquired.

He further stated that the program could be implemented in La Paz County as early as April and into the summer.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve the County's application with Arizona State University (ASU), Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Externship and Fellowship program; allowing the program to be conducted under the guidance of Public Defender Higgs. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve application for the Economic Strengths Project grant to add turn lanes to Highway 72, South of Bouse – *Community Resources*

Community Resource Director McFarland gave a power point presentation on the Rose Acre Farms operation and its growth over the years; and its potential for growth as the potential recipient of the Economic Strengths Project grant.

He explained that the County, along with the La Paz County Economic Development Corporation are seeking this grant uniquely designed Counties with population less than 750,000; and intended to develop outlying non-metro areas; and is to be for a road for highway project that would facilitate access to private property. He stated that the Rose Acre Farms is the most favorable option.

He stated that the recipient must create new jobs, make significant private capital investment or make other significant contribution; in which case, the Rose Acre Farms did all three.

He stated that the project would be to add turn lanes to Highway 72. He stated that the road would be widened approximately twelve (12) feet, and the turn lanes would turn both right and left.

He added that Rose Acre Farms have already paid \$49,000 into the design work; and the project itself would cost approximately \$400,000.

He discussed at length and in detail the plans Rose Acre Farms has for expansion, additional construction and additional permanent employees, as well as the additional taxes that it would bring into the County and spending dollars into the community.

Skip Becker, CEO of the Economic Development Corporation, stated that the County's match would be approximately \$40,000; however, indicated that the return on those funds would be significant, ultimately resulting in a "staggering" economic impact to the County with this project.

Supervisor Minor stated that he felt what Rose Acre Farms has done in the community has been "amazing"; and he was "happy" with this opportunity to be part of the grant and what it would mean to the area.

Chairman Wilson stated that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) would select what County received the award; and the matching funds from the County would be able to be made with HURF (Highway User Funds).

Supervisor Minor asked when notification of the award would happen.

Community Resource Director McFarland answered that would the recipient of the award would be announce in April.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve application for the Economic Strengths Project grant to add turn lanes to Highway 72, South of Bouse. 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

Lieutenant Epps gave an open invitation to the public to come see the new Dispatch Center.

Linda Goldberg, of the Regional Tourism Team, gave an update on their projects.

Skip Becker, President and CEO of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), reminded the Board what it was doing in its association with the County; and encouraged the Board to renew its contributions to their organization when that time comes “to vote”.

Adjournment

Chairman Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

APPROVED:

D. L. Wilson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Diane Green, Deputy Clerk of the Board

The following La Paz County demands have been approved, audited and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors: #1113082, Arizona Supreme Court-Casa, \$14,747.50; #11131804, AZ Supreme Court, \$7,587.50; #11131805, Bankcard Center, \$4,507.54; #11131813, Cornwell, \$1,204.50; #11131814, Craig Williams, PLLC, \$1033.65; #11131815, Davis Building Supply, \$3,532.39; #11131818, Empire Southwest, \$3,469.19; #11131821, Fulton Distributing, \$4,586.67; #11131822, Growers Oil Supply, \$1,325.36; #11131826, Hon. Robert Dubar, \$1,248.49; #11131828, J & S Electric, \$3,897.28; #11131830, Joshua Street Boat Storage, \$1,050; #11131837, National Institute for Jail Operations, \$1,950; #11131842, Parker Auto & Marine, \$2,096.39; #11131846, Michael Radford, \$3,168; #11131850, River Septic, \$1,045; #11131852, Ruffner Law PLLC, \$33,128.93; #11131855, San Diego Police Equipment, \$2,672.63; #11131857, Senergy Petroleum, \$17,425.80; #11131861, Spillman Technologies, Inc., \$49,511.01; #11131863, Sudden Link, \$5,244.46; #11131864, Texas Prisoner Transport, \$2,079.50; #11131871, Trinity Services Group, Inc., \$10,679.69; #11131917, Autocolor, \$2,090; #11131920, Bob Barker Company, \$1,364.78; #11131923, Emerald Canyon-Petty Cash, \$2,683.75; #11131928, Jack Pots Portables, Inc., \$1,655; #11131934, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$8,592.29; #11131940, Verizon Wireless, \$4,377.47; #11131950, Carahsoft Technologies Corp, \$3,855.47; #11131954, Claudia Luna, \$1,609.92; #11132955, Conditioned Response Training, \$1,125; #11131956, Data Bank, \$6,750; #11131961, Freedom Rifle Co, \$1,240; #11131972, LR Anderson, LLC, \$4,000; #11131974, Marcus G. Faust, \$7,500; #11131975, MCI, \$1,672.62; #11131982, Redburn Tire Company, \$2,375.16; #11131983, Ronald Parker, MD, \$2,550; #11131988, Shamrock Foods Co., \$1,933.15; #11131989, Simplot Partners, \$5,692.76; #11131996, Staples, \$2,427.06; #11131997, Stotz Equipment, \$2,123.99; #11132001, Thompson Reuters-West, \$2,477.50; #11132011 AHCCCS State Treasurer, \$17,675; #11132012, AZ Dept. of Revenue, \$20,258.02; #11132016, Civic Plus, \$9,990; #11132032, Standard Insurance, \$10,034.50.