

***MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, March 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting***

Chairman Minor called the March 15, 2021, 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 Duce Minor, Vice-Chairman Holly Irwin, Supervisor David Plunkett, County Administrator Megan Spielman, Chief Deputy County Attorney Ryan Dooley, Assessor Ana Camacho, Finance Director Terry Krukemyer, Sheriff William Ponce, Community Development Director Tonya Hoogerwerf, Human Resources Director Mary Frantz, Recorder Richard Garcia and Clerk of the Board Diane Green.

Chairman Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Pastor Julian Barbara of Calvary Christian Fellowship.

Presentation: Recognizing 20 years of Service in the Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Ponce and Chief Deputy Sheriff Gray presented Deputy Guy Nelson, who was retiring, with a plaque representing his years of service.

Presentation: Life Saving Award by the Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Ponce presented Nurse Brittany Quinn with a Life Saving Award for exceptional service towards the saving of lives.

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

Melissa Newton, representing the Town of Parker Chamber of Commerce, invited the Board to their upcoming Chamber Mixer.

Assessor Camacho asked the Board where employees should go if they had issues with their tax statements.

Chairman Minor and Finance Director Krukemyer stated that personnel should go to the Finance office if they had any questions.

Shahir Barsoum, from Mc's Market, expressed frustration that law enforcement control promised had not improved from administration to administration. He also informed the Board he had an issue with property he felt was not zoned properly.

Amada Abudo questioned salary amounts that she heard would change from being pre-taxed and wanted information on that.

Finance Director Krukemyer explained that salary continues to be pre-taxed and felt she was referring to the long term disability amount, which was taken out of pre-taxing and had "nil" effect to the disability amounts.

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 that the Farmers Bridge, after receiving a grant to rehabilitate the bridge, is having a ribbon-cutting this upcoming Friday.

County Administrator Spielman stated that President Biden had signed a rescue plan that would give local government \$1.9 trillion in aid, which would allocate \$3.8 million to La Paz County. She added that information would follow on how the allocations will be sent.

Chairman Minor added that one-half is to be sent now and the other half would be allocated next year.

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

- a. **Approval of Minutes of the Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Special Meeting, and Monday, December 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting – Clerk of the Board**

Approve of Minutes of the Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Special Meeting, and Monday, December 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting.

- b. **Approve La Paz County Payroll, from February 11, 2021, through March 4, 2021, in the amount of \$909,335.49, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$289,901.91, for a total of \$1,199,237.40 - Finance**

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- c. **Approve La Paz County payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$792,848.39 - Finance**

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- d. **Approve to appoint Stephanie Hartnell to the Planning & Zoning Commission, effective March 8, 2021, to December 31, 2024, filling a vacant seat - Board of Supervisors**

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- e. **Approve to appoint the position of Probation Officer; a vacant and budgeted position - Probation Department**

Approve to appoint Rita Garrity to the position of Probation Officer, effective March 29, 2021, at an annual salary of \$49,587.20 (NE084/Step 9), with a one-step increase to \$50,835.20 (NE084/Step 10) upon successful completion of one year of employment and probation period; a vacant and budgeted position.

- f. **Approve submission of two Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Prop 207 Fund Grant Proposal applications, to fund a fully equipped police vehicle in the amount of \$42,000; and drug driving detection equipment in the amount of \$27,733; a reimbursement grant - Sheriff**

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- g. **Approve Arizona Game and Fish Collection Agreement for grant funding in the amount of \$45,000 for two new boat motors and two sets of boat fenders to repair existing boats; authorizing the Sheriff and the County Attorney to sign the agreement - Sheriff**

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- h. **Approve Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant, Contract No. 2021-207-013 awarding \$27,733 for the purchase of drug saliva testing equipment, effective January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021; a reimbursement grant with no matching - Sheriff**

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- i. **Approve Arizona Department of Homeland Security-Operation Stone Garden grants, Contract No. 200439-01 in the amount of \$105,587 for overtime/ERE's/Mileage; and Contract No. 200439-02 in the amount of \$20,334 for equipment, effective January 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022; both no-match reimbursement grants - Sheriff**

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- j. ***Sitting in as the Jail District Board of Directors:***

1. **Approve La Paz County Jail Payroll from February 11, 2021, through March 4, 2021, in the amount of \$124,223.03, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$23,479.31, for a total of \$147,702.34, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

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2. **Approve La Paz County Jail District payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$104,275.79, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

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VICE-CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to approve on Consent Agenda Items #7(a) through #7(j). Motion seconded by Supervisor Plunkett, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

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

Discussion and possible action for approval to change the paid County holiday from the day after Thanksgiving to Columbus Day, effective calendar year 2021 - *Finance*

Finance Director Krukemyer explained the additional costs and complexities to the County for any holiday that results in four days off, from \$10-\$16,000; with bigger issues resulting when it includes overtime and overtime that is grant funded. He added that it also creates staffing issues.

Chairman Minor stated that he appreciated the figures; however, he did not support the change, and had never supported the four-day workweek.

Supervisor Plunkett concurred with Chairman Minor.

Finance Director Krukemyer stated he wished only to present the financial implications and was fine with whatever the Board decided.

