

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monday, July 15, 2019, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the July 15, 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 was not present), Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley, Finance Director Krukemyer, Assessor Camacho, IT Tech Lucas, Elections Director Scholl, Human Resource Director Frantz, Community Development Director McCormick, Shop Supervisor Braska, County Attorney Rogers and Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Pastor Jose Garcia of the Parker Apostolic Church.

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)

Supervisor Irwin reported an update to HB2467, regarding the West Basin Water Users Committee formation, stating that it will begin meeting in August and she has been appointed to that committee; and noted another group on groundwater issues would be meeting on July 23, 2019, and she has requested to be a part of that committee also.

Supervisor Wilson announced that County Administrator Drake was on vacation this week traveling.

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

**5(a) Approval of Minutes of the Monday, July 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting – Clerk of the Board**

Approve the Minutes of the Monday, July 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

**5(b) Approval of the La Paz County Payroll, from June 9, 2019, through June 22, 2019, at a gross salary of \$412,898.75; employee related expenses (ERE) at \$115,372.83; at a total of 528,271.58 – Finance**

Approve the La Paz County Payroll, from June 9, 2019, through June 22, 2019, at a gross salary of \$412,898.75; employee related expenses (ERE) at \$115,372.83; at a total of \$528,271.58.

**5(c) Approval of the La Paz County Payables through August 15, 2019; FY2019 at \$133,008.58; and FY2020 at \$194,903.29, for a total of \$350,381.37 – Finance**

Approve the La Paz County Payables through August 15, 2019; FY2019 at \$133,008.58; and FY2020 at \$194,903.29, for a total of \$350,381.37.

**5(d) Approve the Updated Delegation Agreement with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), extending the agreement until June 2024 – Community Development**

Approve the Community Development Updated Delegation Agreement with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), extending the agreement until June 2024.

**5(e) Approve Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Grant Agreement DC-20-008, for salary and fringe benefits, in the amount of \$73,643, retroactive to July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 – Sheriff**

Approve Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Grant Agreement DC-20-008, for salary and fringe benefits, in the amount of \$73,643, retroactive to July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

**5(f) Approve City of Tucson High Intensity Drug Traffic Area (HIDTA) Grant Agreement No. HT-19-2905, for facility expenses in the amount of \$4,580; retroactive to January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020 – Sheriff**

Approve City of Tucson High Intensity Drug Traffic Area (HIDTA) Grant Agreement No. HT-19-2905, for facility expenses in the amount of \$4,580; retroactive to January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.

**5(g) Approve Arizona Auto Theft Authority FY2020 Vertical Prosecutive Grant Agreement in the amount of \$119,714, retroactive to July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 – County Attorney**

Approve Arizona Auto Theft Authority FY2020 Vertical Prosecutive Grant Agreement in the amount of \$119,714, retroactive to July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

**5(h) Approve Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control FY2020 Cycle 33 Award, CD-20-026, in the amount of \$70,426, requiring a match of \$17,607, funded from the County Attorney RICO Sub Account, retroactive to July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 – County Attorney**

Approve Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control FY2020 Cycle 33 Award, CD-20-026, in the amount of \$70,426, requiring a match of \$17,607, funded from the County Attorney RICO Sub Account, retroactive to July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

***5(i) Sitting as the Jail District Board of Directors:***

**1) Approval of Jail District Payroll, from June 9, 2019, through June 22, 2019, gross salary at \$63,045.86; employee related expenses (ERE) at \$10,494.81, at a total of \$73,540.67 – Finance**

Approve the Jail District Payroll, from June 9, 2019, through June 22, 2019, gross salary at \$63,045.86; employee related expenses (ERE) at \$10,494.81, at a total of \$73,540.67.

**2) Approval of Jail District Payables through July 29, 2019; FY2019 at \$25,050.78, and FY2020 at \$18,904.22, for a total of \$43,955 – Finance**

Approve the Jail District Payables through July 29, 2019; FY2019 at \$25,050.78, and FY2020 at \$18,904.22, for a total of \$43,955.

