

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, April 4, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Vice Chairman Wilson called the Monday, April 4, 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 (telephonically), Vice Chairman Wilson, Supervisor Clapperton, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Deputy County Attorney Buckelew, Sheriff Drum, Public Defender Field, Elections Director Scholl, Human Resource Director Frantz, Community Development Administrator Yackley, Community Resource Manager MacFarland, Assessor Schuler, School Superintendent Price; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Vice Chairman Wilson conducted the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Pastor Charles Martin of the Big River Baptist Church.

Presentation: “Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award”

Dorothy Fenech, Safety Committee Chairman, presented Stephanie Stein, Appraiser I for the Assessor, with the Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award along with a \$25 gift certificate to Walmart.

Current Event Summary

County Administrator Field gave an update on the County’s budget process, stating that it would start earlier with a more “user friendly” format for the Departments.

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

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

5(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Monday, March 21, 2016, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting; and Monday, March 14, 2016, 10:00 a.m. special meeting.

5(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve March 6, 2016, through March 19, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$433,784.96, plus employer benefit contributions of \$107,378.89, for a total of \$541,163.85, including handwritten warrants.

5(c) Approval of Demands

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$591,109.04, including handwritten warrants.

5(d) Approve to appoint the position of Parks Director for La Paz County Parks, a vacant budgeted position. – Parks (Replacement/Promotion)

Approve to promote Dave Prefling to the position of Parks Director, effective April 4, 2016, at an annual salary of \$40,692.29, increasing to \$41,753.09 (MO10, Step 1), and an exempt position.

5(e) Approve Revolving Credit Agreement Amendment #12 with Wells Fargo Bank, NA. – Finance

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5(f) Approve annual Letter of Declaration regarding the intent of La Paz County to issue more or less than \$10 million in total debt for tax exempt purposes for 2016 – Finance

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5(g) Approve renewal with Toro NSN, a sole source provider, for a three year service agreement for technical support for the irrigation system at Emerald Canyon Golf Course; and authorize the Emerald Canyon Golf Course Green Superintendent to sign the agreement – Golf Course

Approve renewal with Toro NSN, a sole source provider, for a three year service agreement in the amount of \$8,359 for technical support for the irrigation system at Emerald Canyon Golf Course; and authorize the Emerald Canyon Golf Course Green Superintendent to sign the agreement.

5(h) Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Supreme Court, La Paz County School Superintendent and La Paz County Superior Court to provide educational services and funding for juveniles from La Paz County that are residing in the Yuma Juvenile Detention effective April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 – Education Service Agency

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Supervisor Clapperton, referring to item #5(f), asked how long the \$1 million revolving fund limit has been in existence through the County's banking service.

County Administrator Field stated that he believed it to be that limit since the 1990's or earlier. He stated that the increased limit is sought for the timing of cash flows in a fiscal year, for "short term borrowing; to give the County more "breathing room", which should also lesson with the acquirement of additional revenues from the housing of Federal inmates at the Jail.

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

Vice Chairman Wilson recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:11 a.m.

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

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

6(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll

Approve March 6, 2016, through March 19, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$66,205.46, plus employer benefit contributions of \$15,101.10, for a total of \$81,306.56, including handwritten warrants.

6(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve the Jail District demands as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$59,318.16, including handwritten warrants.

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

Vice Chairman 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*):

Adopt Resolution No. 2016-06, approving the issuance of the Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona of its tax exempt education facility lease revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 55,000,000 for Charter School Solutions, Inc. – Harmony Public Schools Project Series 2016A, and its taxable education Facility Lease Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for Charter School Solutions Inc. – Harmony Public Schools project Series 2016B– Board of Supervisors

Gary Drummond, counsel for the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of La Paz, explained that state law required that their organization come before the Board for approval of bond proceedings. He further explained that the IDA approved the final issuance of bonds for Charter School Solutions, Inc., on behalf of five charter schools in Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$55 million; and one in New Mexico, in an amount not to exceed \$10 million, for the acquisition of lands, construction, and equipment of the charter schools.

He explained that with the different laws in each of the two states, Charter School Solutions, Inc. chose to have the local IDA acquire the needed bonds for the Harmony Public Schools Project Series 2016B, as well as for the Albuquerque School of Excellence Project Series 2016B, since Arizona law allowed acquiring bonds out of State, and preferred a single issuer.

