

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, September 17, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the September 17, 2018, 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, County Attorney Rogers, Health Director Shontz, Public Works Director Simmons, Shop Director Braska, Finance Director Krukemyer, Sheriff Risen, Treasurer Castro, Assessor Camacho, Community Development Administrator Yackley, School Superintendent Pierce, Elections Director Scholl, Superior Court Clerk Spielman, Animal Control Officer Ramos, Acting Public Defender Higgs, Golf Professional Benton; and Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

Presentation: “Sandy Dodge Excellence Award”

Dorothy Fenech, Safety Committee Chairman, recognized Tiffany Dyer, Parker Justice Court Clerk, with the July 2018, Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award, along with a \$25 gift certificate to Walmart.

Call to the Public: This is the time for the public to comment. 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

Chairman Minor introduced Deanna Pflregar, Wildlife Manager Supervisor of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, who wished to speak and make a presentation.

Ms. Pflregar stated that she was present to express appreciation to the County, specifically, the Public Works Director, Tom Simmons, and his staff for their support over the past year. She stated that the Public Works Department has always been responsive and helpful when called upon for assistance and noted several incidences throughout 2017 in which Public Works responded and took the initiative to clear areas, such as roads for hunters, and trails in the Arizona Peace Trail; and provided flood signs for public safety during the Bill Williams flood event. Additionally, Public Works offered Fish & Game a much more proficient source of water in the 4,000-gallon tank of water provided for sheep in an area, which made “quick work” to the task Fish and Game was attempting to accomplish.

She stated that it is actions like these that make for good partnerships between the entities, and she thanked the Public Works Department for their support this past year and looked forward to their continued partnership. She presented a certificate to the Board and Public Works Director Simmons.

Ms. Pflieger introduced the new Regional Supervisor from Yuma, Michael Sumner, who reiterated appreciation for the type of partnership experienced with La Paz County for future projects such as the development of the park in Cibola.

George Nault stated that he had yet to receive information that he had requested approximately four months ago.

Finance Director Krukemyer stated that the information Mr. Nault had requested is completed; however, it has gone to the Human Resources Department, whose director is out at this time, for review in that Department. He assured the Board that Mr. Nault should receive the personnel information he requested shortly.

Chairman Minor assured Mr. Nault and the public that there was nothing being hidden; the County receives numerous requests for information regularly and have no issues; however, it is important that the requests for information be articulated very specifically as some requests are too general in nature to response to, and the work that goes into it can be very burdensome.

Sheriff Risen gave a brief report on Operation Stone Garden, noting that the Sheriff's Department had received over \$160,000 in those grants as participants for overtime, mileage reimbursement and equipment.

David Pinal and Richard Stever from Salome expressed concern with the liquor license application submitted by Dollar General over what would be added competition for business in the Salome area, and the added trash and contribution to drinking the establishment would bring.

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 announced that the worksession planned this afternoon had been cancelled due to the absence of the Human Resource Director, who would not be able to make her presentation due to laryngitis.

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

County Administrator Drake presented for approval Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(m).

6(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

6(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve August 19, 2018, through September 1, 2018, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$371,716.10, plus employer benefit contributions of \$99,436.31, for a total of \$471,152.41, including handwritten warrants.

6(c) Approval of Demands

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY2018/2019, in the amount of \$312,940.989, including handwritten warrants.

6(d) Approve to appoint members to the La Paz County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission – Board of Supervisors

Approve to appoint the following to the La Paz County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: Brandon Kilgore, effective September 17, 2018, to December 31, 2022; Lisa Whittier, effective September 17, 2018 to December 31, 2020; Cherie Murphy, effective September 17, 2018 to December 31, 2022; Bonnie Powell, effective September 17, 2018 to December 31, 2020; and reappoint Sharon Rubin, effective September 17, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

6(e) Approve to accept the resignations of two (2) Mohave/La Paz Workforce Development Board Members – Board of Supervisors

Approve to accept the resignations of Mohave/La Paz Workforce Development Board Members Gary Sargent, Trainco Inc., Manager, 4-year term (business sector); and Bennett Bratley, Director of Economic Development for Mohave County, 4-year term (government, economic and Community Development sector).

6(f) Approve to appoint the position of Account Clerk for the Treasurer, a vacant budgeted position – Treasurer

Approve to appoint Rhonda Cook to the position of Account Clerk for the Treasurer, a vacant budgeted position, effective October 2, 2018, at an annual salary of \$28,801.57 (NE003, Step 6), a vacant, budgeted position.

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

Approve to appoint Ryan N. Dooley to the position of Civil Deputy County Attorney III, effective September 18, 2018, at an annual salary of \$85,530.60 (E018, Step 13), a vacant budgeted position.

6(h) Approve to appoint the position of Legal Assistant I for the Public Defender, a vacant budgeted position – Public Defender (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Deborah Dye to the position of Legal Assistant I to the Public Defender, effective September 18, 2018, at an annual salary of \$29,741.23 (NE042, Step 1), a vacant budgeted position.

6(i) Approve the retroactive salary adjustment payment to the Salome Justice Court Judge for calendar years 2016 and 2017 – Finance

Approve the retroactive salary adjustment payment to the Salome Justice Court Judge for calendar years 2016 and 2017 in the amount of \$29,000.

