

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, March 7, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Irwin called the March 7, 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, Community Resource Manager MacFarland, Public Defender Field, Human Resource Director Frantz, School Superintendent Price, Elections Director Scholl; Public Works Director Simmons, Shop Supervisor Braska, Superior Court Clerk Spielman, Community Development Administrator Yackley, Assessor Schuler; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

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

Current Event Summary

County Administrator Field stated that the County would shortly start their budgetary process, awaiting what state legislation would or would not be adopting that would affect the County. He added that budget packets would be going out to the departments during the first of April.

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

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

4(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

4(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve February 7, 2016, through February 20, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$412,709.28, plus employer benefit contributions of \$96,834.77, for a total of \$509,544.05, including handwritten warrants.

4(c) Approval of Demands

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$1,019,498.73, including handwritten warrants.

4(d) Appoint the position of Court Clerk for the Salome Justice Court, a vacant budgeted position – JP5 (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Emilio Hidalgo to the position Salome Justice Court Clerk, effective March 7, 2016, at an annual salary of \$23,570.98 (NE014, Step 1), a vacant budgeted position.

4(e) Approve Desert Storm Rally 2016 road closures of Cibola Road and Ehrenberg/Cibola Road from March 31 through April 2, 2016 – Public Works

Approve Desert Storm Rally 2016 road closures of Cibola Road and Ehrenberg/Cibola Road from March 31 through April 2, 2016.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items #4(a) through #4(e). Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Chairman Irwin recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:03 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 February 7, 2016, through February 20, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$59,641.42, plus employer benefit contributions of \$12,988.14, for a total of \$72,629.56, including handwritten warrants.

5(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve the Jail District demands as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$51,063.92, including handwritten warrants.

5(c) Appoint the position of Detention Officer, a vacant budgeted position (Replacement)

Approve to appoint John Blackburn as an Uncertified Detention Officer, effective March 7, 2016, at an annual salary of \$31,378.46 (L02, Step 1), requiring a successful completion of an Arizona Detention Academy within one year; a six month County probationary period; and an additional six months probation for the Sheriff's office.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve Jail Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(c). Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2016-03, authorizing the preliminary steps to be taken to become a participating employer in the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan on behalf of the full time (normally works 40 or more hours per week) Detention Officers and non-uniformed employee's of the Sheriff's Department (whose primary duties require direct contact with inmates) of the County of La Paz – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field stated that the retirement plan through Probation for officers did not include Detention officers; and to be able to form an actuary to determine what is needed, a resolution is required to go forward, which would allow employees to decide whether to roll over funds to it.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2016-03, authorizing the preliminary steps to be taken to become a participating employer in the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan on behalf of the full time (normally works 40 or more hours per week) Detention Officers and non-uniformed employee's of the Sheriff's Department (whose primary duties require direct contact with inmates) of the County of La Paz. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve to ratify the submission of a Cenpatico Community Reinvestment Grant application to purchase an electronic medical records system for the Sheriff's adult detention center – Community Resources

Community Resource Manager MacFarland explained that the Sheriff's Department is currently using a manual medical records system that is subject to errors and duplication, explaining the need for a modern electronic system.

He stated that the total cost of the project cost was \$29,620, and the grant amount was \$25,000. He added that the Sheriff Department claimed that the matching amount required (18.5%) would be met by allocating other grants to this amount.

Supervisor Clapperton stated that he felt it was essential to ensure confidentiality in the matter of medical record keeping.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to ratify submission of a Cenpatico Community Reinvestment Grant application for \$25,000 in grant funds to purchase an electronic medical records system for the Sheriff's adult detention center; and authorize the Community Resource Manager to sign the grant application. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Chairman Irwin recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:14 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 eleven (11) tax roll corrections as follows for the net amount of -\$11,384.32:

#2013.TRC.456S2	+\$627.40	#2014.TRC.458S3	+\$563.54
#2014.TRC.458S8	-\$51.76	#2015.TRC.455S11	-\$634.76
#2015.TRC.458S14	+\$422.24	#2015.TRC.458S18	+\$73.74
#2015.TRC.458S21	+\$96.98	#2015.TRC.458S24	-\$53.50
#2015.TRC.458S26	-\$74.84	#2015.TRC.459S1	-\$12,325.14
#2015.TRC.459S2	-\$28.22		

Deputy Chief Assessor Jones stated that the -\$12,325.14 amount was the result of a tax court settlement.

