

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Irwin called the January 19, 2016, 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 Irwin, Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Clapperton, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Deputy County Attorney Buckelew, Public Defender Field, Elections Director Scholl, Community Development Administrator Yackley, Parks Director Bennett, Public Works Director Simmons, Shop Supervisor Braska, School Superintendent Price; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

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

**Current Event Summary**

County Administrator Field reported news on the 2017 legislative budget noting that the State budget had increased with the typical impacts to Counties, including funding sweeps of millions of dollars, with Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) sweeps to the Department of Public Safety to rectify their retirement system contribution deficit issues. He added that Department of Juvenile Corrections funding would continue to be shifted to Counties; noting numerous other itemizations that would make up the new state budget and affect Counties.

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

County Administrator Field presented for approval Consent Agenda Items #4(a) through #4(j).

**4(a) Approval of Minutes**

Approve the minutes of Monday, January 4, 2016, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

**4(b) Approval of Payroll**

Approve December 27, 2015, through January 9, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$412,357.08, plus employer benefit contributions of \$95,376.36, for a total of \$507,733.44, including handwritten warrants.

**4(c) Approval of Demands**

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$1,144,607.51, including handwritten warrants.

**4(d) Approve to appoint two (2) Deputies, vacant budgeted positions – Sheriff (Replacement)**

Approve to appoint Detention Officers Danielle Banuelos and Nathan Hovdal as Deputies, retroactive to January 10, 2016, at starting salaries of \$39,000, increasing to \$42,198.62 (L07, Step 1), upon completion of the academy and FTO Program; with one year probation upon completion of the FTO Program; both vacant budgeted positions.

**4(e) Approve to appoint a 9-1-1 Dispatcher, a vacant budgeted position – Sheriff (Replacement)**

Approve to appoint Tearra Fain as 9-1-1 Dispatcher, retroactive to January 12, 2016, with a six (6) month probation period for the Sheriff's Department and six (6) months probation for the County; a vacant budgeted position.

**4(f) Approve to appoint a Legal Assistant for the County Attorney's office, a vacant budgeted position – County Attorney**

This item was pulled from the agenda by the County Attorney's office.

**4(g) Approve to appoint the position of Community Resources Manager, a vacant budgeted position – Human Resources (Replacement/Transfer)**

Approve to transfer Kevin MacFarland, from the Probation Department, to the position of Community Resources Manager, retroactive to January 11, 2016, at a salary of \$53,294.59 (NE027, Step 8); an exempt position.

**4(h) Approve to appoint the position of Sanitarian, a vacant budgeted position – Community Development (Replacement)**

Approve to appoint Kathryn Mathewson to the position of Sanitarian, effective January 25, 2016, at an annual salary of \$50,430.43 (NE062, Step 13), a vacant budgeted position.

**4(i) Approve to ratify letter of authorization to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on behalf of the Best in the Desert for use of County roads for the Parker 250 event on January 9, 2016; and the Bluewater Parker 425 event on February 6, 2016 – Board of Supervisors**

Approve to ratify letter of authorization to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on behalf of the Best in the Desert for use of County roads for the Parker 250 event on January 9, 2016; and the Bluewater Parker 425 event on February 6, 2016; authorizing Supervisor Wilson to provide such letter.

**4(j) Approve recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for Application for Permanent Extension of Premises/Patio Permit submitted by Randy Nations on behalf of Schooners in Paradise, located at 3280 Parker Dam Road, Parker – Board of Supervisors**

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**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items #4(a) through #4(j), excluding item #4(f), pulled from the agenda. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton; passed unanimously.

*Chairman Irwin recessed as the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors of 10:10 a.m.*

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

County Administrator Field presented for approval Jail Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(c).

**5(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll**

Approve December 27, 2015, through January 9, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$59,956.53, plus employer benefit contributions of \$13,089.82, for a total of \$73,046.35, including handwritten warrants.

**5(b) Approval of Jail District Demands**

Approve the Jail District demands as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$35,650.04, including handwritten warrants.

**5(c) Approve appointment to the position of uncertified Detention Officer – Sheriff (Replacement)**

Approve appointment of Bradford Doran to the position of Uncertified Detention Officer, retroactive to January 11, 2016, at an annual salary of \$31,378.46 (L02, Step 1), requiring successful completion of an Arizona Detention Academy within one year; a six (6) month County probationary period; and additional six (6) month probation for the Sheriff's Office.

**CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to approve Jail Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(c). Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

*Chairman Irwin recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:12 a.m.*

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

**Approve to donate or sell a Health Department cargo van to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for charitable purposes – Board of Supervisors**

County Administrator Field discussed the possibility of allowing a way to pass along a surplus cargo van to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their use in charitable purposes. He noted the Deputy County Attorney Buckelew's advice with regard to statute, which appeared to make it more difficult to do so.

Discussion ensued at length on the condition of the van and interpretation of statute.

