

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Vice Chairman Wilson called the February 16, 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 (attending telephonically) Vice Chairman Wilson, Supervisor Clapperton, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Deputy County Attorney Buckelew, Human Resource Director Frantz, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Harder, Public Defender Field, Community Resource Director MacFarland, Elections Director Scholl, Assessor Schuler; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Vice Chairman Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with the Invocation given by Deacon Roger Yoder of the Messiah Lutheran Church.

Vice Chairman Wilson requested a moment of silence on behalf of Dottie Randall, who was the Executive Director of the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce for over 25 years, and whom he described as a “friend and mentor”, “well known and respected throughout the state” for her service to La Paz County over many years.

**Current Event Summary**

County Administrator Field gave a brief report on state legislation, noting that literally thousands of bills and resolutions were posted for the upcoming session. He stated that tax deduction and exemptions appear to be directed at “special interest business”, which he felt merely shifted taxes to residents.

Vice Chairman Wilson reported that he had testified before the government and higher education committee on behalf of libraries for a bill that would “firm up” the ability of Counties to operate and maintain libraries without the formation of a district, which met with support.

**Presentation: “The Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award”**

Dorothy Fenech, Safety Committee Chairman, presented Brenda Wise, Parker Ranger, with the Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award along with a \$25 gift certificate to Walmart.

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

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

**5(a) Approval of Minutes**

Approve the minutes of the Monday, February 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

**5(b) Approval of Payroll**

Approve January 24, 2016, through February 6, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$429,549.02, plus employer benefit contributions of \$95,527.38, for a total of \$525,076.40, including handwritten warrants.

**5(c) Approval of Demands**

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$250,752.45, including handwritten warrants.

**5(d) Approve to appoint Public Defender III, a vacant budgeted position – Public Defender (Replacement)**

Approve to appoint Jeffrey Paul Grynkewich for the position of Public Defender III, a vacant budgeted position effective February 22, 2016, at an annual salary of \$69,121.73 (E021, Step 6), a vacant budgeted position.

**5(e) Approve to appoint Legal Assistant, a vacant budgeted position – County Attorney (Replacement)**

Approve to appoint Alyssa Marie Villafana to the position of Legal Assistant, effective February 16, 2016, at an annual salary of \$28,874.98 (NE042, Step 1), a vacant budgeted position.

**5(f) Approve FY2016 Arizona Division of Emergency Management “Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness” (HEMP) grant award #HM-HMP-0153-15-01-00 in the amount of \$1,500 for period ending September 20, 2016 – Emergency Services**

Approve FY2016 Arizona Division of Emergency Management “Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness” (HEMP) grant award #HM-HMP-0153-15-01-00 in the amount of \$1,500 for period ending September 20, 2016.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(f). Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

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*Vice Chairman Wilson recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:07 a.m.*

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

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

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

Approve January 24, 2016, through February 6, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$54,397.68, plus employer benefit contributions of \$11,921.87, for a total of \$66,319.55, including handwritten warrants.

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

Approve the Jail District demands as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$22,436.74, including handwritten warrants.

**6(c) Approve to appoint Detention Canine Officer, a vacant budgeted position (Replacement/Promotion)**

Approve to promote Detention Officer Juan Castaneda to Detention Canine Officer, retroactive to February 1, 2016, at an annual salary of \$34,730.59 (L16, Step 1), a vacant budgeted position; with a six (6) month probation period for the County and an additional six (6) months for the Sheriff's office.

**CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to approve Jail Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(c). Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

*Vice Chairman Wilson recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:09 a.m.*

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

**Adopt Resolution No. 2016-02, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of La Paz County, Arizona, ordering a public hearing pursuant to Section 11-391, Arizona Revised Statutes, regarding the proposed issuance of long-term obligations for the purpose of refinancing outstanding judgment funding bonds of the County; and authorizing and ratifying the taking of all other actions necessary in connection with such hearing and notices – Board of Supervisors**

County Administrator Field stated that, at the February 1, 2016, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, there was discussion concerning the refinancing of outstanding judgment bonds and the amount of savings that would mean for the County.

He reiterated that refinancing would bring about an approximate savings of \$1 million and reduce the payment period to approximately ten years. He briefly explained the process as the previous meeting detailed; and pursuant to A.R.S. §11-391, requested adoption of the resolution ordering a public hearing for public comment.

County Administrator Field read the resolution in its entirety.

**VICE CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2016-02, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of La Paz County, Arizona, ordering a public hearing pursuant to Section 11-391, Arizona Revised Statutes, regarding the proposed issuance of long-term obligations for the purpose of refinancing outstanding judgment funding bonds of the County; and authorizing and ratifying the taking of all other actions necessary in connection with such hearing and notices. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton.

Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote, conducted by Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Irwin:	aye
Vice Chairman Wilson:	aye
Supervisor Clapperton:	aye

**MOTION PASSED** by a unanimous vote.

**Approve to purchase a Netmotion MOB-Virtual Private Network/VPN Program, a security program for Database/Mobile Data Terminal operations, through the City of Tucson Contract #130733, an unbudgeted item – Sheriff**

Lieutenant Epps requested approval to purchase an update to the security database program as required by the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

He stated that it was difficult for the Sheriff Department to request the unbudgeted item; aware of the budgetary concerns. He added that the Sheriff Department proposed that two other projects be delayed; the geo-mapping and medical dispatch projects, to another budget year.

Discussion ensued noting that the updated equipment would also allow the use of computers in law enforcement vehicles that were obtained previously through a grant; policies were in place to take care of any online abuses with the equipment; and although millions of dollars in state funds have been shifted to DPS, there is no assistance available to fund this equipment required by DPS.

Vice Chairman Wilson stated that he appreciated the Sheriff's Department's willingness to delay other projects in the face of the budgetary concerns.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve purchase of a Netmotion MOB-Virtual Private Network/VPN Program, a security program for Database/Mobile Data Terminal operations, through the City of Tucson Contract #130733, in the amount of \$13,987.40, for the Sheriff Department, an unbudgeted item. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the sharing of Public Health Data, for a term of five (5) years from the effective date; and authorize the Health Director to sign related documents – Health**

Bioterrorism Coordinator Bachman, on behalf of the Health Department, presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) for the sharing of Public Health Data, requesting approval.

He explained that, with the concerns in La Paz County that there are more premature deaths per capita than anywhere else in Arizona, the MOU will allow an intern to access vital records for a study to determine the reason.

Supervisor Clapperton noted the typical security concerns of personal health record information and briefly questioned Coordinator Bachman about how those issues were being handled.

Coordinator Bachman stated that ADHS "strongly" monitors the security of health records/data, and the oversight with this agreement would rest with the County as well as ADHS. He added that the MOU was drafted by the ADHS, and the information sought is in the "commonalities" relating to the death rate in La Paz County.

**VICE CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED** to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the sharing of Public Health Data, for a term of five (5) years from the effective date; and authorize the Health Director to sign related documents. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

**Call to the Public**

There were no comments.