**3) Approve appointment of four (4) uncertified Detention Officers, all vacant and budgeted positions (Replacement)**

Approve to appoint Angela Guzman, Melina Santos, Joseph Allor, and the transfer of Yoana Mendoza from Dispatch, to the position of uncertified Detention Officers, effective July 16, 2019, at annual salaries of \$32,319.81 (LO2, Step 1), increasing to \$33,019.10 (LO2, Step 2), requiring successful completion and certification of an Arizona Detention Academy within one year; and a six-month County probationary period, with an additional six-month probation for the Sheriff's Office.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(i)(1,2,3). Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously including the vote by Chairman Minor.

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

**Discussion and possible action on Docket No. FP2019-002, Fisher's Landing Inc./Valhalla, APN: 311-47-004M, requesting a Final Plat for the purpose of developing 40 lots for a new subdivision, located at 31995 Rio Vista Road, in Parker – Community Development (Continued from the June 17, 2019, regular meeting)**

Chairman Minor stated that this item was continued to this meeting; however, Community Development reported that the project engineer requested a further continuance, to the August 19, 2019, regular meeting. He added that acquiring an updated financial surety agreement would most likely be needed, and the project estimates are anticipated to change due to the ownership change of the water company.

Chairman Minor concluded that this item could be tabled until such time it was ready to come before the Board for a date certain.

**SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED** to table Docket No. FP2019-002, Fisher's Landing Inc./Valhalla, APN: 311-47-004M, requesting a Final Plat for the purpose of developing 40 lots for a new subdivision, located at 31995 Rio Vista Road, in Parker. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Discussion and possible action on Docket No. FP2019-001, Ronald Wessman/Rio Vista Estates, APN: 311-47-003P, requesting a Final Plat for the purpose of developing 41 lots for a new subdivision, located East of Rio Vista/South of SR95, 31455 Rio Vista Road, in Parker – Community Development. (Continued from the June 17, 2019, regular meeting)**

Community Development Director McCormick stated that this item had the same situation, requesting to table.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to table Docket No. FP2019-001, Ronald Wessman/Rio Vista Estates, APN: 311-47-003P, requesting a Final Plat for the purpose of developing 41 lots for a new subdivision, located East of Rio Vista/South of SR95, 31455 Rio Vista Road, in Parker. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Board of Supervisors. (Continued from the July 1, 2019 regular meeting)**

Chairman Minor stated that this item was continued from the July 1, 2019, meeting to discuss the term and termination of the agreement. He added that the document was actually a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), (regarding the cleanup of River View, aka Sandy Beach).

Supervisor Irwin, reiterating from the previous meeting, stated that it was the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) responsibility to take care of "their land"; whereas, the County's Parks Department is short-staffed. She added that she has asked BLM to clean it up when it was needed, and she had no problems with them getting that done.

Supervisor Wilson concurred, stating that BLM was not taking care of the land as they should be, noting that he appreciated the work Chairman Minor has done on the agreement. He added that he would like to see the time monitored to see how much time and money the County was expending on maintaining the area.

**CHAIRMAN MINOR MOVED** to approve Memorandum of Agreement with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as presented, effective upon the signatures of both parties (regarding the area known as River View, aka Sandy Beach). Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed by a vote of two to one, with Supervisor Irwin voting nay.

**Approve job proposals for the sewer connection at Pirate's Den, park concessionaire – La Paz County Park**

Finance Director Krukemyer stated that this project was part of the Buckskin Sanitary District's sewer project, which Pirate's Den, the concessionaire, would be connected, referring to the proposals presented in the Board's packet of information.

Chairman Minor stated that he requested that he be included in the meetings on this; however, he felt that has not happened and he has not had any direct input in the project.

Finance Director Krukemyer stated that the County is paying for the infrastructure of this sewer project and the current concessionaire is not providing any capital for this project. He explained it is a County project and would be owned by the County.

Supervisor Wilson noted that, although portions of the Atkins invoice did not belong to this project and other costs needed to be included, he felt the "bottom line" number would work out.

