

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, June 1, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Irwin called the June 1, 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, Vice-Chairman Wilson, Supervisor Minor, County Administrator Drake, Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley, Finance Director Krukemyer, Human Resource Director Frantz, Community Development Director Hoogerwerf, Sheriff Risen, Recorder Garcia, and Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Pastor Glenn Swarthout of the First Baptist Church of Parker.

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 stated that the people of La Paz County have been "great" and have cooperated in the COVID-19 guidelines, and it has not been necessary for law enforcement to be involved. He stated that the governor has issued a curfew from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m., and he stated he did not anticipate enforcing it unless it was necessary as an "added tool in their toolbox to protect the citizens of La Paz County".

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 Drake, reading portions of the emergency declaration regarding the curfew set by the Governor, stated that it was effective Sunday, May 31, 2020, from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. through Monday, June 8, 2020, at 5:00 a.m., unless extended further.

He announced that the County had received the deed for the approximately 6,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land that was recently purchased by the County for what will be the largest solar project in the United States. Discussions will start in the permitting of the project with a hopeful groundbreaking in December 2020. He added that if anyone had any questions, to call him at the Board of Supervisor's office.

Chairman Irwin gave an update on the proposed water transfer to the Town of Queen Creek stating that the Arizona Department of Water Resources has extended the comment period for an additional 45 days.

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

- a. **Approval of Minutes for the Monday, May 4, 2020, Regular Meeting; and May 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting – Clerk of the Board**

Approve the Minutes of the Monday, May 4, 2020, Regular Meeting; and May 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting.

- b. **Approve La Paz County Payroll, from May 15, 2020, through May 27, 2020, in the amount of \$411,481.32, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$131,823.09, for a total of \$546,152.10 - Finance**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate action.

- c. **Approve La Paz County FY2019/2020 payables, as presented, for FY2019/2020, in the amount of \$517,604.18, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

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- d. **Approve Deputy promotion to the position of Sergeant, a vacant and budgeted position - Sheriff**

Approve to promote Deputy Michael McKarson to the position of Sergeant for the La Paz County Sheriff's Office retroactive to May 13, 2020, at an annual salary of \$52,582.40 (L10, Step 1), a vacant and budgeted position.

- e. **Approve the Designation of Terry Krukemyer, Finance Director, as the County's Agent for AZ DEMA- Finance**

Approve to designate Terry Krukemyer, Finance Director, as the County's Agent for AZ DEMA.

- f. **Adopt Resolution 2020-10 canceling all Precinct Committeeman races, for the August 4, 2020, Primary Election and appointing candidates who filed, pursuant to A.R.S. §16-410 - Elections**

Approve to adopt Resolution 2020-10 canceling all Precinct Committeeman races, for the August 4, 2020, Primary Election and appointing candidates who filed, pursuant to A.R.S. §16-41.

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

1. **Approve La Paz County Jail Payroll from May 15, 2020, through May 27, 2020, in the amount of \$51,930.15, plus employer related expenses (ERE) in the amount of \$10,626.64, for a total of \$62,556.69, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

Approve La Paz County Jail Payroll from May 15, 2020, through May 27, 2020, in the amount of \$51,930.15, plus employer related expenses (ERE) in the amount of \$10,626.64, for a total of \$62,556.69, including handwritten warrants.

2. **Approve La Paz County Jail District FY2019/2020 payables, as presented, in the amount of \$517,604.18, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate action.

Supervisor Minor stated that he wished to pull Consent Agenda Items #5(b) and #5(g)2 from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(g), with the exception of items #5(b) and #5(g)2. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

#5(b) Approve La Paz County Payroll, from May 15, 2020, through May 27, 2020, in the amount of \$411,481.32, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$131,823.09, for a total of \$546,152.10 - Finance

Supervisor Minor stated that the amount of payroll needed correction to the amount of \$414,329.01 to come to the correct total.

VICE-CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve the La Paz County Payroll, from May 15, 2020, through May 27, 2020, in the amount of \$414,329.01, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$131,823.09, for a total of \$546,152.10. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

#5(g)2 Approve La Paz County Jail District FY2019/2020 payables, as presented, in the amount of \$517,604.18, including handwritten warrants - Finance

Supervisor Minor stated that the amount of payables needed to be corrected to the amount of \$61,127.97 for the Jail District.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve the La Paz County Jail district FY2019/2022 payables, as presented, in the amount of \$61,127.97, including handwritten warrants. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

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

Approve Waiver of Fee for alley abandonment in Block 6 of the Bouse Townsite - Public Works

Right of Way Agent Bennett for Public Works stated that they had received a letter from Bouse Chamber of Commerce along with a petition for abandonment of the alleyway that runs through Block 6 of the Bouse Townsite. She explained that the Bouse Chamber of Commerce had applied for abandonment approximately 20 years ago, after purchasing the property where the historic museum sits, lined up at the edge of the alleyway. She stated that the application was turned into the County, and they thought it was done; however, it was never done; and now, twenty years later the neighboring property owner was doing something and could not come up with the proper recorded documents. She added that the Bouse Chamber of Commerce asked that the County waive the \$400 fee for the abandonment.

