

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, January 6, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Wilson called the January 6, 2014, 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 Wilson, Supervisor Clapperton, Supervisor Irwin, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Chief County Attorney Hobbs, Health Director Shontz, Interim Public Works Director Simmons, Superior Court Clerk Spielman, Sheriff Drum, School Superintendent Shelton, Finance Director Hill, Development Services Director Bake and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

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

Presentation: “Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award”

Dorothy Fenech, Safety Committee Chairman, presented Lieutenant Richard Epps with the “Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award” for December 2013, along with a \$25 gift certificate to Walmart.

Presentation: Partnership Opportunity: The Grand Gathering 2014 Quartzsite by Shanana Rain Golden -Bear

Shanana Rain Golden-Bear, Editor/Publisher of the Desert Messenger and Bob Lucas, both representing The Grand Gathering, gave a presentation informing the Board of Quartzsite’s new event, explaining that it is the “world’s largest gathering of grand parents and great grand parents”, featuring town-wide events from March 6 to March 9, 2014, such as concerts by popular music artists, nightly music jams, appearance of the Vietnam Memorial Wall, town-wide yard sales, breakfast, bingo, 5k and 10k walks, an antique car show, a rock art auction, along with a community church service on Sunday; to name some of the activities.

Ms. Golden-Bear and Mr. Lucas commended the many volunteers that have been and are currently involved in making this event happen; adding that news of this event is being widespread throughout the internet world; and welcomed the County to be a partner in promoting this event in Quartzsite.

Current Event Summary

County Administrator Field stated that The Grand Gathering was intended to be the current event presented.

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

County Administrator Field presented for approval Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(k).

6(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Monday, December 16, 2013, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

6(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve December 1, 2013, through December 28, 2013, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$783,160.28, plus employer benefit contributions of \$171,637.95, for a total of \$954,798.23, including handwritten warrants.

6(c) Approval of Demands

Approve the demands, as presented, in the amount of \$736,332.53, including handwritten warrants.

6(d) Appoint Appraiser I, a vacant budgeted position – Assessor (Replacement)

Appoint Christopher Fonda to the position of Appraiser I, effective January 6, 2014, a vacant budgeted position, with a starting salary of \$29,078.40 (NE007, Step 4), increasing to \$29,827.20 (NE007, Step 5), after a six month probation and contingent upon successful completion of Level I Appraiser classes within one year of hire.

6(e) Appoint Deputy, a vacant budgeted position – Sheriff (Replacement/Reclassification)

Reclassify Detention Officer (uncertified) Brandon C. Dunlap to the position of Deputy, retroactive to January 5, 2013, a vacant budgeted position, at an annual salary of \$39,000; increasing to \$40,164.80 (L07, Step 1) upon successful completion of the academy; and a one year probationary period to start after successful completion of Field Training.

6(f) Appoint Deputy, a vacant budgeted position – Sheriff (Replacement)

Appoint Michael W. McKarson to the position of uncertified Deputy, retroactive to January 5, 2014, a vacant budgeted position, at an annual salary of \$39,000; increasing to \$40,164.80 (L07, Step 1) upon successful completion of the academy; and a one year probationary period to start after successful completion of Field Training.

6(g) Approve Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety Contract #2014-AL-050 for Federal (402) funds for overtime enforcement efforts in conjunction with the Western Arizona DUI Task Force – Sheriff

Approve Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety Contract #2014-AL-050 for Federal (402) funds for overtime enforcement efforts in conjunction with the Western Arizona DUI Task Force, in the amount of \$9,053.40.

6(h) Approve Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment No. 1 of the Arizona Department of Health Services, Contract #ADHS13-042809 for Syndromic Surveillance, and authorize the Health Director to sign the amendment – Health

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment No. 1 of the Arizona Department of Health Services, Contract #ADHS13-042809 for Syndromic Surveillance, and authorize the Health Director to sign the amendment effective November 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014; in an amount not to exceed \$8,000, and authorize the Health Director to sign the amendment.

6(i) Approve FY2014/2015 Intergovernmental Agreement #KR13-0135 with the Arizona Supreme Court, the La Paz County School Superintendent and the La Paz County Superior Court for Title I and other associated funds for juvenile detention education services through the Yuma County Juvenile Court Detention Facility, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement – School Superintendent

Approve FY2014/2015 Intergovernmental Agreement #KR13-0135 with the Arizona Supreme Court, the La Paz County School Superintendent and the La Paz County Superior Court for Title I and other associated funds for juvenile detention education services through the Yuma County Juvenile Court Detention Facility, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement.

6(j) Approve submission of a Fill the Gap Application for the Judicial Complex Roof Project – Superior Court

Approve submission of a Fill the Gap Application for the Judicial Complex Roof Project.