Finance Director Krukemyer added that those costs have been budgeted in the Parks Department budget.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve the four quotes received for commencing the sewer connection at Pirate's Den from Arizona Public Service Company (APS), J & S Electric, LLC, Atkins North America, Inc., and Mike's Contracting, Inc., for a total amount of \$82,735.96. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin.

Chairman Minor agreed upon the work to be done; however, questioned the amount of money it cost to put in a "backup pipe".

Finance Director Krukemyer explained that the process would offer a second pipe while getting rid of an obstruction in original pipe, and would be a “forced” process, not just gravity.

Supervisor Wilson explained that he felt that having a “clean” pipe for the forced main without “T’s” and “cleanouts” is less likely to clog; saving the significant costs of numerous “cleanouts” that would possibly be needed due to the length of piping, and “a reasonable contingency in the event of a plug in the first pipe”.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Approve publication of a public hearing date of October 7, 2019, for the Public Works Department for consideration of an easement exchange in Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Gila & Salt River Meridian and in the general area of Balliett Road at Harcuvar – Public Works**

Rights of Way Agent Bennett requested approval to advertise a public hearing for a possible exchange of easement in the Harcuvar area, at Balliett Road, south of the solar development. She explained that the request is to exchange unimproved easements for ones that give straighter access to the north, towards the solar development. She added that the public hearing would be scheduled for an October date after the required days of notification and posting.

**SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED** to approve publication of a public hearing date of October 7, 2019, for the Public Works Department for consideration of an easement exchange in Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Gila & Salt River Meridian and in the general area of Balliett Road at Harcuvar. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Approve Karpel Solutions caseload management software and support services for the County Attorney and the Public Defender offices – County Attorney/Public Defender**

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley explained that he and Public Defender Higgs talked to a number of legal software providers and chose Karpel Solutions which will allow their offices to better track cases and send “discovery” information, “bringing the law practice into this century”; providing the most at the best cost.

He added that grant funds have been identified in their offices that would take care of the expense.

Public Defender Higgs reiterated that the funds for this system would also be coming out of one of his grants. He added that it includes functions that they would also be able to use in the future, extending its usefulness.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve Karpel Solutions for both Prosecutor by Karpel for the La Paz County Attorney’s office (LPCAO) and Karpel for Defender for the La Paz County Public Defender’s office (LPCPDO); cost of \$83,625 with annual support services of \$11,925 for LPCAO; and cost of \$33,650 with annual support services of \$6,500 for LPCPDO; authorizing Chairman Minor to sign the agreements. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Approve submittal of a legislative proposal to the County Supervisors Association relating to the funding of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) – Finance**

Finance Director Krukemyer thanked Supervisor Wilson for his work on this topic upon his proposal for an idea that could help the County deal with the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) employer fees the County has to pay; “killing our budget” now and going forward.

He stated that it would involve initiating an excise tax. He added that currently the costs are being borne by the taxpayers through the General Fund and the proposal, which would be sent to the Legislators, is that it would also receive funds through a tax paid by outside visitors.

Supervisor Wilson gave credit to Finance Director Krukemyer for “planting the seed”. He stated that the PSPRS “normal” contribution by the County for Sheriff Department personnel was approximately 12%; however, that cost has escalated dramatically to approximately 75% of each certified deputy’s salary into the program for the “unfunded liability” incurred by years of poor performance. He stated that the unfunded liability for the La Paz County account is “in the hole” at \$12 million. He added that the projection for the next ten years would be that the County’s contribution rate as an employer will remain in the mid-seventies and could go as high as 90% in the next few years, and tax payers and residents are already paying this. He felt that the excise tax would be a way our winter visitors and tourists can contribute to the cost of law enforcement.

He asked that the Board approve this submittal to the County Supervisors Association Legislative Summit; and if supported, it would go through the channels for sponsors and running the bill through the Legislature. He noted that if that was accomplished, it would not be effective until August of 2020, and the new tax would not be collectible until January 2021.

