

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, August 3, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Irwin called the Monday, August 3, 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 Holly Irwin, Vice-Chairman D. L. Wilson, Supervisor Duce Minor, County Administrator Ron Drake, Chief Deputy County Attorney Ryan N. Dooley, Finance Director Terry Krukemyer, Assessor Ana Camacho, Human Resource Mary Frantz, Sheriff William Risen, Parks Director Dave Prefling, Superior Court Clerk Spielman and Clerk of the Board Diane Green.

Chairman Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Pastor Julian Barbara of the Calvary Christian Fellowship.

Presentation: Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award for July, 2020

County Attorney Office Administrator Yvette Echandt-Mott, on behalf of Employee of the Month Chairman Dorothy Fenech, recognized Juliana Bowman, Executive Assistant, with the Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award for July 2020, along with 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)

Vice-Chairman Wilson announced to the public that census workers would now be going door to door to take the census and encouraged everyone that had not yet gone online to "self response", to do so. He added that it would be a more timely and efficient way to conduct the count and help workers that would be going out into the heat of the day.

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

Chairman Irwin stated that Consent Agenda Item #6(d) would be pulled from the list for discussion and separate action.

- a. **Approval of Minutes of the Monday, July 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Regular Meeting; and Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Special Meeting – Clerk of the Board**

Approve Minutes of the Monday, July 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Regular Meeting; and Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Special Meeting.

- b. **Approve La Paz County Payroll, from July 16, 2020, through July 29, 2020, in the amount of \$413,879.18, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$247,007.66, for a total of \$660,886.84 - Finance**

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- c. **Approve La Paz County payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$674,416.37 - Finance**

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- d. **Approve to appoint the position of Accountant for the Finance Department, a vacant and budgeted position - Finance**

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

- e. **Approve to appoint the position of Legal Assistant for the Public Defender, a vacant and budgeted position - Public Defender**

Approve to appoint Stephanie Rodriguez to the position of Legal Assistant for the Public Defender, effective August 4, 2020, at an annual salary of \$31,574.40 (NE042, Step 3), a vacant and budgeted position.

- f. **Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Quartzsite Elementary School District No. 4 for election services for the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020 - Elections**

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- g. **Approve proposal for a permissive excise tax up to 0.5% approved by Board of Supervisors for funding of Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) unfunded liabilities to be submitted to the County Supervisors Association as a County proposal for consideration on their legislative agenda for 2021 - Board of Supervisors**

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h. Accept drainage easement located in Keller Retirement Community Unit 2, Salome - *Public Works*

Accept drainage easement from property owners Erik and Susan E. Dewar located in Keller Retirement Community Unit 2, Salome.

i. Approval of amendment to Farmer's Bridge Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) increasing the County shared requirement - *Finance*

Approval of amendment to Farmer's Bridge Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) increasing the County shared requirement from \$94,420.33 to \$101,661.

j. Approve to ratify the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Grant Agreement DC021-008 for Salary and Fringe Benefits, in the amount of \$73,643.00; retroactive to July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021- *Sheriff*

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k. Approve Elections Department to apply for the AZVote Safe Program COVID-19 Election Grant - *Elections*

Approve Elections Department to apply for the AZVote Safe Program COVID-19 Election Grant in the amount of \$109,498.

l. Approve Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the United States Border Patrol, Yuma Sector and the La Paz County Sheriff's Office - *Sheriff*

Approve Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the United States Border Patrol, Yuma Sector and the La Paz County Sheriff's Office, adding the participation of the Border Patrol to assist the day-to-day operations of the La Paz County Narcotics Task Force.

m. Approve to ratify letter to the US Secretary of the Interior regarding the Building and Rebuilding Monuments to American Heroes Task Force - *Board of Supervisors*

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- n. **Approve letter to Arizona Game & Fish supporting a grant on behalf of the Bouse Hills Muzzleloaders - Board of Supervisors**

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- o. **Approve to adopt Resolution No. 2020-12, designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General - Board of Supervisors**

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

1. **Approve La Paz County Jail Payroll from July 16, 2020, through July 29, 2020, in the amount of \$54,651.86, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$33,649.66, for a total of \$88,301.52, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

Approve La Paz County Jail Payroll from July 16, 2020, through July 29, 2020, in the amount of \$54,651.86, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$33,649.66, for a total of \$88,301.52, including handwritten warrants.

2. **Approve La Paz County Jail District payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$66,628.55, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

Approve La Paz County Jail District payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$66,628.55, including handwritten warrants.

VICE-CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(p), with the exception of item #6(d). Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

#6(d) Approve to appoint the position of Accountant for the Finance Department, a vacant and budgeted position - Finance

Finance Director Krukemyer introduced Karen Allpress, candidate for the Accountant position in his office. He stated that she is a new resident of La Paz County and is an experienced accountant and familiar with government accounting. He stated that he felt she would be a tremendous asset to his office.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve the appointment of Karen Allpress to the position of Accountant for the Finance Department, effective August 3, 2020, at an annual salary of \$56,888 (E043, Step 9), a vacant and budgeted position. 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 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arizona State University (ASU) to provide lab testing for COVID-19; authorizing the Health Director to sign the agreement - *Health*

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Bachman requested approval of an agreement with Arizona State University (ASU) that would allow for a quicker turn around of lab results from the saliva testing done by the Health Department, with only the cost of transportation of the specimens to ASU, which would be paid by the funds granted by the state to the Health Department for COVID-19 testing.