6(k) Ratify request to Federal Legislators to support the reauthorization of mandatory funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program – Board of Supervisors

Ratify request to Federal Legislators to support the reauthorization of mandatory funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(k). Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

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

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

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

7(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll

Approve December 1, 2013, through December 28, 2013, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$117,855.89, plus employer benefit contributions of \$24,235.27, for a total \$142,091.16, including handwritten warrants.

7(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve the Jail District demands in the amount of \$100,523.94, including handwritten warrants.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve the Jail Consent Agenda Items #7(a) and #7(b). Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Chairman Wilson recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:21 a.m.

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

Tax Roll Corrections – Assessor

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones, on behalf of Assessor Schuler, presented six (6) tax roll corrections listed below with the net amount of -\$402.46:

#2011.TRC.398S1	\$70.60	#2011.TRC.399S1	-\$150.88
#2012.TRC.398S2	\$74.20	#2012.TRC.398S3	-\$219.96
#2013.TRC.398S52	\$79.80	#2013.TRC.398S53	-\$256.22

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve six (6) Tax Roll Corrections with the net result being -\$402.46, as presented by Chief Deputy Assessor Jones, on behalf of Assessor Schuler. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve to accept the Assessor's certification of the 2014 Tax Roll – Assessor

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones requested approval of the Assessor's certification of the 2014 Tax Roll, asking County Administrator Field if he had received the new figures that were delivered to his office.

She stated that the 2014 abstract totals will not be similar to those figures that will be totaled in February 2014, noting Full Cash Values of \$159,320,792, and Limited Property Values at \$154,669,258. She stated these numbers include the 2014 Real Property Values, updated 2013 Centrally Valued Property and Personal Property Values; numbers that will not be reflected in February 2014.

Chairman Wilson stated that he had some concerns about the change in the values from the previous year and how the numbers were compiled; therefore, there will be questions that will need to be addressed at a later time.

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones explained that the action requested is to merely approve the certification and not values. She reiterated that the abstract values will not be available until February 2014.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to accept the Assessor's certification of the 2014 Tax Roll as presented by Chief Deputy Assessor Jones. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed by a vote of two to one, with Chairman Wilson voting nay.

Adopt Proclamation No. 2014-01, commending the generous cooperation of the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC) and prosecuting community regarding conflict cases; serving La Paz County during the transition of elected and appointed officials – Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to adopt Proclamation No. 2014-01 commending the generous cooperation of the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC) and prosecuting community regarding conflict cases; serving La Paz County during the transition of elected and appointed officials. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Chairman Wilson stated that, because of the changes that took place as a result of the 2013 elections and the appointment of Judge Sam Vederman to the Superior Court, there were a significant amount of conflict cases that could have incurred exorbitant costs to the County to hire outside attorneys. He stated that prosecuting attorneys throughout the state stepped up to handle over 160 cases at virtually no cost to the County, with the exception of some travel expenses.

He introduced Elizabeth Ortiz, Executive Director of APAAC, who came forward and accepted a framed copy of the proclamation presented by the Board.

Ms. Ortiz stated that, on behalf of APAAC counsel and staff, they were honored and appreciative to receive the recognition, and noted that the organization is comprised of the Attorney General, 15 elected County Attorneys, several designated Chief City Court prosecutors, a representative of the Arizona Supreme Court, and one law school dean, comprising “great leadership”.

She added that County Attorney Tony Rogers has done “an outstanding job representing La Paz County on the APAAC Counsel”. She further added that under the leadership of County Attorney Rogers and Chief Deputy County Attorney Karen Hobbs, the “line prosecutors” in their office earned an “outstanding reputation statewide”.

Brief photos were made by the newspaper media of the Chairman presenting the framed proclamation to Ms. Ortiz.

Approve Amendment A to the Power Purchase Agreements with Photovoltaic Systems Manufacturing, LLC, relating to the La Paz County Board of Supervisors and Court Buildings – Board of Supervisors

Chairman Wilson stated that this item was tabled at the December 16, 2013, regular meeting of the Board regarding the financing of the installation of the solar equipment to be installed at the Court Complex and Board of Supervisor’s building.

He noted that Mr. Lee Tanner, representing Photovoltaic Systems Manufacturing, LLC, (PSM) was present to answer questions.

Supervisor Clapperton, stating that he was uncomfortable with what was brought forward to the Board, asked Mr. Tanner what would be the overall benefits to the taxpayer.

Mr. Tanner explained that there would be a savings to the County for the power purchased from the systems, noting the price per kilowatt hour at \$.09, which represents approximately 5-6% less than what the County is spending now.