There was no motion presented; therefore, Chairman Minor declared that the item had "died for lack of a motion".

Discussion and possible action to approve the Swagit Productions, LLC, "EASE" Hands-Free Streaming proposal, enabling agenda integration with video player/hands-free recording, uploading, and archiving of County meetings with on-demand video search; a sole source purchase - *Clerk of the Board*

Clerk of the Board Green explained that this item would complete the action already taken by the Board for the meeting management system by Destiny Software/Agenda Quick. This agreement however, would upgrade the system to incorporate their "hands-free streaming" system versus the (manual) indexing, and explained the difference and would enable the public access to the meetings and documents that were presented to the Board for a much more transparent process.

Discussion ensued regarding the fees for the number of meetings to be held in a year, noting that other County Boards could also be included, and what optional services were offered.

SUPERVISOR PLUNKETT MOVED to approve the Swagit Productions, LLC, "EASE" Hands-Free Streaming proposal, enabling agenda integration with video player/hands-free recording, uploading, and archiving of County meetings with on-demand video search; a sole source purchase; authorizing staff to make any adjustment to the number of

meetings that would be streaming. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Adjournment

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

APPROVED:

Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Diane Green, Clerk of the Board

The following La Paz County Board demands were audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors: 11149565, APS, \$30,381.70; 11149566, AT&T Mobility, \$6,553.13; 11149567, AZLGEBT, \$206,171.25; 11149572, Frame, Michael Leland,\$18,589.52; 11149573, Frontier, \$7,273.32; 11149574, Growers Oil Co, \$3,706.10; 11149575, Mike's Contracting, \$6,543.97; 11149577, Outdoor Custom Sportswear, \$2,104.30; 11149579, Parker Auto & Marine, \$1,429.37; 11149580, Parker Oil Products, \$11,805.05; 11149582, Printing Plus, \$1,818.44; 11149583, Robert Norrell, \$1,200.00; 11149585, Shamrock Food Co, \$1,010.63; 11149587, Straight Arrow Contracting, \$33,244.80; 11149588, Sudden Link, \$4,301.83; 11149589, Vederman Law Office, \$6,440.00; 11149591, White Sheet Free Shopping, \$1,832.14; 11149592, Whitney & Whitney, \$6,515.00; 11149593, Alertsense, \$8,110.00; 11149595, Ammo Inc, \$4,126.80; 11149600, Carmen Gonzalez-Ulloa, \$1,350.00; 11149602, Davis Building Supply, \$2,062.81; 11149605, Emergency Vehicle Resources, \$21,400.00; 11149606, Empire Southwest, \$7,900.97; 11149607, Enterprise Technology Services, \$1,592.20; 11149612, Fulton Distributing, \$3,909.24; 11149613, Gloria Eagle PA-C, \$1,750.00; 11149618, Jenna McDaniel, \$1,530.00; 11149619, Jenna J. Thorn, \$1,062.50; 11149620, JP Morgan One Card, \$13,627.92; 11149621, Kaitlyn Sarai Padilla, \$1,100.00; 11149622, Katherine Devine, \$1,250.00; 11149623, L-Tron Corp, \$7,135.00; 11149626, La Paz Regional Hospital, \$2,478.91; 11149628, Lori L. Bachmann, \$1,245.00; 11149630, McKesson Gen. Medical Corp(2), \$1,692.61; 11149631, Mohave Environmental Lab, \$1,645.00; 11149639, Parker Tree Service, \$13,000.00; 11149642, Proforce Law Enforcement, \$6,120.73; 11149645, River Septic, \$1,560.00; 11149646, Sandra L. Kohl, \$2,062.50; 11149647, Senergy Petroleum, \$17,582.31; 11149651, Tanya Larios, \$2,070.00; 11149654, Trinity Services Group, \$12,655.98; 11149662, Zumar Industries, \$2,141.87; 11149663, Arizona DOR, \$15,182.16; 11149665, All Covered, \$1,689.49; 11149669, Cactus Intertie, \$6,000.00; 11149693, Mohave Shred, \$1,012.00; 11149694, Motorola Solutions, \$45,493.53; 11149695, Nationwide Trust pln 57002001, \$14,694.53; 11149709, Schiff, Laurence M.D., \$4,775.00; 11149713, Staples Credit Plan, \$1,279.13; 11149716, TDS Telecom, \$1,564.39; 11149720, West Payment Center, \$1,838.75; 11149728, Atkins North America, \$25,220.00; 11149740, Emerald Canyon-petty cash, \$5,341.63; 11149744, Fester & Chapman, \$3,400.00; 11149745, Horizon Health & Wellness, \$40,500.00; 11149747, Jones,Skelton&Hochuli, \$2,175.00; 11149748, Konica Minolta Business Solutions, \$7,504.96; 11149752, MIL Geospatial, \$1,757.80; 11149753, Mohawk Automotive Lifts, \$1,301.21; 11149754, Neriell Sherburne-cleaning, \$1,000.00; 11149755, Norwood Equipment, \$1,244.86; 11149767, Sunedison c/o Solar Lease, \$2,867.82; 11149769, T&C Seal Coating, \$39,129.16; 11149777, Universal Police Supply, \$3,464.06; 11149779, Willdan Engineering, \$1,616.00

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