Mr. Drummond explained that neither the County nor the IDA is liable for the bonds, and no pledges have been made by either. He added that the schools will pledge collateral, with payments made with the revenues made by the facilities.

He requested approval of the proceedings through the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-06, approving the issuance of the Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona of its tax exempt education facility lease revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 55,000,000 for Charter School Solutions, Inc. – Harmony Public Schools Project Series 2016A, and its taxable education Facility Lease Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for Charter School Solutions Inc. – Harmony Public Schools project Series 2016B.

Supervisor Wilson noted that this item, along with the next resolution, handled each of the project series separately.

County Administrator Field asked what benefit it would be for the IDA to issue the requested bonds.

Mr. Drummond stated that a one-time fee will be negotiated along with an annual fee for their services, which the IDA would use to benefit projects and supporting economic development in the County.

A brief discussion ensued noting what some of the funds were used for within the community in the past.

VICE CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to Resolution No. 2016-06, approving the issuance of the Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona of its tax exempt education facility lease revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 55,000,000 for Charter School Solutions, Inc. – Harmony Public Schools Project Series 2016A, and its taxable education Facility Lease Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for Charter School Solutions Inc. – Harmony Public Schools project Series 2016B, as presented. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2016-07, approving the issuance of the Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona of its tax exempt education facility lease revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 10,000,000 for Charter School Solutions, Inc. – Albuquerque School of Excellence Project Series 2016A, and its taxable education Facility Lease Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for Charter School Solutions Inc. – Albuquerque School of Excellence Project Series 2016B– Board of Supervisors

Mr. Drummond stated that Resolution No. 2016-07 addressed the second project, for the New Mexico school.

There was no additional comment.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2016-07, approving the issuance of the Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona of its tax exempt education facility lease revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 10,000,000 for Charter School Solutions, Inc. – Albuquerque School of Excellence Project Series 2016A, and its taxable education Facility Lease Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for Charter School Solutions Inc. – Albuquerque School of Excellence Project Series 2016B. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2016-08, stating an intention to incur long-term obligations; authorizing all matters, documents and actions relating to the issuance and sale of not-to-exceed \$15,315,000 principal amount of the County’s Excise Tax Revenue Judgment Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, to refund, refinance and redeem the outstanding Excise Tax Revenue Judgment Bonds, Series 2011A and Taxable Series 2011B; and Declaring an Emergency – Roll Call Vote of the Board – Board of Supervisors

Mark Reader, Managing Director of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company Inc., summarized briefly on the “mechanics” of the bond refinancing, noting the “historically” low interest would incur a savings of approximately \$9 million for county and allow the repayment of the bonds approximately 12 years earlier, possibly sooner, from the cash flow of taxes that continue to come in and applied every fiscal year.

He added that his team would move forward to the market and, in approximately three weeks, would find buyers and will close on it soon thereafter.

Tim Pickrell, bond counsel, of Squire Patton Boggs, LLP, confirmed with Deputy Clerk of the Board Green for the record that there had been no comments, verbally, written, or otherwise received concerning this refinancing process.

He added that the “emergency” clause in the resolution allows the process to go forward to completion in 30 days.

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A roll call vote was conducted by Deputy Clerk of the Board Green as follows:

Chairman Irwin	aye
Vice Chairman Wilson	aye
Supervisor Clapperton	aye

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous vote.

Approve one year subscription agreement with Grant Finder, a grant research database to provide information on grant availability from Federal, State, and private foundation sources; and authorize the Community Resource Manager to sign the agreement – *Community Resources*

Community Resource Manager MacFarland requested approval of a subscription agreement with Grant Finder, a grant research database, explaining that it would replace a previously approved and more costly database.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve one year subscription agreement with Grant Finder, a grant research database to provide information on grant availability from Federal, State, and private foundation sources, at a rate of \$995; and authorize the Community Resource Manager to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve Canvass of the 2016 Presidential Preference Election held on March 22, 2016 – *Elections*

Elections Director Scholl requested approval of the March 22, 2016, Presidential Preference Election canvass.

He gave a detailed report of the number of votes in the various precincts, parties, and how it compared to past elections, noting there was good voting turnout at 45.3% of registered voters.

A brief discussion ensued concerning the costs incurred to the County for elections, noting that there may be some assistance received from the efforts of the Arizona Secretary of State.

Elections Director Scholl stated that cost of the Presidential Preference in La Paz County cost approximately \$45,559, with \$11,000 in assistance expected.

