

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monday, April 5, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the April 5, 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 (telephonically), Community Development Director Tonya Hoogerwerf, Assessor Camacho, Emergency Services Director Curt Bagby, Sheriff William Ponce, Health Director Marion Shontz, Animal Control Director Michael Ramos, Human Resources Director Mary Frantz, Finance Director Terry Krukemyer, IT Technician Joey Lucas, and Clerk of the Board Diane Green.

Chairman Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Pastor Glenn Swarhout of the First Baptist Church.

**Presentation: Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award for March 2021**

Yvette Enchandi-Mott, Sandy Dodge Committee Chairman, presented the Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award to Craig Lush, Public Works Lead Crusher Plant Operator, along with a \$25 gift certificate from Walmart.

**Presentation: Life Saving Awards by the Sheriff Department**

Sheriff Ponce recognized Whitney Wilson, 9-1-1 Dispatcher, and Maria Torress, Deputy, with life-saving awards for their actions in the line of duty.

Chairman Minor expressed appreciation for this recognition given in order for the public to know what they are doing.

**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**

Jeff Phillips, representing Best In the Desert, thanked the County, the Board, Sheriff Department and Public Works for their support and assistance for their event. He stated he was new to the position, and felt everyone was "amazing" and would be soon delivering plaques and shirts in appreciation, and was excited about plans for the following year.

**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)**

County Administrator Spielman announced that a road project with Public Works would begin through May 14, 2021.

Vice-Chairman Irwin gave details on three recent applications for employee positions at the Sheriff's Office.

*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):**

- a. **Approval of Minutes of the Tuesday, December 30, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Special Meeting; and Monday, January 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting – Clerk of the Board**

Approve Minutes of the Tuesday, December 30, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Special Meeting; and Monday, January 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting.

- b. **Approve transfer of contingency funds in the amount of \$6,000 to cover the cost of spay/neuter program - Animal Control**

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- c. **Approve Contract #3570081 with Lamar Companies for two COVID Billboards, at a cost of \$10,550.00, to be up from 3/29/21-9/12/21 - Health Department**

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- d. **Approve extension of Arizona State Parks and Trails Hippie Hole Staging Area Infrastructure Improvement Project ASP# 551904 to October 30, 2022 - Board of Supervisors**

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- e. **Approve acceptance of the 2020 Colorado River Indian Tribes(CRIT) and State of Arizona Gaming Compact contribution in the amount of \$17,149 on behalf of St. Vincent De Paul Sacred Heart-Parker Conference (\$8,574.50) and Colorado River Regional Crisis Center (\$8,574.50) -Board of Supervisors**

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- f. **Approve to accept bid for Tax Deeded Property, APN: 308-09-118, authorizing the Chairman and Clerk of the Board to issue the deed -Board of Supervisors**

Approve to accept bid from Krystal Fitzpatrick in the amount of \$1,779.16, plus \$30 for the recorder fee, for Tax Deeded Property, APN: 308-09-118, authorizing the Chairman and Clerk of the Board to issue the deed.

- g. **Approve to accept bid for Tax Deeded Property, APN: 308-09-119; authorizing the Chairman and Clerk of the Board to issue the deed - Board of Supervisors**

Approve to accept bid from Zachary Eichler, in the amount of \$1,155.50, plus \$30 for the recorder fee, for Tax Deeded property, APN: 308-09-119; authorizing the Chairman and Clerk of the Board to issue the deed.

- h. **Approve to accept bid for Tax Deeded Property, APN: 304-53-011; authorizing the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board to issue the deed - Board of Supervisors**

Approve to accept bid from Bill T. Ripberger, in the amount of \$1,511 plus \$30 recorder fee, for Tax Deeded Property, APN: 304-53-011; authorizing the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board to issue the deed.

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

- 1. **Approve Lateral Transfer reassignment from Detention Commander to Detention Sergeant; a vacant and budgeted position**

Approve Lateral Transfer reassignment of Rico Suffle to the position of Detention Sergeant, effective April 4, 2021, at an annual salary of \$61,152 (L21, Step 2), a vacant and budgeted position.

- 2. **Approve to appoint the position of Uncertified Detention Officer; a vacant and budgeted position**

Approve to appoint Rachel Stratton to the position of Uncertified Detention Officer, effective April 6, 2021, at an annual salary of \$33,300.80 (L02, Step 1), subject to a six-month County probation and an additional six-month probation for the Sheriff's Office, and promotion to certified Detention Officer upon successful completion and certification by Arizona Detention Academy at an annual salary of \$34,008 (L02, Step 2), a vacant and budgeted position.

