

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, September 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Irwin called the September 21, 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 County Deputy Attorney Ryan Dooley, Finance Director Terry Krukemyer, Golf Professional Steve Benton, Human Resources Director Mary Frantz, Community Development Director Tonya Hoogerwerf, Sheriff Bill Risen, and Clerk of the Board Diane Green.

Chairman Irwin 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

George Nault, from Bouse, expressed that he wanted to know how much money the Parks Department made from the entry charges during a recent boat parade.

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)

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley, on behalf of County Administrator Drake, announced that the Assessor's Office is quarantined for two weeks because of a COVID-19 incident. He added that possibly someone would be there to answer phones.

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

- a. **Approval of Minutes of the Monday, September 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Regular Meeting – Clerk of the Board**

Approve Minutes of the Monday, September 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Regular Meeting.

- b. **Approve La Paz County Payroll, from September 3, 2020, through September 16, 2020, in the amount of \$439,590.33, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$255,114.42, for a total of \$694,704.75- Finance**

Approve La Paz County Payroll, from September 3, 2020, through September 16, 2020, in the amount of \$439,590.33, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$255,114.42, for a total of \$694,704.75.

- c. **Approve La Paz County payables, as presented, for FY2019/2020, in the amount of \$515,557.68 - Finance**

Approve La Paz County payables, as presented, for FY2019/2020, in the amount of \$515,557.68.

- d. **Approve to appoint Michael Hildebrand to the La Paz County Board of Adjustment, effective September 21, 2020, term expiring September 21, 2024; and reappoint Nina Chumley, term expiring July 15, 2022; and Dino Gory, term expiring October 16, 2023 - Community Development**

Approve to appoint Michael Hildebrand to the La Paz County Board of Adjustment, effective September 21, 2020, term expiring September 21, 2024; and reappoint Nina Chumley, term expiring July 15, 2022; and Dino Gory, term expiring October 16, 2023.

- e. **Approve to promote Emerald Canyon Golf Course Ground Foreman to the position of Assistant Greens Superintendent; a vacant and budgeted position - Emerald Canyon Golf Course**

Approve to promote Gustavo Sanchez, Emerald Canyon Golf Course Ground Foreman, to the position of Assistant Greens Superintendent, retroactive to September 13, 2020, at an annual salary of \$47,174.40 (NE0108, Step 4); a vacant and budgeted position.

- f. **Approve to promote Emerald Canyon Golf Course Groundskeeper to the position of Groundskeeper Foreman; a vacant and budgeted position - Emerald Canyon Golf Course**

Approve to promote Julio Cruz, Emerald Canyon Golf Course Groundskeeper, to the position of Groundskeeper Foreman, retroactive to September 13, 2020, at an annual salary of \$38,584 (NE098, Step 1); a vacant and budgeted position.

- g. **Adopt Resolution No. 2020-30, authorizing the La Paz County Treasurer to collect and disburse the property taxes for FY 2020/2021 - Board of Supervisors**

Adopt Resolution No. 2020-30, authorizing the La Paz County Treasurer to collect and disburse the property taxes for FY 2020/2021.

- h. **Approve to ratify Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Hanwha Energy USA Holdings Corporation, a Delaware corporation dba 174 Power Global, effective July 1, 2020 - Board of Supervisors**

Approve to ratify Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Hanwha Energy USA Holdings Corporation, a Delaware corporation dba 174 Power Global, effective July 1, 2020.

i. *Sitting as the Jail District Board of Directors:*

1. **Approve La Paz County Jail Payroll from September 3, 2020, through September 16, 2020, in the amount of \$56,784.56, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$32,846.98, for a total of \$89,631.54, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

Approve La Paz County Jail Payroll from September 3, 2020, through September 16, 2020, in the amount of \$56,784.56, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$32,846.98, for a total of \$89,631.54, including handwritten warrants.

2. **Approve La Paz County Jail District payables, as presented, for FY2019/2020, in the amount of \$515,557.68, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

Approve La Paz County Jail District payables, as presented, for FY2019/2020, in the amount of \$515,557.68, including handwritten warrants.

VICE-CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve Consent Agenda #5(a) through #5(i). Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

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

Authorize the Finance Department to restructure the Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) funds and Federal Asset Sharing Funds; amending the FY21 budget for the affected funds as directed by the La Paz County Drug Task Force Board - Finance

Accounting Operations Manager McFarland explained this item sought to restructure the RICO funds system and the Federal Asset Sharing Funds in order to simplify it yet still be in compliance. He explained the issues and how the Finance office sought to simplify the reporting and accounting.

He added the La Paz County Drug Task Force has agreed to specific modifications of the fund and has directed the Finance Department to amend the FY2021 budget for the affected funds.

Discussion ensued regarding a concern over the tracking ability and approval required by the County Attorney's office and final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley explained that nothing suggested changed the oversight from the County Attorney's office; the checks and balances were still in place.

Accounting Operations Manager McFarland explained the journal entry confusion that existed and the process the Sheriff's Department had in place.

