

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, April 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Vice-Chairman Wilson called the April 20, 2020, 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 Irwin (telephonically), Vice-Chairman Wilson, Supervisor Minor, County Administrator Drake, Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley, Finance Director Krukemeyer, Sheriff Risen, Elections Director Scholl, Human Resources Director Frantz, IT Tech Lucas, Assessor Camacho, Community Development Director Hoogerwerf, and Clerk of the Board Green.

Vice-Chairman Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Pastor Roger Yoder of the Messiah Lutheran Church.

Presentation: “Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence” award

Dorothy Fenech, Employee of the Month Chairman, recognized Amanda Abudo, Appraiser for the Assessor, with the April 2020, 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)

There were no comments.

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

6(a) Approval of Minutes of the Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m., Special Meeting; and Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting – Clerk of the Board

Approve the Minutes of the Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m., Special Meeting; and Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting.

6(b) Approval of the La Paz County Payroll, from April 3, 2020, through April 15, 2020, in the amount of \$447,007.71, plus employer related expenses (ERE) in the amount of \$126,104.63, for a total of \$573,112.34 – Finance

Approve the La Paz County Payroll, from April 3, 2020, through April 15, 2020, in the amount of \$447,007.71, plus employer related expenses (ERE) in the amount of \$126,104.63, for a total of \$573,112.34,

6(c) Approval of the La Paz County Payables, as presented, for FY2019/2020, in the amount \$675,161.86, including handwritten warrants – Finance

Approve the La Paz County Payables, as presented, for FY2019/2020, in the amount \$675,161.86, including handwritten warrants .

6(d) Approve to promote the Interim Community Development Director to Community Development Director, retroactive to April 7, 2020, a vacant and budgeted position – Board of Supervisors (Replacement/Promotion)

Approve to appoint Tonya Hoogerwerf, Interim Community Development Director, to the position of Community Development Director, retroactive to April 7, 2020, at an annual salary of \$69,992.99 (M005, Step 1), a vacant and budgeted position.

6(e) Approve to appoint the position of Deputy County Attorney III, a vacant and budgeted position – County Attorney (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Shawn Clayton Fuller to the position of Deputy County Attorney III, (E018, Step 13), at an annual salary of \$83,382.40, effective April 21, 2020, a vacant and budgeted position.

6(f) Approve to appoint the position of 9-1-1 Dispatcher, a vacant and budgeted position – Sheriff (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Maria de Jesus Morales to the position of 9-1-1 Dispatcher, retro-active to April 7, 2020, at an annual salary of \$34,881.60 (NE001, Step 8), a vacant and budgeted position, requiring a six-month County probation and an additional six-month probation for the Sheriff's Office.

6(g) Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Quartzsite for election services – Elections

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Quartzsite for election services.

6(h) Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Parker for election services – Elections

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Parker for election services.

6i) Approve revised contract with Marcus G. Faust, P.C., retroactive to April 1, 2020 – Board of Supervisors

Approve revised contract with Marcus G. Faust, P.C., retroactive to April 1, 2020, from \$7,500/month to \$2,500/month for the next six months at which time the contract will be reconsidered for a possible extension upon mutual option of the parties.

6(j) Approve to ratify Arizona Department of Health Services Intergovernmental Agreement ADHS17-133193, Public Health Emergency Preparedness COVID-19, Amendment 7; effective March 5, 2020 through March 15, 2021, at a total of \$210,274 – Health Department

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6(k) Sitting as the Jail District Board of Directors:

1) Approval of the La Paz County Jail District Payroll, from April 13, 2020, through April 15, 2020, in the amount of \$61,878.88, plus employer related expenses (ERE) in the amount of \$11,791.69, for a total of \$73,670.57 – Finance

Approve the La Paz County Jail District Payroll, from April 13, 2020, through April 15, 2020, in the amount of \$61,878.88, plus employer related expenses (ERE) in the amount of \$11,791.69, for a total of \$73,670.57.

2) Approval of the La Paz County Jail District Demands, as presented, for FY2019/2020, in the amount of \$65,076.15 – Finance

Approve the La Paz County Jail District Demands, as presented, for FY2019/2020, in the amount of \$65,076.15.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(k). Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Vice-Chairman Wilson.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control application for Series 012 (Restaurant) liquor license submitted by agent, Vance Oliver Randall, for Salome Restaurant & The Red Pony Bar; located at 64638 Highway 60, in Salome – Board of Supervisors

Vice-Chairman Wilson announced that a public hearing would commence regarding Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control application for Series 012 (Restaurant) liquor license submitted by agent, Vance Oliver Randall, for Salome Restaurant & The Red Pony Bar; located at 64638 Highway 60, in Salome.

Clerk of the Board Green stated that the application had been posted by the Sheriff Department for the required number of days and no responses for or against the application had been received.

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

Discussion and possible action for recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control, for a Series 012 (Restaurant) liquor license application #1019661, submitted by agent, Vance Oliver Randall, for Salome Restaurant & The Red Pony Bar; located at 64638 Highway 60, in Salome – Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control, for a Series 012 (Restaurant) liquor license application #1019661, submitted by agent, Vance Oliver Randall, for Salome Restaurant & The Red Pony Bar; located at 64638 Highway 60, in Salome. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Vice-Chairman Wilson.