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

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

***PUBLIC HEARING:*** Docket No CUP2021-001, APN 304-07-003, CEA7 Investments; Project Name: Ruby Rose; requesting a Conditional Use Permit in order to comply with the La Paz County Zoning Regulations, Section 404, regarding Nonprofit Medical Marijuana Off-Site Cultivation site on land zoned RA-40 (Rural Agriculture); located at 78125 Salome Rd, Salome, AZ 85348; legal description: Sec 28, Twn. 4N, Rng. 11W of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, La Paz County Arizona - *Community Development*

Community Development Director Hoogerwerf presented Docket No CUP2021-001, APN 304-07-003, CEA7 Investments; Project Name: Ruby Rose; requesting a Conditional Use Permit in order to comply with the La Paz County Zoning Regulation. She stated that the La Paz County Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved the request on March 4, 2021, by a unanimous vote (6-0).

She gave the zoning of the surrounding properties and added that staff recommended approval of the request.

Chairman Minor opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the request for a Conditional Use Permit.

There were no comments.

Chairman Minor closed the Public Hearing.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Docket No CUP2021-001; APN 304-07-003, CEA7 Investments; Project Name: Ruby Rose, requesting a Conditional Use Permit in order to comply with the La Paz County Zoning Regulations, Section 404, regarding Nonprofit Medical Marijuana Off-Site Cultivation site on land zoned RA-40 (Rural Agriculture)]; located at 78125 Salome Rd, Salome, AZ 85348; legal description: Sec 28, Twn. 4N, Rng. 11W of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, La Paz County Arizona - *Community Development***

Chairman Minor asked the Board if there were any comments they wished to add regarding this item.

There were no additional comments.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to approve Docket No CUP2021-001; APN 304-07-003, CEA7 Investments; Project Name: Ruby Rose, for a Conditional Use Permit in order to comply with the La Paz County Zoning Regulations, Section 404, regarding Nonprofit Medical Marijuana Off-Site Cultivation site on land zoned RA-40 (Rural Agriculture)]; located at 78125 Salome Rd, Salome, AZ 85348; legal description: Sec 28, Twn. 4N, Rng. 11W of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, La Paz County Arizona. Motion seconded by Supervisor Plunkett, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Approve to adopt Proclamation No. 2021-05, proclaiming April 2021, County Government Month - Board of Supervisors**

Chairman Minor read Proclamation No. 2021-05, proclaiming April 2021, County Government Month, in its entirety.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to adopt Proclamation No. 2021-05, proclaiming April 2021, County Government Month. Motion seconded by Supervisor Plunkett, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Chairman Minor stated that the proclamation regarding County government month is adopted yearly, and he expressed appreciation for everything the County has done regarding COVID-19, particularly the Health Department.

**Discussion and possible action to approve lease purchase of four (4) new fully equipped patrol vehicles from Parker Motor Company/First Capitol Leasing Corporation through Arizona State Contract ADSP017-166117 -*Sheriff***

Sheriff Ponce and Lieutenant Epps requested approval of the lease purchase of our (4) new fully equipped patrol vehicles from Parker Motor Company/First Capitol Leasing Corporation through Arizona State Contract, noting the mileage of Sheriff vehicles they are replacing.

Vice-Chairman noted that this expenditure would be coming out of next year's budget.

Lieutenant Epps noted that it was necessary to order the vehicles soon and the Sheriff's Office felt it was the best option for them.

Vice-Chairman Irwin expressed approval, noting that the county needed to take in the possibility of a liability situation regarding vehicles with such high mileage.

**SUPERVISOR PLUNKETT MOVED** to approve as presented (the lease purchase of four (4) new fully equipped patrol vehicles from Parker Motor Company/First Capitol Leasing Corporation through Arizona State Contract ADSP017-166117 in the amount of \$199,472, with annual payments of \$53,484.32, beginning September 15, 2021, and the last payment due September 15, 2024). Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Approve purchase of a 2021 New Caterpillar 262D3 Orops Xps Skid Steer, from the City of Tucson RFP#161534 OMNIA PARTNERS-Caterpillar Inc., Cooperative Contract; funded by Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF), a budgeted item - Public Works**

Chief Deputy Public Works Director Braska requested the purchase of 2021 New Caterpillar 262D3 Orops Xps Skid Steer, from the City of Tucson RFP#161534 OMNIA PARTNERS-Caterpillar Inc., Cooperative Contract; funded by Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) in the amount of \$80,236 (includes tax).

**SUPERVISOR PLUNKETT MOVED** to approve as presented (purchase of a 2021 New Caterpillar 262D3 Orops Xps Skid Steer, from the City of Tucson RFP#161534 OMNIA PARTNERS-Caterpillar Inc., Cooperative Contract; funded by Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF), a budgeted item). Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Adjournment**

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

APPROVED:

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Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Diane Green, Clerk of the Board