

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, March 21, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Irwin called the March 21, 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, Human Resource Director Frantz, School Superintendent Price, Elections Director Scholl, Community Resource Administrator Yackley, Assessor Schuler, Sheriff Drum; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Pastor Charles Martin of the Big River Baptist Church.

Presentation: Updates by the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce, Parker Tourism and La Paz Economic Development Corporation

Mary Hamilton of the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce and Parker Tourism, and Skip Becker, President/CEO, of La Paz Economic Development Corporation, each gave updates or their organizations efforts and accomplishments of the past year, as well as plans for the upcoming year, which were considerable.

The representatives from each of these organizations thanked the County Board of Supervisors for their financial support and assured them that the work of these local organizations continue as presented in considerable detail.

Current Event Summary

County Administrator Field reported that the State was still negotiating a budget.

He added that Chairman Irwin had an announcement to make regarding the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR).

Chairman Irwin stated that ADWR would be coming to the area for the second time on March 28, 2016, to the Centennial Community Center in Wenden/Salome for two meetings at different times during the day, to discuss the water issues in this area.

She added that she was still getting phone calls from individuals describing their water/well issues.

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 March 7, 2016, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

5(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve February 21, 2016, through March 5, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$405,188.95, plus employer benefit contributions of \$93,167.26, for a total of \$498,356.21, including handwritten warrants.

5(c) Approval of Demands

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$358,709.56, including handwritten warrants.

5(d) Approve to appoint the position of Chief Park Ranger for La Paz County Parks system a vacant budgeted position. – Sheriff (Replacement)

Approve the appointment of Felipe Gomez Rodriguez as Chief Park Ranger for the La Paz County parks system, effective March 31, 2016, at an annual salary of \$60,104.93 (L10, Step 8), a vacant budgeted position.

5(e) Approve to appoint the position of 9-1-1 Dispatcher, a vacant budgeted position – Sheriff (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Kendra Greenawalt as 9-1-1 Dispatcher, retroactive to March 20, 2016, at an annual salary of \$38,676.77 (NE001, Step 14), a vacant budgeted position, with a 6-month County probation period and an additional 6-months probation period for the Sheriff's Office.

5(f) Approve to appoint the position of Maintenance Worker III, a vacant budgeted position – Public Works (Replacement/Promotion)

Approve to promote Wirt Thornbury, Maintenance Worker I, to Maintenance Worker III, retroactive to March 14, 2016, at an annual salary of \$30,169.15 (NE047, Step 1), a vacant budgeted position.

Supervisor Clapperton requested that County Administrator “expound” on the “justification” of the Chief Park Ranger position.

County Administrator Field explained that this position, although a Chief Park Ranger, is a certified law enforcement position, that will develop and assist in security plans for special events, coordinating with Boating Safety. He stated that it is overseen by the Sheriff Department, although a “department” in itself, that would have the ability to seek grants, and give an additional voting position in Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations (RICO) matters. He added that it is “solely” funded through Game & Fish Boating Safety grants and related to the boating fuel tax.

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

Chairman Irwin recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:35 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 February 21, 2016, through March 5, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$54,613.62, plus employer benefit contributions of \$11,898.57, for a total of \$66,512.19, including handwritten warrants.

6(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve the Jail District demands as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$20,804.59, including handwritten warrants.

6(c) Approve to appoint the position of Uncertified Detention Officer, a vacant budgeted position (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Trevor McIntosh to the position of Uncertified Detention Officer, retroactive to March 14, 2016, at an annual salary of \$31,378.46 (L02, Step 1), a vacant budgeted position, requiring successful completion of an Arizona Detention Academy within one year; a six (6) month County probationary period; and additional six (6) months probation for the Sheriff Office.

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

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Chairman Irwin recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:36 a.m.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 2016-05, authorizing renewal of La Paz County's membership in the Arizona Local Government Employee Benefit Trust and appointing Trustees to serve during the renewal period – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field presented for adoption, Resolution No. 2016-05, authorizing renewal of La Paz County's membership in the Arizona Local Government Employee Benefit Trust (AZLGEBT) and to appoint Trustees to serve during the renewal period.

He stated the renewal of the AZLGEBT membership is done every three years, and the resolution was for that purpose as well as to appoint/reappoint the Trustee and Alternate Trustee. The resolution presented reappointed himself, Dan Field as Trustee, and appointed Mary Frantz, as new Alternate Trustee.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2016-05, authorizing renewal of La Paz County's membership in the Arizona Local Government Employee Benefit Trust and appointing Dan Field as Trustee and Mary Frantz as Alternate Trustee to serve during the renewal period. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) 2015 Annual Contribution under the State of Arizona Gaming Compact on behalf the La Paz Career Center, Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter, St Vincent DePaul, and the Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment (PAACE) - Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field stated that this item requested acceptance of the annual contribution by CRIT under the State of Arizona Gaming Compact to several entities that provide services that benefit the general public including La Paz County Career Center, Colorado River Regional Crisis Services, St Vincent DePaul Society of Sacred Heart Parker Conference, and the Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment (PAACE).

