

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, March 18, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the March 18, 2019, 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 Minor, Supervisor Irwin, Supervisor Wilson, County Administrator Drake, Deputy County Attorney Dooley, Finance Director Krukemyer, Human Resource Director Frantz, Elections Director Scholl, Sheriff Risen, Community Development Director McCormick, School Superintendent Price, Assessor Camacho, Recorder Baker and Clerk of the Board Green.

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

Presentation: “Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence” award

This item was moved down the agenda.

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

Sheriff Risen announced that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) presence will be on Highway 60 and Hwy 72 for truck weight enforcement.

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 shared the news relating to the County’s land conveyance of approximately 6,000 acres, a bill just signed by President Trump.

Supervisor Irwin stated that she had received a call from the Army Corps of Engineers informing her of the onset of water releases, adding that the releases will be watched closely in view of the frequent rainfall in the area.

She further added that HB2467, relating to the formation of a water advisory council, had passed through the House and would now be heard in a Senate hearing, which she would be attending.

Supervisor Irwin stated that the controversial Harquahala Basin bill (HB2609) continues to be a “fight” with legislators relating to taking water out of the County for “personal gain”.

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

6(a) Approval of the following Minutes: Monday, March 4, 2019, Special Meeting and Monday, March 4, 2019, 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting – Clerk of the Board

Approve the following Minutes: Monday, March 4, 2019, Special Meeting and Monday, March 4, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting.

6(b) Approval of the La Paz County Payroll, from February 17, 2019, through March 2, 2019; gross salary \$394,860.39, employee related expenses (ERE) \$111,271.86, for a total of \$506,132.25 – Finance

Approve the La Paz County Payroll, from February 17, 2019, through March 2, 2019; gross salary \$394,860.39, employee related expenses (ERE) \$111,271.86, for a total of \$506,132.25.

6(c) Approval of the La Paz County Demands, FY2019 payables through April 13, 2019, in the amount of \$911,511.34– Finance

Approve the La Paz County Demands, FY2019 payables through April 13, 2019, in the amount of \$911,511.34.

6(d) Approve to appoint the position of Certified Deputy Sheriff, a vacant and budgeted position – Sheriff (Replacement)

This item was pulled from the agenda by the Sheriff’s Department.

6(e) Approve acceptance of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) and State of Arizona Gaming Compact contribution on behalf of the Colorado River Regional Crisis Services and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Sacred Heart Parker Conference – Board of Supervisors

Approve acceptance of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) and State of Arizona Gaming Compact contribution on behalf of the Colorado River Regional Crisis Services for the amount of \$30,000; and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Sacred Heart Parker Conference for the amount of \$20,388.

6(f) Approve the First Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Marcus G. Faust, P.C. – Board of Supervisors

Approve the First Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Marcus G. Faust, P.C, allowing additional legal services to assist the County in negotiations of any future development agreement pertaining to a solar project.

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

Chairman Minor recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:04 a.m.

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

7(a) Approval of the Jail District Payroll, from February 17, 2019 through March 2, 2019; gross salary \$58,054.54, employee related expenses (ERE) at \$10,277.74, for a total of \$68,332.28 – Finance

Approve the Jail District Payroll, from February 17, 2019 through March 2, 2019; gross salary \$58,054.54, employee related expenses (ERE) at \$10,277.74, for a total of \$68,332.28

7(b) Approval of the Jail District Demands, FY2019 payables through April 11, 2019, in the amount of \$75,365.09 – Finance

Approve the Jail District Demands, FY2019 payables through April 11, 2019, in the amount of \$75,365.09.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve the Jail Consent Agenda Items #7(a) and #7(b). 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 10:05 a.m.

Presentation: “Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence” award

Chairman Minor returned to the presentation to be considered at this time.

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Dorothy Fenech, Employee of the Month Chairman, recognized Ariana Flores, School Superintendent Senior Account Clerk, with the Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award and a \$25 Walmart gift card.

Chairman Minor introduced Jeff McCormick, the new Community Development Director, to the audience.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Arizona Department of Revenue Application for Bingo License submitted by Theodora Grayson, Brenda Gutierrez, and James Esten for bingo activities located at Black Rock RV Village, 46751 E. Highway 60, in Salome – Clerk of the Board

Clerk of the Board Green stated that the application for a bingo license required a public hearing to receive any comments from the public regarding the application for bingo activities, which would occur at the Black Rock RV Village, 46751 E. Highway 60, in Salome, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. She added that no games would occur from the 3rd week in April through the first week in November.

Chairman Minor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the application for a Bingo License.

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

Recommendation to the Arizona Department of Revenue Application for Bingo License submitted by Theodora Grayson, Brenda Gutierrez, and James Esten for bingo activities located at Black Rock RV Village, 46751 E. Highway 60, in Salome – Clerk of the Board

Chairman Minor asked if a bingo license required the same kind of posting as required by a liquor license.