Supervisor Clapperton stated that although he would want to ensure the County's protection against any liability, he felt that this vehicle should be provided for a public service.

Discussion continued on the value of van in consideration of its condition and further interpretation of statute.

Supervisor Wilson stated that, in consideration of the condition of the van and the costs it would require to make it serviceable to the County, he saw no reason there would be objection at establishing a value of the van at less than \$1,000 and selling it for \$10 as it is.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to sell the Health Department cargo van (2003 Ford Econoline Cargo Ext. Van, VIN# 1FTSS34L33HB06005), as it is; valued at less than \$1,000, to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, at a cost of \$10.00. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

**Approve to expand the membership of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to include up to two (2) At Large members; and appointing one (1) At Large member – Parks**

Administrative Assistant Townsend presented a request to expand the membership of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to include two At Large members. He explained that it was difficult to get a quorum for the meetings and this would help that situation.

He added that Brandon Kilgore was recommended for one of the At Large member positions, if approved.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve expansion of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission membership to include up to two (2) At Large members; appointing Brandon Kilgore as an At Large member, as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Approve to change/lower the speed limit on Rio Vista Road and Harbor View Road in Upper Marina Manor, in Parker – Public Works**

Public Works Director Simmons requested approval to change/lower the speed limit on Rio Vista Road and Harbor View Road in Upper Marina Manor, in Parker.

He stated he had received expressions of concern from the public regarding the speeding, and lack of any speed limit signs posted, on these roads. He stated that 15 mph speed limits signs were requested. He provided a letter from the homeowner association and included traffic studies in the Boards packet of information.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the lack of speed signs on the Rio Vista and Harbor View Roads; the traffic violations occurring; and a suggestion as to whether traffic enforcement was needed to curb with situation.

County Administrator Field suggested that the item be tabled in order that the Sheriff's Department could contribute to the solution.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to table the request to change/lower the speed limit on Rio Vista Road and Harbor View Road in Upper Marina Manor, in Parker. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Approve to ratify a contract with AHA! Process for the professional development of schools; federally funded by the Race to the Top Grant, through the West Central Regional Service Center – School Superintendent**

School Superintendent Price requested ratification of a contract with AHA! Process for the professional development of schools; federally funded by the Race to the Top Grant in the amount of \$9,000 through the West Central Regional Service Center. She added that the training will come from an expert on students that come from impoverished backgrounds.

**CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to ratify a contract with AHA! Process for the professional development of schools; federally funded by the Race to the Top Grant, in the amount of \$9,000, through the West Central Regional Service Center; authorizing the School Superintendent to execute the agreement. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Superior Court of Arizona in La Paz County, the Parker Justice Court a/k/a the La Paz County Regional Veterans Treatment Court (Veterans Court) and the Phoenix Veterans Administration Health Care System (PVAHCS) – County Attorney/JP6**

Deputy County Attorney Buckelew requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Superior Court of Arizona in La Paz County, the Parker Justice Court a/k/a the La Paz County Regional Veterans Treatment Court (Veterans Court) and the Phoenix Veterans Administration Health Care System (PVAHCS). He explained that this MOU would allow specified information to the health care system from the court to identify needed services.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Superior Court of Arizona in La Paz County, the Parker Justice Court a/k/a the La Paz County Regional Veterans Treatment Court (Veterans Court) and the Phoenix Veterans Administration Health Care System (PVAHCS), as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Approve to appoint the Arizona Attorney General's Office to represent La Paz County in Sunrun, Inc., v. Arizona Department of Revenue et al, Arizona Tax Court case no. TX2015-000450, a tax appeal for tax year 2016 regarding central valuation by the Department of plaintiff owned grid-tied photovoltaic systems – County Attorney/Assessor**

Deputy County Attorney Buckelew stated that this item was another centrally valued tax case whereby a solar company has brought suit against the Department of Revenue, regarding grid-tied photovoltaic systems. He added that the suit includes La Paz County, recommending approval to allow the Attorney General's office to represent La Paz County along with nine (9) other counties in the state.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to appoint the Arizona Attorney General's Office to represent La Paz County in Sunrun, Inc., v. Arizona Department of Revenue et al, Arizona Tax Court case no. TX2015-000450, a tax appeal for tax year 2016 regarding central valuation by the Department of plaintiff owned grid-tied photovoltaic systems. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

**Call to the Public**

Ray Townsend, addressing the speed signage issue on the agenda, stated that he traveled along Rio Vista Road once a week and has had several “near misses” transporting his children.

Walter Shontz, with the Take a Kid Fishing Program, stated that the walkway around the lagoon at the County Park is nearing collapse; and although he understood that it was being repaired, he wished to bring it to the attention to the Board of Supervisors for follow-up.