He stated that CRIT requested that the funds would be distributed as follows: La Paz Career Center, \$10,000; Colorado River Regional Crisis Services, \$5,000; St. Vincent De Paul Society of Sacred Heart Parker Conference, \$5,000; and Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment (PAACE), \$5,417; totaling \$25,417.04.

Supervisor Clapperton asked if Deputy County Attorney Buckelew has any comments to make.

Deputy County Attorney Buckelew gave a brief explanation of A.R.S. §5-601.02, which gave the requirements for the gaming funds as required by the Arizona Gaming Compact, noting that these funds must be government services that benefit the general public, and he felt these entities fell “under the broad definition of government services”.

Supervisor Wilson stated that these funds merely pass through the County and he felt it was not the County’s place to decide where these funds go. He added that CRIT took action at their meeting and made this request, and this request should be honored.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) 2015 Annual Contribution under the State of Arizona Gaming Compact on behalf the La Paz Career Center, Colorado River Regional Crisis Services, St Vincent DePaul Society of Sacred Heart Parker Conference, and Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment (PAACE), as presented. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

Tax Roll Corrections (1) – Assessor

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones, on behalf of Assessor Schuler, presented three (3) tax roll corrections for the net amount of -\$220.82 as follows:

#2013.TRC.462S2	-\$66.84	#2014.TRC.462S1	-\$80.22
#2015.TRC.462S1	-\$73.76		

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to approve three (3) tax roll corrections for the net amount of -\$220.82, as presented by Chief Deputy Assessor Jones on behalf of Assessor Schuler. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Tax Roll Corrections (2) – Assessor

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones stated that this item represented the tax roll corrections for the City of Scottsdale. She stated this billing should not have been billed and the correction would not initiate any return of taxes since they were never collected. She stated the net amount of -\$123,475.36 represented twenty (20) corrections as follows:

#2013.TRC.462S1	-\$30,669.70	#2013.TRC.462S3	-\$583.44
#2013.TRC.462S4	-\$763.92	#2013.TRC.462S5	-\$763.92
#2013.TRC.462S6	-\$5,918.74	#2014.TRC.462S2	-\$622.48
#2014.TRC.462S3	-\$815.06	#2014.TRC.462S4	-\$815.06
#2014.TRC.462S5	-\$32,507.24	#2014.TRC.462S6	-\$6,346.78
#2015.TRC.460S5	-\$305.64	#2015.TRC.460S6	-\$432.02
#2015.TRC.460S7	-\$794.60	#2015.TRC.460S8	-\$387.00
#2015.TRC.460S9	-\$756.04	#2015.TRC.462S2	-\$659.86
#2015.TRC.462S3	-\$822.88	#2015.TRC.462S4	-\$822.88
#2015.TRC.462S5	-\$32,263.72	#2015.TRC.462S6	-\$6,424.38

A brief discussion ensued on the corrections noting that although the taxes are not to be billed, a statement will be submitted to the City of Scottsdale, with the hopes that they will pay the full amount as a “good neighbor”, instead of just the 50% required in lieu of taxes.

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones commented on the other governmental entities that paid in the past relating to properties in La Paz County. She noted that the Arizona Game & Fish recently acquired La Paz County property, and a “bill” will be processed and sent to them to pay in lieu of taxes.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve twenty (20) tax roll corrections for the net amount of -\$123,475.36, as presented by Chief Deputy Assessor Jones on behalf of Assessor Schuler. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement with the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records to participate in the GO Train substitute librarian program; and authorize the Community Resource Manager to sign the agreement – *Community Resources*

County Administrator Field explained that he would be presenting the following items as Community Resource Manager MacFarland was absent due to illness.

He stated that the Memorandum of Agreement with the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records submitted allowed the libraries to participate in the GO Train substitute librarian program, which funds substitute staff in order that regular library staff can attend continuing education.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve Memorandum of Agreement with the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records to participate in the GO Train substitute librarian program; and authorize the Community Resource Manager to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve to ratify the application for 2016 State Homeland Security Grant for the purpose of purchasing equipment for a Special Response Team by the La Paz County Sheriff’s Office; and authorize the Community Resource Manager to sign the grant application – *Community Resources*

County Administrator Field, on behalf of Community Resource Manager MacFarland, presented for approval a request to ratify submission of an application for a 2016 State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$113,320, for the purpose of purchasing equipment for a Special Response Team by the La Paz County Sheriff’s Office.

He stated that the equipment would support law enforcement operations such as serving high risk warrants, barricading suspects, hostage rescue operations and toxic environments such as illicit drug labs, response to terrorist threats, etc.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve ratification of an application for a 2016 State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$113,320, for the purpose of purchasing equipment for a Special Response Team 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.