Supervisor Wilson’s projection on the costs note that, after eight or nine years, the County would be back to the 12% range, and when adequately funded, the sales tax would go away. He added that these funds would not go to the County, but directly go to the State Treasurer for credit against the account.

Chairman Minor clarified that the “poor performance of the fund” noted by Supervisor Wilson is to be understood at being at the State level; and given to the counties to figure out.

Discussion ensued noting that the Yakima judgement tax would be paid off in approximately three years, and as the County's taxing ability cannot exceed 1.5%; the percentages needed could be used when that is paid off.

Chairman Minor stated that he appreciated the work to address this issue, adding that he would support it, giving the County another option to address it.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve submittal to the County Supervisors Association by La Paz County of the 2020 Legislative Proposal regarding Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) funding using excise tax revenues. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Approve installation proposal from SecureTech System Inc., for wireless alarm buttons and strobe lights for County departments that do not have an alarm system – Finance**

Finance Director Krukemyer stated that a need had been "voiced" to have alarm buttons in various offices. He explained the system would be an alarm button with strobe lights that would go off throughout the County complex except from where it originated. He added that some offices would be using equipment that is already in place; with a signal that would go over the radio, to Dispatch to respond; and firewalls would be added by All Covered at a cost of \$2,500. The system requires an annual fee of \$325.00. These amounts would be additional to the installation of the alarms.

Discussion ensued noting that with the amounts mentioned, in addition to the system installment by SecureTech System, Inc., the first-year fee would be approximately \$21,000 plus taxes and included in the Facilities Maintenance budget.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve the quote from SecureTech Systems, Inc., for \$18,220 plus taxes for a security system; authorizing \$2,500 to All Covered for a firewall and an annual radio maintenance fee of \$325. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Duce Minor, Chairman

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Diane Green, Clerk of the Board



**The following La Paz County demands have been audited, approve and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors:** #11140393, AZ Supreme Court, \$4,900; #11140396, Cintas Fire, \$1,516.73; #11140398, Coin & Professional Equipment, \$6,144.23; #11140404, Fulton Distributing, \$1,160.49; #11140405, Gloria Eagle, PA-C, \$2,312.50; #11140409, JBS Roofing Co., \$33,269; #11140410, Johnstone Supply, \$4,634.18; #11140412, JP Morgan One Card, \$16,350.99; #11140418, LR Anderson, LLC, \$1,580; #11140429, Precision Striping, Inc., \$17,062; #11140431, Reddy Ice, \$1,001.12; #11140433, Rideout Law PLLC, \$8,981.18; #11140435, River Septic, \$1,622; #11140436, Laurence Schiff, M. .D., \$2,325; #11140437, Marion Shontz, \$1,804.91; #11140442, TAMCO, \$2,837.24; #11140445, The Healing Journey, \$1,095; #11140446, Thomas Reuters-West, \$1,327.82; #11140448, Tri-State Reporting, \$2,046; #11140449, Trinity Services Group, Inc., \$12,702.07; #11140451, Vederman Law Office, PLLC, \$4,133.50; #11140459, Bankcard Center, \$1,527.88; #11140460, Barbara Clark, \$1,0000; #11140464, La Paz County Sheriff's Office, \$2,226.69; #11140475, West Payment Center, \$1,314.06; #11140477, All Covered, \$12,133.65; #11140484, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$13,655.10; #11140492, Public Safety Retirement, \$85,205.53; #11140493, Abbey Stubbs & Ford LLC, \$12,500; #11140504, Follett School Solutions, Inc., \$2,163; #11140510, IWORQ Systems, \$5,940; #11140512, Mil Geospacial, LLC, \$1,062.50; #11140513, Town of Parker, \$2,037.36; #11140514, Pioneer Title Agency, Inc., \$1,450; #11140518, Sirchie Finger Print Labs, \$1,090.17; #11140521, Frontier, \$8,567.82; #11140524, Sudden Link, \$4,837.08; #11140543, Nationwide Retirement Solution, \$5,050.75; #11140544, Nationwide Trust Co. FBO, \$1,288.62; #11140545, Standard Insurance, \$10,461.50.