Supervisor Wilson noted that several of the corrections related to parcel 310-31-026, which represented five acres conveyed to the Bureau of Land Management, located southeast of Planet Ranch. He added that this is five more acres of private property for that government entity.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve eleven (11) tax roll corrections with the net amount of -\$11,384.32, as presented by Chief Assessor Jones on behalf of Assessor Schuler. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Adopt Proclamation No. 2016-04, proclaiming April 2016, “County Government Month” – Board of Supervisors

Chairman Irwin presented for adoption, Proclamation No. 2016-04, proclaiming April 2016, “County Government Month” as exemplified by Arizona Governor Ducey.

She read the proclamation in its entirety, with the theme “Safe and Secure Counties”.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to adopt Proclamation No. 2016-04, proclaiming April 2016, “County Government Month”. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for liquor license application #12153090, Series 12, submitted by Gabriela Duarte Penaloza dba Mi Tierra Mexican Food, located at 10230 Riverside Drive, Parker – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field presented for recommendation by the Board, Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control liquor license application #12153090, Series 12, submitted by Gabriela Duarte Penaloza dba Mi Tierra Mexican Food, located at 10230 Riverside Drive, Parker.

He informed the Board that the applicant's application was posted for the required number of days by the Sheriff Department and there have been no comments for or against the application received from the public. He added that no negative comments were received from any County Department.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for liquor license application #12153090, Series 12, submitted by Gabriela Duarte Penaloza dba Mi Tierra Mexican Food, located at 10230 Riverside Drive, Parker. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement IGA/JPA 15-0005605-1 with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) relating to the Restoration of Alamo Road Project in Wenden – Public Works

Public Works Director Simmons presented for approval Intergovernmental Agreement IGA/JPA 15-0005605-1 with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) relating to the Restoration of Alamo Road Project in Wenden.

He stated the project is related to damage received from hurricane Norbert in September of 2014, in which federal funding has been provided at an estimated \$699,778.

He added that the remainder of the cost of \$42,298 would be funded by the County through Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF).

Supervisor Irwin expressed that County roads had received a substantial amount of damage from such flooding occurrences.

Discussion ensued regarding the probability of obtaining the federal funds; and what the agreement indicated should the funds be terminated or reduced. It was noted that the County would be responsible for them.

Supervisor Clapperton stated that since the County had no guarantees, it needed to be careful of such expenditures.

Public Works Director Simmons stated that there are steps taken that would ensure the County's ability to weather any problems.

Supervisor Wilson asked if this was a "reimbursement" project.

Public Works Director Simmons stated that it was not a reimbursement project in which the County pays and obtains the funds later; however, it did require an "up front" payment that would be billed.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve Intergovernmental Agreement IGA/JPA 15-0005605-1 with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) relating to the Restoration of Alamo Road Project in Wenden; with an estimated Federal funding of \$699,778 (94.3%), and the remainder of \$42,298 (5.7%) to be funded by the County through Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF). Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement IGA/JPA 15-0005606-1 with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) relating to the Restoration of Plomosa Road Project in Bouse – Public Works

Public Works Director Simmons reiterated that the IGA presented with ADOT related to yet another road restoration; Plomosa Road in Bouse.

He stated that estimated project cost of this project was \$609,077, of which the County's portion was \$34,717.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the location of the project, noting that it would be "over the pass" located near The Fisherman.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve Intergovernmental Agreement IGA/JPA 15-0005606-1 with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) relating to the Restoration of Plomosa Road Project in Bouse (with an estimated Federal funding of \$574,360 (94.3%), and the remainder of \$34,717 (5.7%) to be funded by the County through Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF)). Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement IGA/JPA 15-0005608-1 with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) relating to the Restoration of Salome Road Project – Public Works

Public Works Director Simmons presented for approval another Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), this item relating to the Restoration of Salome Road Project, IGA/JPA 15-0005608-1.