Supervisor Clapperton stated that the early termination option amended to buy both systems in ten years would only leave the County with a parking lot and a system of technology that was 10 years old; potentially outdated, and would be more so over 20 years; the length of the agreement.

Mr. Tanner indicated that there may be some misconception about what the arrangement is about. He stated the County and its taxpayers are not obligated to purchase the systems or pay anything with regard to the hardware, or for any current or future technology. He explained that the Power Purchase Agreement and the amendment would simply guarantee that the County will purchase the power if PSM builds the system. He added that the utility company of record would be responsible for any outages. PSM provides a separate generator that also provides the covered parking, which is only a minor benefit to the County. He reiterated that the only cost to the County would be for the power at a savings from what the County is currently paying over a period of twenty 20 years.

He further noted that any “risk” would be on the company itself as the system will be paid by grant incentives and tax credits offered by both Federal and State government.

Supervisor Clapperton asked if the contract stated that there was no risk to the County taxpayers.

Mr. Tanner stated that the contract states that there is no charge to the County for anything but the power the County uses from the system.

Supervisor Irwin asked if there would still be a savings to the County after 10 years.

Mr. Tanner affirmed that would be so.

Chairman Wilson clarified that, in the contract, the County agrees to buy a portion of its power from PSM which is generated by solar panels PSM will install onsite. He stated that PSM will receive incentives from Arizona Public Service (APS) from a solar program for governments and schools. He added that the County received an extension of the County reservations through that program for a completion date of April 2014.

He stated that the items of concern for PSM is that the incentive program for governments and schools may not be extended or may be reduced, noting that the tax credits, and the power that the County will pay are all figured into their financial calculations and projection over 20 years and will determine whether this is a viable project. He added that the County is calculated to have a savings calculated in an amount under \$82,000 over the life of the systems.

Chairman Wilson stated that he wanted to know; however, what would happen if the County decided it did not want to purchase the systems in twenty years.

Mr. Tanner answered that the Power Purchase Agreement states that PSM would then negotiate a new agreement in which the County would continue buying power at a reduced rate to APS. He stated that if the County decided against the use of solar power, the contract states that PSM would remove the equipment at their expense.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve Amendment A to the Power Purchase Agreements with Photovoltaic Systems Manufacturing, LLC, relating to the La Paz County Board of Supervisors and Court Buildings. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve/Deny recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for liquor license application #10153057, Series 10, submitted by Manjit Singh Bajwa dba Pride, located at 48710 Vicksburg Road, Salome – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field requested recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for liquor license application #10153057, Series 10, submitted by Manjit Singh Bajwa dba Pride, located at 48710 Vicksburg Road, Salome.

He stated that the application was posted for the required number of days and there have been no comments received by the public for or against the application. He noted the County department comments, stating that the Health Department submitted that the new owner would need to get a permit in their name; and the Treasurer's office noted back taxes due by the previous owner.

There were brief comments made regarding recommendations made on property owners that have taxes due while the Board waited for Treasurer Castro to appear with a report as to the current status of the taxes.

Chairman Wilson stated that there are other avenues available to collect delinquent taxes and he was not sure that should be used as a basis for a recommendation.

County Administrator Field noted that statute does allow it, but does not require it.

County Treasurer Castro appeared and noted that the taxes were paid in full in December, 2013.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for liquor license application #10153057, Series 10, submitted by Manjit Singh Bajwa dba Pride, located at 48710 Vicksburg Road, Salome. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve/Deny recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for liquor license application #12153084, Series 12, submitted by Theresa June Morse dba Papa Nicks Pizza, located at 3246 Parker Dam Road, Parker – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field requested recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for liquor license application #12153084, Series 12, submitted by Theresa June Morse dba Papa Nicks Pizza, located at 3246 Parker Dam Road, Parker.

He stated that the application was posted for the required number of days and no comments were received by the public for or against the application. He noted the only County Department comments were that taxes were not due until later in the year.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for liquor license application #12153084, Series 12, submitted by Theresa June Morse dba Papa Nicks Pizza, located at 3246 Parker Dam Road, Parker. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Call to the Public

Cole Peterson, describing himself as a traveler, commented on the actions of a law enforcement officer.

Chairman Wilson advised Mr. Peterson that he talk to the Sheriff's Department on the matter.

George Nault asked if the franchise with APS would be affected by the Power Purchase Agreement with Photovoltaic Systems Manufacturing, LLC.

Chairman Wilson stated that he was unsure it would affect the franchise since the project is funded through APS, and APS is involved in these type projects all over the state.