Approve purchase of 9 ExpressPoll Tables with data conversion, software license, maintenance and support, for a total of \$16,172.20; a reimbursable purchase by the Arizona Secretary of State Election Fund – Elections

Elections Director Scholl requested approval to purchase 9 ExpressPoll Tables with data conversion, software license, maintenance and support, for a total of \$16,172.20, for the Elections Department, explaining that more are needed, particularly with a busy election coming up. He added that one of them would be dedicated for the Recorder's use. He further explained that

these expenditures, along with the following item, would be reimbursed by the Secretary of State's election fund.

He stated that the following request was similar in purpose.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve purchase of 9 ExpressPoll Tables with data conversion, software license, maintenance and support, for a total of \$16,172.20; a reimbursable purchase from the Arizona Secretary of State Election Fund. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Vice-Chairman Wilson.

Approve purchase of 8 ExpressVote Ballot Marking Devices, with annual post warranty hardware maintenance, licensing and support, for a total of \$30,420; a reimbursable purchase by the Arizona Secretary of State Election Fund – Elections

Elections Director Scholl requested the purchase of 8 ExpressVote Ballot Marking Devices, with annual post warranty hardware maintenance, licensing and support, for a total of \$30,420, noting that this equipment was handicap accessible.

He added that he would likely purchase another printer and tabulator with the amount of funds that would be still available.

He stated that other grants are in process to provide for elections security.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve purchase of 8 ExpressVote Ballot Marking Devices, with annual post warranty hardware maintenance, licensing and support, for a total of \$30,420; a reimbursable purchase from the Arizona Secretary of State Election Fund. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Vice-Chairman Wilson.

Approve to commit not-to-exceed \$35,000 to reimburse QuadStates for legal costs related to the litigation regarding possible endangered species listing of the Sonoran Desert Tortoise and the Joshua Tree – Board of Supervisors

Vice-Chairman Wilson explained the litigation in process involving the United States Fish and Wildlife regarding possible endangered species listing the Sonoran Desert Tortoise and the Joshua Tree, and the concern by QuadState, representing the river area of counties, including La Paz County, over the years.

Vice-Chairman Wilson provided a map of the tortoise habitats, noting that the area included parts of the Peace Trail; and other habitats in the area are being considered, including the possibility of climate change affects.

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Discussion ensued regarding an amortization schedule for counties for support based on their size, noting that up to \$35,000 would be La Paz County's portion.

VICE-CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to commit not-to-exceed \$35,000 to reimburse QuadStates for legal costs related to the litigation regarding possible endangered species listing of the Sonoran Desert Tortoise and the Joshua Tree. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Wilson adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

APPROVED:

/s/
Holly Irwin, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
Diane Green, Clerk of the Board

The following La Paz County demands have been audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors: #11145037, AT&T Mobility, \$2,337.44; #11145043, Bob Barker Company, \$1,480.67; #11145045, Bouse Fire District, \$1,249.44; #11145046, Buckskin Fire Dept., \$22,164.39; #11145049, CDW Government, Inc., \$1,077.96; #11145050, Chris G. Sexton, \$1,004.82; #11145051, Coast to Coast Computer Products, \$1,308.63; #11145056, Ehrenberg Fire Dist., \$8,290.69; #11145058, Empire Southwest, \$2,795.72; #11145059, Enterprise Technology Servs., \$1,705; #11145064, Honorable Robert Carter Olson, \$1,010.05; #11145065, JP Morgan One Card, \$17,000.80; #11145067, La Paz Solar LLC, \$3,703.88; #11145071, LR Anderson, LLC, \$1,330; #11145072, Marcus Faust, Professional Corp., \$11,763; #11145074, McMullen Fire District, \$5,138.68; #11145075, Michelle Revenue, \$19,688.77; #11145113, AZ Counties Insurance Pool, \$46,086.89; #11145116, The Masters Touch, LLC, \$6,150; #11145117, AZLGEBT, \$207,622.41; #11145118, Frontier, \$1,741.97; #11145121, Core Branding, LLC, \$4,252.38; #11145124, APDA, \$1,000; #11145125, APS, \$26,241.35; #11145127, AZ Assoc. of Counties, \$8,904.97; #11145128, AZ Dept. of Health Services/BVR, \$1,075; #11145134, Sandra Carr, \$27,010; #11145144, Election Systems & Software, \$1,367.04; #11145145, Emerald Canyon-Petty Cash, \$2,784.75; #11145146, Entersect, \$1,000; #11145148, Fulton Distributing, \$2,408.46; #11145158, Mil Geospatial, \$1,933.75; #11145163, Parker Tree Service, \$3,000; #11145165, Pavement Sealants & Supply, Inc., \$3,397.86; #11145179, Sudden Link, \$6,194.68; #11145181, Sunedison C/O DG Solar Lease, LLC, \$3,735.35; #11145184, Town of Quartzsite, \$1,098.21; #11145185, Town Talk, \$1,305.66; #11145186, Vederman Law Office, PLLC, \$5,830; #11145187, WACOG, \$7,125; #11145188, Walker & Armstrong, \$21,483; #11145190, White Sheet Free Shopping Guide, \$1,708.50; #11145191, Whitney & Whitney, PLLC, \$3,759.53; #11145193, Abbey Stubbs & Ford, LLC, \$7,500.