He stated that the Salome Road Project cost a total of \$1,048,731, with the County's portion at \$57,200.

He stated that this road “takes a beating”, recommending approval.

Chairman Irwin asked if this project took care of the portion just beyond “the bridge”.

Public Works Director Simmons confirmed that the project repaired from the Centennial Bridge to the County line.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to approve Intergovernmental Agreement IGA/JPA 15-0005608-1 with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) relating to the Restoration of Salome Road Project in Salome, with an estimated Federal funding of \$991,531 (94.3%) and the remainder of \$57,200 (5.7%) to be funded by the County through Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF). Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Yuma Field Office regarding the Ten West Link 500KV Transmission Line Project – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Yuma Field Office regarding the development of an impact study for the Ten West Link 500KV Transmission Line Project, located from the nuclear power plant to the west side of the State.

He added that this agreement gave La Paz County a “place at the table” for input on any issues with regard to the planning process and how it may affect the County.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Yuma Field Office regarding the Ten West Link 500KV Transmission Line Project. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve grant application for the Arizona State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Program 2016 Law Enforcement Grant to fund patrols in off-highway vehicle trail areas – Community Resources

Community Resource Manager MacFarland presented for approval a grant application for the Arizona State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Program 2016 Law Enforcement Grant to fund patrols in off-highway vehicle trail areas.

A brief discussion ensued on the number of hours the grant would provide the cost of law enforcement in the off-highway areas.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve a grant application for the Arizona State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Program 2016 Law Enforcement Grant, in the amount of \$30,000, to fund patrols in off-highway vehicle trail areas; and authorize the Community Resource Manager to sign the grant application. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve to ratify United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Lease No. AZA 36467 for the purpose of establishing a public park (Hippie Hole) – Community Resources

Community Resource Manager MacFarland requested approval to ratify a United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Lease No. AZA 36467 for the purpose of establishing a public park (Hippie Hole).

He stated that as long as the County was using it as a public park, there would be no cost to the lease, noting he had just received the final award letter regarding this.

Chairman Irwin informed the public that it has taken the better part of seven years to get this accomplished.

Supervisor Clapperton recalled his previous law enforcement experience stating that hundreds of people “trashed” the area with all kinds of “trouble”, and maintenance was “nonexistent”. He gave “kudos” to all those that worked towards this endeavor.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to approve to ratify a United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Lease No. AZA 36467 for the purpose of establishing a public park (Hippie Hole). Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve to ratify the submission of a Cenpatico Community Reinvestment Grant application to purchase fitness equipment benefiting seniors on behalf of the Health Department; and park amenities, benefiting La Paz County Parks – Community Resources

Community Resource Manager MacFarland requested approval to ratify the submission of a Cenpatico Community Reinvestment Grant application for a joint to purchase fitness equipment benefiting seniors on behalf of the Health Department; and park amenities, benefiting La Paz County Parks.

He stated that a “match” required by the grant would be provided by in-kind work by the Parks Department; with the park equipment purchased by the grant.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to ratify the submission of a Cenpatico Community Reinvestment Grant application, in the amount of \$17,106 to purchase fitness equipment benefiting seniors on behalf of the Health Department; and park amenities, benefiting La Paz County Parks; and authorize the Community Resource Manager to sign the grant application. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve to ratify the submission of a Cenpatico Community Reinvestment Grant application to purchase computers for the Bouse and Centennial Libraries – Community Resources

Community Resource Manager MacFarland requested approval to ratify the submission of a Cenpatico Community Reinvestment Grant application to purchase computers for the Bouse and Centennial Libraries.

He stated that the computers for customer at the libraries were outdated and had issues with accessing websites. He added there was no “match” required for this grant, providing computers that are widely used by the public for a number of uses.

A brief discussion ensued on what would be done with the old computers.