Adjournment

Chairman Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

/s/
D. L. Wilson, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
Dan Field, Clerk of the Board

The following La Paz County demands have been audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors as follows: #11107427, Amazon, \$1,019.25; #11107429, APS, \$37,271.09; #11107433, Arizona Highway Safety Specialists, \$2,857.21; #11107434, AZLGEBT, \$187,306.15; #11107441, Central Arizona Project, \$3,000; #11107452, G & K Services, \$1,246.65; #11107456, Greenfield Logistics, \$64,846.15; #11107457, Growers Oil Company, \$2,909.26; #11107458, Hermosa Veterinary Clinic, \$1,117.50; #11107461, J & S Electric, \$1,077.86; #11107463, Jasper Engine & Transmission, \$6,146.37; #11107464, Kenz & Leslie of Arizona, \$1,397.54; #11107465, La Paz County Landfill, \$60,902.52; #11107469, Liquid Capital Exchange, Inc., \$1,378.01; #11107470, MCI Mega Preferred, \$1,505.95; #11107478, Parker Auto & Marine, \$1,243.48; #11107480, Parker Office Supply, \$1,476.41; #11107481, Parker Tree Service, \$10,244.01; #111017484, Priyanka Miller, \$7,535; #11107489, Repower Specialists, \$1,245; #11107492, Laurence Schiff, M. D., \$2,450; #1107494, Shamrock Food Co., \$4,119.17; #11107497, SR Roberts, Inc., \$1,276; #11107498, Standard Insurance, \$\$11,313.44; #11107499,

La Paz County Board of Supervisors
January 6, 2014, 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

Strategic Management Group, \$12,500; #11107500, Sudden Link, \$3,680.90; #11107501, TDS Telecom, \$1,440.81; #11107504, Tyler Technologies, \$81,642.72; #11107505, U. S. Foodservice, Inc., \$2,212.29; #11107507, Verizon Wireless, \$2,221.65; #11107510, Waxie Sanitary Supply, \$1,214.74; #11107511, West Payment Center, \$7,128.39; #11107512, Western States Petroleum, \$25,676.86; #11107525, Gloria Hernandez, \$1,164.49; #11107526, Greenfield Logistics, \$21,978; #11107528, Pitney Bowes Purchase, \$2,960.40; #11107671, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$11,812.23; #11107673, #11107681, Quartzsite JP, \$1,736.92; #11107684, Ray Repair, \$1,214.23; #11107707, Simplot Partners, \$1,420.31; #11107711, SMMHC, Inc., \$7,750; #11107716, Southwest Gas Corporation, \$1,360.40; #11107718, SR Roberts, Inc., \$1,073.10; #11107719, Staples Dept. 00-04056735, \$1,441.99; #11107732, Tiger Direct, \$1,663.75; #11107734, Tires@Wholesale, \$4,307.43; #11107744, Wells Fargo Payment Remittance, \$4,197.32; #11107753 Yuma County Juvenile, \$1,794.24; #11107754, Zion Bank/Public Financial, \$4,463.48; #11107544, AZ Brake & Clutch, \$1,445.09; #11107548, AZ State Bar, \$2,215; #11107550, Bank of Nevada, \$44,963.50; #11107577, CSI USA Distribution/Smyth, \$1,338.75; #11107588, EFS LLC, \$1,657.03; #11107590, Empire Southwest, \$1,439.63; #11107597, Michael Frame, \$9,367.50; #11107608, Gregory Waugh, Psy. D., \$2,440; #11107623, Jessica L. Quickle, \$2,700; #11107626, Klopfenstein MD, Kevin, \$1,500; #11107628, Phillip Krueger, \$2,872.50; #11107630, La Paz Counseling, \$2,803; #1107631, La Paz County Treasurer, \$2,265.73; #11107632, La Paz Regional Hospital, \$8,451.50; #11107643, Maricopa County Superior Court, \$1,399.97; #11107650, Merck & Co., \$1,330.55; #11107665, Osam of Arizona, Inc., \$5,371.68; #11107668, Parker Center, \$1,298.44; #11107802, Parker Seniors, \$1,875; #11107803, Parker Tourism, \$4,688; #11107809, PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, \$1,457.50; #11107810, Quartzsite Business Chamber, \$1,500; #11107815, Safeguard Business Systems, \$1,023.63; #11107818, Sauls Creek Engineering, \$5,370; #11107826, Sysco Food Services, \$4,155.47; #11107761, Bouse Chamber of Commerce, \$1,594; #11107775, Emerald Canyon-Petty Cash, \$1,476.10; #11107779, Havasu Iron and Metal, \$1,503.29; #11107786, La Paz County Fair Assoc., \$2,250; #11107790, McMullen Valley Chamber, \$1,594; #11107794, Motorola, \$12,771.36; #11107796, Nike Golf, \$17,182.25; #11107799, Parker Chamber of Commerce, \$3,000.