Approve FFY 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Agreement No. 126-16 with the Arizona Department of Housing for the Wenden Flood and Drainage Plan – Community Resources

County Administrator Field, on behalf of Community Resource Manager MacFarland, requested approval of the FFY 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Agreement No. 126-16, in the amount of \$177,512, with the Arizona Department of Housing for the Wenden Flood and Drainage Plan.

Chairman Irwin commented that these funds were very much needed towards the amount of damages incurred by flooding.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to approve FFY 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Agreement No. 126-16, in the amount of \$177,512, with the Arizona Department of Housing for the Wenden Flood and Drainage Plan; authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) and the Superior Court relating to child support matters – Superior Court Clerk

County Administrator Field, on behalf of Superior Court Clerk Spielman, presented an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) and the Superior Court relating to child support matters.

He stated that the County must still supply and these services to the public; however, the State will be capturing a portion of the costs.

He added that Deputy County Attorney Buckelew advised that this agreement is with the Courts and does not have to be formally approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Call to the Public

Pat Jones, from Parker, stated that the public “had no idea” how serious the water issues were in the County. He has heard from well drillers extending wells in which water was at ten times the rate of depletion than in the past.

Dennise Jones, Chief Deputy Assessor, stated that the City of Phoenix had sold the properties that were in La Paz County; however, she was not sure where they were getting their water. She noted that the Tempe Lake was being emptied once again; three times the year before; and looked to fill it again.

Supervisor Clapperton stated that countries from all around the world are coming into the United State for water, and without any kind of regulation. He added that water was a federal issue and County officials have no control of these issues; however, he encouraged the public to stay in touch with legislators regarding their concerns.

Adjournment

Chairman Irwin adjourned the meeting at 11:04 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: #11121777, AHCCCS State Treasurer \$17,675.00; #11121779, APS \$8,808.69; #11121782, Atkins North America, Inc. \$2,442.50; #11121785, Betty Hunter \$1,418.00; #11121792, CDW Government, Inc. \$13,987.40; #11121795, Cintas Fas Lockbox 636525 \$1,674.39; #11121797, Colorado River Joint Venture \$1,948.28; #11121798, Colorado River Sand & Rock \$1,204.00; #11121804, Ecology Auto Parts \$42,997.66; #11121806, Emerald Canyon – Petty Cash \$3,726.86; #11121807, Empire Southwest \$1,852.81; #11121812, Frontier \$9,556.87; #11121813, Gloria Eagle PA-C \$1,375.00; #11121814, Henry Schein \$1,752.70; #11121821, La Paz County Landfill \$29,821.66; #11121824, Moore Medical \$1,057.10; #11121825, Parker Funeral Home, Inc. \$1,580.00; #11121827, Pioneer Landscaping Materials \$1,903.36; #11121828, Pitney Bowes \$1,521.93; #11121831, Quill \$2,315.39; #11121833, Redburn Tire Company \$4,837.58; #11121834, River Septic \$1,355.00; #11121837, Shamrock Foods \$2,794.75; #11121844, St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance \$1,546.11; #11121845, Staples Credit Plan

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\$3,476.53; #11121846, Sudden Link \$4,114.82; #11121847, Sysco Food Services \$5,724.21; #11121849, TD Government Solutions, Inc. \$16,805.38; #11121856, Verizon Wireless \$4,205.59; #11121857, Waddell Kennels \$5,724.21; #11121858, Walmart Business \$1,007.74; #11121859, Waxie Sanitary Supply \$1,301.96; #11121860, Westwood Pharmacy \$1,196.67; #11121861, Xsqquared Southwest Inc. \$1,520.48; #11121883, La Paz Solar, LLC \$1,418.25; #11121886, Network Services \$1,883.70; #11121888, Parker Oil Products, Inc. \$5303.96; #11121897, #11121900, Sudden Link \$4,114.82; #11121901, Sunedison c/o DG Solar Lease, LLC \$4,205.10; #11121906, Wells Fargo Payment \$8,319.33; #11121907, AZ Dept. of Revenue \$18,596.80; #11121908, Abbey Stubbs & Ford, LLC \$7,500.00; #11121911, Amazon \$1,160.94; #11121915, Carahsoft Technologies Corp. \$1,135.00; #11121917, Corrections Officer Retirement Plan \$2,000.00; #11121920, Empire Southwest \$2,315.76; #11121934, LR Anderson, LLC \$2,400.00; #11121937, Mike's Contracting, Inc. \$40,716.20; #11121961, Schiff, Laurence M.D. \$1,225.00; #11121963, Simpson Norton Corp. \$1,309.09; #11121964, Source Corp. \$6,880.40; #11121965, Standard Insurance \$11,529.00; #11121966, Strategic Management Group \$12,500.00; #11121968, Sysco Food Services \$3,690.53; #11121973, Tri State Reporting \$1,131.90; #11121974, Valley Equipment Co., Inc. \$6,827.40; #11121977, Western States Petroleum \$1,888.74; #11121978, Whitney & Whitney, PLLC \$3,519.63.