Community Resource Manager MacFarland suggested that the schools could use them.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to ratify the submission of a Cenpatico Community Reinvestment Grant application in the amount of \$20,000, to purchase computers for the Bouse and Centennial Libraries; and authorize the Community Resource Manager to sign the grant application. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve to ratify the submission of a 2016 State Homeland Security Grant for the purpose of purchasing pagers on behalf of the Sheriff’s Department for La Paz County Fire Departments – Community Resources

Community Resource Manager MacFarland requested approval to ratify the submission of a 2016 State Homeland Security Grant for the purpose of purchasing pagers on behalf of the Sheriff’s Department for La Paz County Fire Departments.

He stated that the most rural fire departments, such as in Salome, Bouse, and Ehrenberg will be provided these pagers in areas where little else works, allowing Dispatch to operate just one system, the required 700 mhz radio systems.

He stated that although the pagers are purchased by the Sheriff Department, they will not be used by the Sheriff Department, but merely to facilitate Dispatch.

County Administrator Field stated that Community Resource Manager MacFarland did an “excellent” job on the construction and presentation of the grant submittal for these pagers.

SUPERVISOR WISLON MOVED to ratify the submission of a 2016 State Homeland Security Grant, in the amount of \$64,301 to purchase pagers for La Paz County Fire Departments by the La Paz County Sheriff’s Office; and authorize the Community Resource Manager to sign the grant application. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Call to the Public

George Nault, from Bouse, referring to the grant funds on the agenda to assist the funding of law enforcement on off-highway vehicle trail ways, expressed that he felt that the presence of law enforcement was “doing BLM’s (Bureau of Land Management) job”, unnecessary and “making it tough” and “more hazardous” for tourists.

Barabara Rhinecroft, from Bouse, stated that the article that Chairman Irwin put in the local Bouse paper was “wonderful” and asked that the Supervisors and Sheriff Department also write monthly articles.

Supervisor King stated that he wanted to expound on the Sheriff Departments role in the outlying areas. He referred to his former law enforcement career in which hours were spent in the back roads of the county looking for people that were missing, stranded, and some “disillusioned by life and were out there to end it”, and was able to give and get help for people. He felt that this grant funds provided for law enforcement to patrol these areas were for a good service.

Adjournment

Chairman Irwin adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

APPROVED:

/s/
Holly Irwin, Chairman

ATTEST:

/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:

#11121281, Internal Revenue Service \$15,993.75; #11121284, Abbey Stubbs & Ford LLC \$7,500.00; #11121288, APS \$34,870.54; #11121290, Arizona Fairways \$1,512.71; #11121292, Atkins North America, Inc. \$3,710.75; #11121293, AZ Dept. of Revenue \$14,800.42; #11121294, AZ Emergency Products \$114,514.23; #11121413, Black Box Network Services \$1,788.83; #11121421, Colorado River Joint Venture \$2,138.84; #11121424, CRIT Realty Services \$5,532.00; #11121427, Davis Building Supply \$3,314.78; #11121429, DRC/CBT \$2,200.37; #11121430, Ecology Auto Parts \$95,798.89; #11121432, Empire Southwest \$25,296.41; #11121433, Exhibitone \$60,334.31; #11121436, Frontier \$8,934.59; #11121439, Gloria Eagle PA-C \$1,312.50; #11121441, Havasu Embroidery \$1,273.69; #11121455, La Paz County Landfill \$33,827.52; #11121459, Law Office Of Michele Holden, PLLC \$5,282.50; #11121460, LR Anderson, LLC \$1,840.00; #11121462, Mike's Contracting, Inc. \$55,095.63; #11121469, Parker Motor Co., Inc. \$1,211.16; #11121470, Parker Oil Products, Inc. \$13,213.96; #11121472, Parker Tree Service \$4,950.00; #11121476, Pitney Bowes \$1,967.32; #11121479, Pro Petroleum, Inc. \$10,197.13; #11121480, Quill \$2,395.28; #11121486, Redburn Tire Company \$1,055.89; #11121488, Rideout Law PLLC \$5,280.40; #11121491, Salome Concrete Delivery \$4,603.81; #11121492, Salvador Martinez \$1,235.55; #11121493, Schiff, Laurence M.D. \$1,225.00; #11121495, Shamrock Food Company \$3,218.44; #11121503, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance \$5,155.94; #11121504, Standard Insurance \$11,443.60; #11121505, Stericycle, Inc. \$1,414.11; #11121507, Sudden Link \$4,942.01; #11121509, Sysco Food Services \$4,262.70; #11121510, Tamco \$4,565.87; #11121511, TDS Telecom \$1,779.42; #11121512, Texas Refinery Corp. \$1,610.51; #11121516, Titleist \$3,209.74; #11121519, U.S. Foodservice, Inc. \$2,852.48; #11121522, Verizon Wireless \$6,529.17; #11121523, Waxie Sanitary Supply \$5,032.84; #11121525, West Payment Center \$4,659.50; #11121527, Whitney & Whitney, PLLC \$1,732.50; #11121530, Bagby, Curtis \$5,000.00; #11121539, AZLGEBT \$195,111.50; #11121551, Chuck's Air Conditioning \$3,939.50; #11121553, Cintas \$1,367.54; #11121561, Election Systems & Software \$7,106.80; #11121563, Emerald Canyon - Petty Cash \$3,964.69; #11121569, Frame, Michael Leland \$5,647.50; #11121574, Growers Oil Company \$4,424.57; #11121585, Joshua Street Boat Storage \$1,050.00; #11121586, K.R. Well Drilling \$3,435.27; #11121587, Keith W. Shillito, M.D. \$2,747.55; #11121588, Krueger, Phillip \$3,892.50; #11121589, La Paz County Treasurer \$5,174.01; #11121599, Motorola \$1,678.76; #11121600, Newman, Matthew G. \$2,062.50; #11121605, Parker Auto & Marine \$1,993.47; #11121610, Pima County Treasurer \$2,300.00; #11121623, Ruffner Law PLLC \$7,575.00; #11121631, Simplot Partners \$7,851.31; #11121636, Strategic Management Group \$12,500.00; #11121638, Suncor Industries, Inc. \$1,491.40; #11121639, Sysco Food Services \$2,311.20; #11121644, Tri-State Reporting \$1,333.00; #11121646, Verizon Wireless \$1,664.65; #11121648, Wells Fargo Payment Remittance Center \$9,213.95; #11121651, White Sheet Free Shopping Gde \$1,737.06; #11121655, Yuma County Financial Service \$4,810.00; #11121664, AZ Counties Insurance Pool \$6,538.27; #11121665, AZ Dept. Of Corrections-COTA \$1,320.00; #11121666, Bankcard Center \$4,170.57; #11121668, Betty Hunter Realty \$1,440.00; #11121677, City of Yuma Accounting Division \$1,161.10; #11121687, Digital Assurance Certification LLC \$5,000.00; #11121688, E Poly Star, Inc. \$1,724.00; #11121692, Empire Southwest \$1,236.14; #11121698, Growers Oil Company \$4,382.41; #11121701, Jessica L. Quickle \$13,950.00; #11121710, Lighthouse, Inc. \$1,356.21; #11121711, MCI Mega Preferred \$1,856.09; #11121723, Pavement Sealants & Supply, Inc. \$1,377.48; #11121724, Pima County Treasurer \$8,900.00; #11121735, Riverside Floors \$2,003.48; #11121737, San Diego Police Equipment Co. \$2,290.67;

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#11121738, Schiff, Laurence M.D. \$1,225.00; #11121741, Simpson Norton Corp. \$1,041.22; #11121742, Social Services Interagency Council \$1,125.00; #11121743, Southwest Gas Corporation \$1,059.75; #11121745, Specialty Tires \$1,087.46; #11121746, Spillman Technologies, Inc. \$36,671.00; #11121762, V & V Manufacturing, Inc. \$1,059.15; #11121765, Walker & Armstrong \$9,897.00; #11121767, Waxie Sanitary Supply \$1,083.59; #11121772, XSquared Southwest Inc. \$1,520.48.