He explained that this testing is much simpler than previous ones and available to the public at different locations in the County that would be set up for the public to come to for testing.

He added that the number of COVID-19 positive testings have greatly reduced in the County.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arizona State University (ASU) to provide lab testing for COVID-19; authorizing the Health Director to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

Approve selling 2 vehicles and 1 trailer to the Friends of the Food Bank, a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit for one (\$1.00) dollar - *County Attorney*

Chief Deputy County Attorney explained that these vehicles are requested to be sold to the Friends of the Food Bank since they use them, and would be maintained by them instead of the County. He added that these vehicles qualify to be sold for less than fair market value; however, it would have to be voted on unanimously by the Board.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve selling 2 vehicles and 1 trailer to the Friends of the Food Bank, a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit for one (\$1.00) dollar (as presented). Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

Chairman Irwin interjected that she would return to **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** as Elections Director Scholl wished to comment on that portion of the meeting.

Elections Director Scholl presented Linda Smith, Election Assistant; who would be retiring from her position within the week; with a plaque for her many years of service to the County and the Elections Department.

Discussion and possible action to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)&(4), for legal advice from the public body's attorney(s) in order to consider its position regarding the contract with ADP - *Board of Supervisors*

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)&(4), for legal advice from the public body's attorney(s) in order to consider its position regarding the contract with ADP. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Supervisor Minor.

Convene into Executive Session: 10:20 a.m.

Reconvene into Open Meeting: 12:10 p.m.

Discussion and possible action to authorize attorney(s) and/or staff to take direction as instructed in Executive Session - *Board of Supervisors*

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to approve to authorize attorney(s) and/or staff to take direction as instructed in Executive Session regarding the contract with ADP. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Vice-Chairman Wilson.

Adjournment

Chairman Irwin adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

APPROVED:

Holly Irwin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Diane Green, Clerk of the Board

The following La Paz County Board demands were audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors: #11146409, Strategic Management Group, \$14,205.75; #11146411, Nationwide Trust Co., FBO NRS, \$9,256; #11146413, All Covered, \$4,694.19; #11146416, Atkins North America, Inc., \$4,515; #11146420, Colorado River Funeral, \$2,575; #11146425, Fulton Distributing, \$1,591.32; #11146427, Growers Oil Company, \$1,360.36; #11146428, JP Morgan One Card, \$4,524.16; #11146432, Mil Geospatial, LLC, \$3,006.45; #11146434, Painters Warehouse, \$1,018.97; #11146440, Ruffner Law PLLC, \$18,635; #11146443, Town of Quartzsite, \$1,885.57; #11146444, Vederman Law Office, PLLC, \$7,380; #11146445, Verizon, \$1,793.72; #11146447, Whitney & Whitney, PLLC, \$5,280; #11146449, La Paz County, \$410,098.41; #11146465, County Supervisors Assoc., \$56,031; #11146469, Dorn Policy Group, Inc., \$3,000; #11146470, Empire Southwest, \$2,527.50; #11146471, Exhibitone, \$6,218.04; #11146475, Horizon Health & Wellness, \$19,800; #11146482, Nationwide Retirement Solution, \$4,780; #11146483, Matthew G. Newman, \$1,134.84; #11146485, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$10,809.42; #11146488, Reddy Ice, \$1,146.90; #11146501, TDS Telecom, \$1,293.99; #11146505, Brandon Jaramillo, \$3,000; #11146506, American Family Life Assurance, \$2,803.73; #11146510, CORP-AOC; \$4,589.79; #11146512, Elected Officials Retirement, \$21,911.57; #11146518, Public Safety Retirement, \$59,897.43; #11146519, RCI Technologies, Inc., \$19,250; #11146521, TAMCO, \$2,476.94; #11146525, AZLGEBT, \$212,348.51; #11146531, Emerald Canyon-Petty Cash; \$1,626.47; #11146532, Empire Southwest, \$3,659.60; #11146538, Investigative Professional Services, \$1,050; #11146540, JP Morgan One Card, \$3,863.65; #11146546, Motorola Solutions, \$25,411.93; #11146553, Reddy Ice, \$1,037.62; #11146555, Laurence Schiff, MD, \$1,775; #11146558, Simpson Norton Corp., \$5,299.70; #11146565, Trinity Services Group, Inc., \$4,955.36583, 7; #11146566, United States Postal Service, \$1,500; #11146567, Universal Police Supply Co., \$2,589.02; #11146568, West Payment Center, \$1,833.72; #11146572, Election Systems & Software, \$54,963.45; #11146573, Jones, Skelton & Hochulik \$14,438.50; #11146575, MCI, \$1,557.04; #11146577, Servpro, \$1,341.62; #11146579, Timekeeping System, Inc., \$1,406.45; #11146580, Tyler Technologies, \$1,406.45; #11146583, Karen Ziegler, \$9,975; #11146584, AHCCCS State Treasurer, \$17,675.