Chairman Irwin asked when the next event would occur. Mr. Shontz answered that it would occur on February 13, 2016.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Irwin adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

APPROVED:

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/s/  
Holly Irwin, Chairman

ATTEST:

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/s/  
Dan Field, Clerk of the Board

**The following La Paz County demands were audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors:** #11120631, Abbey Stubbs & Ford LLC \$7,500.00; #11120632, AHCCCS State Treasurer \$17,675.00; #11120633, All American Air Conditioning \$2,072.50; #11120637, APS \$25,272.19; #11120639, AZ Supreme Court \$1,250.00; #11120640, AZLGEBT \$191,007.86; #11120641, Betty Hunter \$1,418.00; #11120644, Bouse Chamber of Commerce \$3,187.50; #11120645, Colorado River Joint Venture \$1,570.79; #11120646, Colorado River Regional \$1,875.00; #11120648, CRIT Senior Center \$1,125.00; #11120649, Davis Building Supply \$4,416.08; #11120652, Diversified Flooring Services \$24,164.87; #11120655, Ecology Auto Parts \$90,264.44; #11120658, Frantz, Mary \$1,036.78; #11120659, Frontier \$10,359.70; #11120660, Havasu Embroidery \$1,255.75; #11120664, Interior Solutions of Arizona, LLC \$57,769.21; #11120668, La Paz County Fair Association \$4,500.00; #11120669, La Paz County

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Landfill \$37,945.08; #11120670; La Paz Economic Development Corp. \$12,500.00; #11120671, La Paz Cooperative Extension \$20,000.00; #11120674, LR Anderson, LLC \$1,640.00; #11120677, McMullen Valley Chamber \$3,187.50; #11120679, Michael Schwab \$1,070.00; #11120684, Parker Chamber of Commerce \$6,000.00; #11120685, Parker Funeral Home, Inc. \$3,899.00; #11120686, Parker Oil Products, Inc. \$4,580.87; #11120687, Parker Seniors \$3,750.00; #11120688, Parker Tourism \$9,375.00; #11120693, Pitney Bowes \$4,449.94; #11120698, Quartzsite Business Chamber \$3,000.00; #11120699, Quartzsite Senior Center \$1,500.00; #11120700, Quill \$1,245.28; #11120703, Radford, Michael \$3,309.36; #11120706, Rotorcraft Enterprises Start PAC \$3,790.00; #11120707, Ruffner Law PLLC \$6,262.50; #11120709, Salome Concrete Delivery \$7,626.36; #11120710, Schiff, Laurence M.D. \$3,181.00; #11120712, Shamrock Foods \$3,704.77; #11120718, State Bar of Arizona \$2,225.00; #11120724, Tires@wholesale \$1,035.80; #11120725, Today's News Herald \$1,130.62; #11120726, Tri-State Reporting \$4,415.20; #11120727, US Foodservice, Inc. \$1,971.62; #11120729, US Postal SVC/Postage by Phone \$3,500.00; #11120730, Verizon Wireless \$4,080.20; #11120731, Walker & Armstrong \$28,743.00; #11120732, Waxie Sanitary Supply \$1,440.81; #11120734, Western States Petroleum \$1,785.54; #11120735, Whitney & Whitney, PLLC \$1,580.29; #11120738, Yuma County Juvenile \$3,360.00; #11120739, Zumar Industries, Inc. \$8,280.59; #11120746, AZ Dept. of Revenue \$9,759.75; #11120751, Centerline Supply West \$3,046.59; #11120754, Cobiz Public Finance \$5,830.00; #11120777, La Paz Solar LLC \$1,138.14; #11120790, R & S Northeast LLC \$1,415.56; #11120796, Schiff, Laurence M.D. \$3,181.00; #11120798, Southwest Rubber \$1,153.72; #11120801, Sudden Link \$5,960.33; #11120802, Sunedison c/o DG Solar Lease, LLC \$3,109.89; #11120804, Sysco Food Services \$4,854.93; #11120805, Tamco \$4,494.43; #11120806, TD Government Solutions, Inc. \$12,178.76; #11120807, Thomson Reuters – West \$1,124.43; #11120810, Walmart Business \$1,054.80; #11120819, All American Air Conditioning \$2,880.00; #11120828, AZ Counties Insurance Pool \$2,263.56; #11120847, CBS Office Automation, LLC \$1,536.78; #11120858, Desert Mountain Corp. \$7,929.16; #11120868, Emerald Canyon – Petty Cash \$1,626.92; #11120874, Frame, Michael Leland \$7,410.00; #11120891, James D. Seward, PhD \$3,613.00; #11120892, Jensen Precast \$1,914.48; #11120893, Jessica L. Quickle \$10,942.50; #11120911, Mikes Contracting, Inc. \$22,304.50; #11120925, Parker Motor Co., Inc. \$311,099.10; #11120959, #11120951, Simplot Partners \$1,081.00; #11120959, Standard Insurance \$11,529.00; #11120961, State Bar of Arizona \$3,045.00; #11120962, Strategic Management Group \$12,500.00; #11120980, White Sheet Free Shopping Gde \$1,774.29.