Clerk of the Board Green answered that a bingo license application did not require the same kind of posting; however, it did require a public hearing conducted by the Board and noticed with the regular posting of the agenda.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Revenue Application for Bingo License submitted by Theodora Grayson, Brenda Gutierrez, and James Esten for bingo activities located at Black Rock RV Village, 46751 E. Highway 60, in Salome. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Approve payment to Cunningham Users Association as the La Paz County Sheriff's Office portion to repair the road to the top of Cunningham Mountain – Sheriff

Lieutenant Epps presented for approval an invoice from Cunningham Users Association in the amount of \$14,883, a portioned amount the Sheriff's Department, as one of the 12 users of the communication tower located on the top of Cunningham Mountain, was billed to pay as part of the \$175,000 total cost to repair the road.

He added that the Sheriff's Department is not the only user of the tower, noting that Public Works and 9-1-1 Dispatch depend on that communication and it would cause "a huge hole" in communications not to be part of the user's group. He further added that he was not aware that the bill would be coming forward.

Discussion ensued as to whether there was ever a formal agreement approved by the Board; what kind of Board action was taken in the past, and speculation on the ownership of the mountain, noting that the road to the top of the mountain was known to be in extremely bad condition.

Chairman Minor recommended continuing the item to the next regular Board meeting for additional information.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to continue "Approve payment to Cunningham Users Association as the La Paz County Sheriff's Office portion to repair the road to the top of Cunningham Mountain' to the next regular meeting on April 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Approve to adopt Proclamation No. 2019-04, declaring April 2019 County Government Month – Board of Supervisors

Chairman Minor read Proclamation No. 2019-04, declaring April 2019 County Government Month.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to adopt Proclamation No. 2019-04, declaring April 2019 County Government Month. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2019-05, approving the proceedings of the Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona relative to the issuance by The Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona of its taxable education facility lease revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for SSS Education Foundation – Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy Project – Board of Supervisors

Gary Drummond, legal counsel representing the Industrial Development Authority (IDA), stated that the IDA had given final approval for revenue bonds in favor of the SSS Education Foundation – Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy Project, a \$78 million bond issue with a two-stage bond process.

He explained that the IDA had issued bonds previously, similar to this one, acquiring closing fees and administration fees in each instance; the funds utilized for community development in La Paz County. He further explained that there was no liability to the County or the IDA for these proceedings, and needed only the approval of the governing body, that being the Board of Supervisors.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2019-05, approving the proceedings of the Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona relative to the issuance by The Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona of its taxable education facility lease revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for SSS Education Foundation – Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy Project. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Adjournment

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

/s/
Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
Diane Green, Clerk of the Board

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The following La Paz County demands have been audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors: #11138143, APS, \$4,296.44; #11138144, Atkins North America, Inc., \$6,777.50; #11138148, Emerald Canyon-Petty Cash, \$4,205.34; #11138149, Empire Southwest, \$2,407.33; #111381500, Frontier, \$8,637.30; #11138153, JP Morgan One Card, \$21,754.47; #11138156, LR Anderson, LLC, \$3,160; #11138157, mci, \$1,980.43; #11138159, Quill, \$4,242.36; #11138165; Specialty Tires, \$3,115.50; #11138166, T & C Seal Coating, Inc., \$198,815.79; #11138168, Verizon Wireless, \$3,228.14; #11138169, Western States Petroleum, \$5,388.03; #11138170, AZLGEBT, \$195,163.79; #11138171, Standard Insurance, \$10,418.80; #11138172, ALERT, \$1,830.10; #11138181, Bob Barker Company, \$3,521.51; #11138184, Bulletproof Systems, LLC, \$2,789; #11138188, Dorn Policy Group, Inc., \$4,928.57; #11138194, Growers Oil Company, \$3,114.31; #11138198, Motorola Solutions, \$51,049.66; #11138203, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$8,339.11; #11138205, Town of Parker, \$1,357.47; #11138206, Pima County Treasurer, \$13,800; #11138217, Simpson Norton Corp., \$1,152.27; #11138221, Sudden Link, \$1,891.99; #11138223, TAMCO, \$1,472.72; #11138226, Trinity Services Group, Inc., \$16,595.12; #11138233, Zumar Industries, Inc., \$1,854.28; #11138271, AZ Supreme Court – AOC, \$1,017; #11138279, JP Morgan Chase, \$1,320.30; #11138288, Pride Outfitting, \$10,384.10; #11138292, River Septic, \$1,500; #11138293, Ronald P. Binion, \$2,571.48; #11138299, Samuel Aguilar, \$2,287; #11138301, Samuel Anutta, \$2,287; #11138322, Globalstar USA, \$1,445.28; #11138326, Horizon Health & Wellness, \$11,700; #11138327, Jasper Engine & Transmission, \$2,226; #11138331, Light House of Arizona, \$1,033.24; 11138346, River Medical, Inc., \$1,069.27; #11138347, Ronald Parker, MD; \$11,550; #11138348; Gust Rosenfeld, PLC, \$2,200; #11138349, Sanofi Pasteur, Inc., \$2,087.65; \$11138355, Thomson Reuters-West, \$1,445.49; #11138359, Tri-State Reporting, \$1,348.90; #11138366, White Sheet Free Shopping, \$1,060.80; #11138369, Yuma County Juvenile, \$1,205.60.