

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Wednesday, May 30, 2018, Special Meeting
(following the continued special meeting
of May 20, 2018)**

Chairman Minor called the May 30, 2018, special meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 5:37 p.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Minor, Supervisor Irwin, Supervisor Wilson, Assessor Camacho, Recorder Baker, Superior Court Clerk Spielman, Emergency Management Director Biro, Human Resource Director Frantz, Community Development Administrator Yackley, Sheriff Risen, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Reconsideration on the following items approved at the Monday, May 21, 2018, regular meeting

Chairman Minor stated that this item was regarding the reorganization of staff in the Assessor's office which approved three actions at the regular meeting of May 21, 2018. He stated that mistakes were made in the process and the Board had made a decision based on the information provided; however, other information was brought up after the meeting that needed to be addressed.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to reconsider the three items #2(a), (b) and (c) listed on the May 30, 2018, special meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed unanimously.

a) Discussion and possible action regarding the Consulting Services Agreement, effective June 1, 2018 to June 2, 2019, relating to the restructuring of the Assessor's office – Assessor

Chairman Minor stated that he had an opportunity to visit with Deputy County Attorney Buckelew on this matter and asked if he would share his thoughts.

Deputy County Attorney Buckelew stated that he did not think there were any questions on the matter as it was a valid consultant agreement; with the proper qualifications, which was accepted and signed by the parties. He added that Ms. Lovell was happy with it and did not see why the Board would disturb that.

He stated that if the agreement were reversed by the Board, all would be reversed; Ms. Lovell would resume her benefits; although she would prefer the contract.

Discussion ensued whether there were any issues with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in a consultant situation, and whether it was the same kind of situation contracted by the Assessor's office before.

Supervisor Irwin stated that the prior contact in the Assessor's office did not apply to someone in the day to day operations and was unaware that there was the possibility of (IRS) issues.

Deputy County Attorney Buckelew answered that as long as the taxes were handled properly; and there was no indication that was not being done; he was satisfied.

Discussion ensued at length indicating disagreement on what type of consulting services were being done at the Assessor's office; and whether the agreement needed to be revised or terminated; and what the Assessor's next actions could be to properly staff her office.

Supervisor Wilson noted there were various actions that could be taken. He stated that the agreement is a valid one and able to be terminated according to its terms; the effective date could be amended or rescinded; which could, however, open the door to possible legal action.

Further discussion ensued noting that the service contract needed to be reviewed for all the parties to be "comfortable" with.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to terminate the consulting services agreement with Lisa Lovell approved at the May 21, 2018, regular meeting relating to Section 4, B2. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin.

Supervisor Wilson stated that the "mutual agreement" would need to be received from Assessor Camacho and Ms. Lovell.

Further discussion ensued at length on whether the verbiage on the motion should be "to terminate" or "to rescind" the contract.

The Board requested a review of the motion made previously.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to amend his motion to require that the signed mutual agreement documents be delivered to the Clerk of the Board by noon tomorrow.

A brief discussion ensued as to whether Ms. Lovell was available to sign new documents; however, since she was on vacation it may be possible for the transaction to be done electronically.

MOTION SECONDED by Supervisor Irwin.

Supervisor Wilson stated that for this to be done, items #b and #c could not be discussed further without another meeting, and suggested the next day; however, Supervisor Irwin was not available.

Further discussion ensued.

SUPERVISOR WILSON WITHDREW his amendment of the motion.

The original motion **PASSED** unanimously.

b) Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Chief Deputy, effective June 1, 2018 – Assessor (Replacement/Appointment)

Discussion ensued on the status of item #b and #c and how to proceed.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to not approve the appointment of the Chief Deputy Assessor, previously approved at the May 21, 2018, regular meeting. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

c) Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the position of Program Specialist, effective June 1, 2018 – Assessor (Replacement/Promotion)

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to not approve the appointment of the Program Specialist, previously approved at the May 21, 2018, regular meeting. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Chairman Minor stated that, while these actions are difficult for everyone involved, it is intended to get these things done right and move forward to make it all work.

Adjournment

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

/s/
Duce Minor, Chairman

/s/
Diane Green, Deputy Clerk of the Board