He further stated that finding poll workers was difficult, and expected the General Election to be a very busy time for the Elections Department.

VICE CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve the canvass of the 2016 Presidential Preference Election held on March 22, 2016. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve Americore VISTA Project Sponsorship application for two (2) VISTA volunteers to work with the County School Superintendent's office, Parker Unified School District and Bicentennial Union High School District; and authorize the La Paz County School Superintendent to sign application – School Superintendent

School Superintendent Price explained that the Parker and Salome schools would be receiving two “volunteer” workers through a grant passing through WACOG that would not be actually working for the school districts, but rather, to “building a capacity to organize and create programs for students”. She added that the funding would also provide housing for the “volunteers”.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve Americore VISTA Project Sponsorship application for two (2) VISTA volunteers to work with the County School Superintendent's office, Parker Unified School District and Bicentennial Union High School District; and authorize the La Paz County School Superintendent to sign application. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve agreement between La Paz County and H.A.V.E.N. Family Resource Center, retroactive to July 1, 2015, for provision of forensic interview and/or forensic examination services to victims of sexual abuse/assault and dangerous crimes against children; and authorize County Attorney to sign application – County Attorney

Deputy County Attorney Buckelew presented for approval an agreement with the H.A.V.E.N. Family Resource Center, for provision of forensic interview and/or forensic examination services to victims of sexual abuse/assault and dangerous crimes against children. He stated that these services were used in the past for some time; however, there was never a formal contract.

He added that it was a statutory requirement for investigation costs to be funded for such cases.

Supervisor Clapperton noted some of the hourly costs and fees that would be charged for these services.

The following La Paz County demands were audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors: #11121983, APS \$1,750.20; #11121986, AZ Counties Insurance Pool \$1,504.73; #11121989, AZ Supreme Court \$3,750.00; #11121990, AZLGEBT \$191,909.60; #11121993, Bob Barker Company \$1,491.00; #11122001, Davis Building Supply \$2,389.43; #11122009, Emerald Canyon – Petty Cash \$4,819.50; #11122012, Frontier \$4,428.32; #11122013, G & K Services \$1,261.81; #11122018, Keith W. Shillito M.D. \$2,147.49; #11122019, Kimball Equipment Company \$3,076.41; #11122021, La Paz Counseling \$1,988.00; #11122023, La Paz County Treasurer \$3,137.25; #1112228, Mike’s Contracting, Inc. \$1,744.63; #11122033, Parker Auto & Marine \$1,232.90; #11122034, Parker Funeral Home, Inc. \$1,300.00; #11122037, Parker Oil Products, Inc. \$5,230.00; #11122039, Pima County Treasurer \$6,900.00; #11122040, Pitney Bowes \$1,320.49; #11122043, Reddy Ice \$1,603.78; #11122048, Shamrock Foods \$3,847.55; #11122055, SR Roberts, Inc. \$2,152.27; #11122056, Staples \$2,152.27; #11122057, Sudden Link \$2,191.91; #11122058, Suncor Industries, Inc. \$1,349.86; #11122059, Sysco Food Services \$1,194.10; #11122060, Tamco \$9,197.66; #11122061, Taser International \$5,991.23; #11122064, U.S. Foodservice, Inc. \$3,774.21; #11122065, Verizon Wireless \$1,936.69; #11122066, Waxie Sanitary Supply \$2,576.64; #11122067, West Payment Center \$1,553.50; #11122069, Western States Petroleum \$1,851.06; #11122073, Yuma County Juvenile \$12,800.00; #11122101, Ecology Auto Parts \$58,809.95; #11122110, Gloria Eagle, PA-C \$1,437.50; #11122113, Growers Oil Company \$4,989.04; #11122118, Inland Kenworth, Inc. \$188,498.59; #11122121, Jones, Skelton & Hochuli \$2,249.90; #11122125, Klopfenstein, MD, Kevin \$1,500.00; #11122133, Motorola \$1,678.76; #11122142, Pioneer Landscaping Materials \$1,940.85; #11122146, Quill \$1,203.83; #11122151, Radford, Michael \$3,319.79; #11122159, Schiff, Laurence M.D. \$1,225.00; #11122163, Simpson Norton Corp. \$1,623.43; #11122164, Smith & Wesson \$3,255.02; #11122168, St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance \$1,078.62; #11122173, Supreme Court \$9,750.00.