6(j) Approve the Clerk of the Board's attendance to the County Supervisors Association Annual Legislative Policy Summit and the Arizona County Clerks Association (ACCA) business meeting, on October 4-5, 2018, in Yuma – Board of Supervisors

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6(k) Approve the Western Arizona Council of Governments Services Contract, providing a Program Manager for the HOME/Housing Trust Fund grants management, for the La Paz County Housing Project – Board of Supervisors

Approve the Western Arizona Council of Governments Services Contract, providing a Program Manager for the HOME/Housing Trust Fund grants management, for the La Paz County Housing Project.

6(l) Approve recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for Special Event License submitted by Lynnda Sweeney on behalf of the Soroptimist International of Parker for a fundraiser at the La Paz County Park, 7350 Riverside Drive, in Parker – Board of Supervisors

Recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for Special Event License submitted by Lynnda Sweeney on behalf of the Soroptimist International of Parker for a fundraiser at the La Paz County Park, 7350 Riverside Drive, in Parker.

6(m) Approve to reappoint members to the La Paz County Personnel Appeals Board –Board of Supervisors

Approve to reappoint John Yarbrough and Arthur Dobson to the La Paz County Personnel Appeals Board, terms to expire February 5, 2022.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(m). Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Chairman Minor recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:19 a.m.

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

County Administrator Drake presented for approval the Jail District Consent Agenda Items #7(a) and #7(b).

7(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll

Approve August 19, 2018, through September 1, 2018, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$51,530.17, plus employer benefit contributions of \$10,311.12, for a total of \$61,841.39, including handwritten warrants.

7(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY2018/2019, in the amount of \$27,237.20, including handwritten warrants.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve the Jail District Consent Agenda Items #7(a) and #7(b). Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Chairman Minor recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:20 a.m.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 2018-38, a resolution to promote and support the Walking Shield-OneSight Eye Clinic at the Colorado River Indian Tribes – Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Wilson gave credit to County Attorney Rogers for giving him information on Walking Shield-OneSight Eye Clinic, a nonprofit organization, at the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT). He stated that CRIT was bringing this clinic to the County and has committed funding and expanding it beyond the reservation for youth and the elderly. He expressed that it was a very worthy project.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2018-38, a resolution to promote and support the Walking Shield-OneSight Eye Clinic, a nonprofit organization, at the Colorado River Indian Tribes. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Adopt Resolution No. 2018-39, authorizing the La Paz County Treasurer to collect and disburse the property taxes for FY2018/2019 – Board of Supervisors

Chairman Minor explained that the resolution before the Board requesting to be adopted was a “housekeeping” item which needed to be incorporated into the taxation process as required.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2018-39, authorizing the La Paz County Treasurer to collect and disburse the property taxes for FY2018/2019. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Discussion and possible action for recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a new license application #26626, for a Series 10, Beer & Wine Store, submitted by Darren Paul Jones for DG Retail, LLC dba Dollar General Store #19422, located at 67102 Salome Road, in Salome – Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board Green stated that the application received by the State was posted by the Sheriff’s Department for the required number of days; reviews received by various departments indicated there were no issues; and no comments were received for or against the application other than the comments that were made earlier at Call to the Public.

She stated that the Board of Supervisors were tasked only with a recommendation and had no authority to approve or deny a liquor license. She added that if the Board recommended denial of a license, the State could call a hearing in which the Board and others would be free to attend to support that decision; however; it was up to the State to decide if the reasons were valid enough to refuse an applicant a license.

Supervisor Irwin told of her past experiences as a citizen, having objected to the issuance of a liquor license. She stated that the reasons did not seem to matter to the State that the Board of Supervisors recommended denial; the State approved the application.

She added that she took in consideration the concerns of those in the area that have lived there for many years and appreciated their comments.

Supervisor Wilson stated that he understood the competitive issues quite well; noting when Walmart came into Parker and it hurt local businesses and locals needed to provide more in service; however, he felt it was a “consumer education issue”. He stated that dollars spent locally circulated around seven times.

Chairman Minor stated that he also “heard” the concerns and expressed that he was not certain that this process was put in place for the Board to pick the “winner” or “loser” in this situation. He added that there will be those locally that will be working there and receiving a pay check; and he did not see how the Board can “take away from one on behalf of the other”; instead, the Board’s role was to be sure that the applicant followed the requirements set by the State.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a new license application #26626, for a Series 10, Beer & Wine Store, submitted by Darren Paul Jones for DG Retail, LLC dba Dollar General Store #19422, located at 67102 Salome Road, in Salome. Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed by a vote of two to one with Supervisor Irwin voting nay.

Approve purchase of two (2) Ford F150 pickups and two (2) Ford F250 pickups and one (1) Ford Expedition from State Contract #ADSP014-063240 and #ADSP017-166123, funded by Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF), a budgeted item – Public Works

Public Works Director Simmons requested approval of the purchase of two (2) Ford F150 pickups and two (2) Ford F250 pickups and one (1) Ford Expedition from State Contract #ADSP014-063240 and #ADSP017-166123, from Parker Motor Company, funded by Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF), a budgeted item.

Supervisor Wilson thanked Director Simmons for his efforts to resolve the issue of shopping outside the local area that was addressed at a previous meeting.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve purchase of two (2) Ford F150 pickups and two (2) Ford F250 pickups and one (1) Ford Expedition from State Contract #ADSP014-063240 and #ADSP017-166123, from Parker Motor Company, funded by Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF), a budgeted item not to exceed \$200,000. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