Discussion ensued noting that the process of abandonment would start all over; however, it would only be the fee that would be waived.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to waiver the fee in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400) for the alley abandonment in Block 6 of the Bouse Townsite. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

Approve proposed accounting correction for funding of La Paz County Park Ranger using La Paz County Boat Patrol monies - Finance

Accounting Operations Manager McFarland explained that the accounting on the La Paz County Park Ranger position; the paper accounting, needed to be corrected to reflect it as a Parks operations expenditure and not a Boating Safety operations' expenditure.

He explained that there would be no impact on the County's cash situation; but rather a journal entry correcting the books.

VICE-CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve the Finance Department to transfer \$87,174.21 cash from fund 216, La Paz County Park to fund 423, Boat Patrol - AZGFD to reimburse the Boating fund for salary and employee relate expenditures for the La Paz County Park Chief Ranger. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

Approve Federal Lands Access Program Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Modification #001 of the Federal Lands Access Program Project Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), project AZ FLAP 102(1) Farmers Bridge; and authorize the Chairman to sign the modified agreement - Finance

Accounting Operations Manager McFarland stated that this agreement was a modification of the agreement with the Federal Lands Access Program involving the Farmers Bridge to reflect the Scope of Work associated with the project.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to approve the Federals Lands Access Program Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Modification #001 of the Federal Land Access Program Project Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), project AZ FLAP 102(1); and authorize the Chairman to sign the modified agreement. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Vice-Chairman Wilson.

Discussion and possible action to approve a proposal from All Covered / Konica to provide a new hosted PBX phone system for county offices - Finance

Accounting Operations Manager McFarland explained that, through a consortium, the County has obtained a proposal from All Covered for a new hosted PBX phone system for county offices. He explained that the county is currently contracted with Frontier, which expires on July 27, 2020, after five years, and that the equipment has now become obsolete.

He explained that the new consolidated system would provide a new phone system and reduce costs for the next three to five years.

Ruth Gonzalez, Solutions Architect, representing All Covered/Konica Minolta, gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the system and expenses.

Discussion ensued regarding the type of system being considered, the savings it would initiate, and what departments would have it.

VICE-CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve acceptance of the proposal from All Covered/Konica Minolta to provide a new hosted PBX phone system for county offices in the amount of \$26,768.97 in non-recurring cost and approximately \$5,172.97 per month in recurring costs for a term of 36 months; authorizing the Finance Director to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

Adjournment

Chairman Irwin adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

APPROVED:

/s/ _____
Holly Irwin, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Diane Green, Clerk of the Board

The following La Paz County demands were audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors: #11145544, Arizona Department of Revenue, \$13,477.25; #11145546, Advanced Mechanical Plumbing, \$1,208.56; #11145550, APS, \$1,628.06; #11145552, AT&T Mobility, \$4,038.59; #11145559, Cintas Fas Lockbox 636525, \$1,211.56; #11145576, Horizon Health & Wellness, \$15,300; #11145578, JP Morgan One Card, \$5,365.08; #11145580, La Paz Regional Hospital, \$1,260.51; #11145586, Mainline welding, Inc., \$3,000; #11145588, McKesson Gen. Medical Corp. \$1,585.60; #11145589, Mebulbs Premium Quality Lighting, \$2,754.72; #11145594, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$8,092.16; #11145595, Parker Tree Service, \$5,000; #11145596, Pavement Sealants & Supply Inc., \$3,397.86; #11145597, Pioneer Landscaping Materials, \$2,270.34; #11145600, R & R Products, Inc., \$1,316.55; #11145601, Ragnasoft, Inc., \$1,350; #11145602, Redburn Tire Company, \$1,627.32; #11145609, Ruffner Law PLLC, \$13,076.25; #11145613, Shaffer Welding, \$7,850; #11145616, Snap On Tools, \$9,023.26; #11145617, Suddenlink B2B, \$4,400; #11145618, T & C Seal Coating, Inc., \$74,876.17; #11145619, TDS Telecom, \$1,709.93; #11145620, The Masters Touch, LLC, \$1,441.86; #11145623, Trinity Services Group, Inc., \$5,256.33; #11145624, Tyler Technologies, \$1,644; #11145625, United Truck and Equipment, \$7,186.97; #11145627, Verizon Wireless, \$1,180.68; #11145628, White Sheet Free Shopping Guide, \$1,060.82; #11145632, Allied Waste Services #527, \$50,000; #11145633, AZ Counties Insurance Pool, \$2,305; #11145634, AZ Supreme Court, \$3,600; #11145635, Burgoz Landscaping, \$3,000; #11145638, Chris Sexton, \$2,200; #11145642, Konica Minolta Bus. Solutions, \$13,176.97; #11145643, Mainline Welding, Inc., \$3,000; #11145644, MCI, \$1,504.73; #11145648, Rosenfeld, Gust, PLC, \$10,030.60; #11145650, Sunedison c/o DG Solar Lease, \$3,687.83; #11145654, Whitney & Whitney, PLLC, \$5,030.