Vice-Chairman Wilson noted that the reports in the past were not always accurate.

Accounting Operations Manager McFarland answered that Karen Ziegler, their current consultant on these funds, was "ok" with the recommendations.

Finance Director Krukemeyer added that the changes in the system would provide clarity.

SUPERVISOR MINOR MOVED to approve to authorize the Finance Department to restructure the Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) funds and Federal Asset Sharing Funds; amending the FY21 budget for the affected funds as directed by the La Paz County Drug Task Force Board. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

Approve adoption of Proclamation No. 2020-31, proclaiming September 2020 as "Fall Prevention Month" on behalf of the Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition Western Chapter - *Board of Supervisors*

Vice-Chairman Wilson stated that the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) on Aging requested this Proclamation, proclaiming September, "Falls Prevention Awareness Month", putting a focus on this issue. He read the proclamation in its entirety.

VICE-CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to adopt Proclamation No. 2020-31, proclaiming September 2020 as "Falls Prevention Month" on behalf of the Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition Western Chapter. Motion seconded by Supervisor Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Irwin.

Approve adoption of Resolution No. 2020-32, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of La Paz County opposing the transfer of 4th Priority Colorado River Water by GSC Farms, LLC to the Town of Queen Creek - *Board of Supervisors*

Chairman Irwin stated that the issue of the transfer of 4th Priority Colorado River Water by GSC Farms, LLC to the Town of Queen Creek had been discussed by the Board previously and this resolution responds to the proposed approval by the Bureau of Reclamation for water rights from the Cibola Irrigation & Drainage District area. She added that she has been working with the neighboring counties, and Mohave County will also follow suit, as well as Yuma County. She read the resolution in its entirety.

Vice-Chairman Wilson stated that the Department of Water Resources "split the baby" on this issue and recommended that approximately half the water be transferred; therefore, suggested a slight revision to the wording in the last paragraph of the resolution to add "any portion" of 2,088-acre feet.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2020-32, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of La Paz County opposing the transfer of 4th Priority Colorado River Water by GSC Farms, LLC to the Town of Queen Creek. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously, including the vote by Supervisor Minor.

Adjournment

Chairman Irwin adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Holly Irwin, Chairman

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: 11147172, Supreme Court, \$20,165.18; #11147174, Dennis Shrewsbury, \$1,386; #11147175, Judith A. Bender, \$7,245; #11147179, Standard Insurance, \$10,333.40; #11147183, Joy Reeves, \$1,942.5; #11147190, AT&T Mobility, \$9,421.72; #11147191, AZ State Retirement Systems, \$84,506.95; #11147203, CNS Bus Forms, \$2,551.08; #11147205, Colorado River Joint Venture, \$1,713.50; #11147209, Destiny Software, Inc., \$5,500; #11147212, Empire Southwest, \$6,784.72; #11147214, Frontier, \$8,716.77; #11147218, J & S Electric, \$22,501; #11147221, JP Morgan One Card, \$29,6777.81; #11147228, Marshall & Swift, \$1,338.08; #11147234, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$8,940.98; #11147239, RCI Technologies, Inc, \$9,250.15; #11147240, Redburn Tire Company, \$5,680.20; #11147241, Reddy Ice, \$1,124.80; #11147242, Rideout Law PLLC, \$4,242; #11147245, Ruffner Law PLLC, \$4,242; #11147249, Simpson Norton Corp., \$5,594.70; #11147254, Texas Refinery Corp., \$1,455.44; #11147257, Vederman Law Office, PLLC. \$10,050; #11147259, Fred Welch, \$13,945; #11147261, White Sheet Free Shopping Guide, \$1,326; #11147262, Whitney & Whitney, PLLC, \$7,339.33; #11147264, Corp-AOC, \$5,023.30; #11147265, Corp Officer Retirement -Detention, \$5,800.65; #11147266, Elected Officials Retirement, \$21,911.58; #11147267, Nationwide Trust Co. FBO NRS EODCRS, \$5,462.70; #11147272, Abbey Stubbs & Ford LLC, \$7,500; #11147273, ADP, LLC, \$5,920.47; #11147275, Arizona Department of Revenue, \$10,904.97; #11147278, Atkins North America, Inc., \$12,092.78; #11147279, AZ Counties Insurance Pool, \$3,473.50; #11147291, Desert Weed Control, \$3,750; #11147294, Elections Systems & Software, \$42,208.16; #11147297, Fulton Distributing, \$3,189.32; #11147300, Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, \$8,088.50; #11147306, Merc & Co., \$1,357.20; #11147321, Rosenfeld, Gust, PLC, \$7,995; #11147325, Laurence Schiff, MC, \$1,775; #11147326, Senergy Petroleum, \$16,004.81; #11147330, Sudden Link, \$8,622.33; #11147331, Titleist, \$1,573.77; #11147334, Trinity Services Group, Inc., \$5,695.98; #11147340, Zumar Industries, Inc., \$1,767.65; #11147341, La Paz County Payroll, \$435,910.54.