

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, May 19, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Wilson called the Monday, May 19, 2014, 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 Wilson, Supervisor Clapperton, Supervisor Irwin, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Deputy County Attorney Buckelew, Finance Director Hill, Community Development Administrator Yackley, Interim Public Works Director Simmons, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Harder, Public Defender Field, Sheriff Drum, Superior Court Clerk Spielman, Animal Control Officer Taft; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Wilson 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 spoke of different referendums and initiatives addressed by the State, noting that there will be 15 initiatives on the November 2014 ballot.

Presentation: La Paz County Hospital Update by Vickie Clark, CEO

Vickie Clark, La Paz County Hospital CEO, stated that National Hospital Week is being celebrated in the month of May, befitting this occasion for an update to the Board.

She stated that the hospital has finally obtained its “critical access status”, which has taken five years to obtain through Federal court. She explained that this status allows certain reimbursements under the Medicare program based on the fact that the hospital is small, under 50 beds. One of the impediments was that the Parker Indian Health Center was within 35 miles.

She explained the benefits of this status, noting the addition of “swing beds”; expansion of the stroke program, in association with the Mayo Clinic; and the capability to purchase drugs through a federal program, such as for chemotherapy, all which allows the hospital to offer treatment here rather than sending them elsewhere.

She stated she is expecting that the critical access status should help the hospital financially over the losses being experienced.

She noted that a full time podiatrist will be offered in August 2014, who will live in Parker and travel to Quartzsite once a week and to Salome every other week; the hospital is in the process of buying an anterior hip table, which will significantly lessen recovery time; a

phlebotomist will go to Quartzsite and Salome at a draw station in order for patients to get their lab work done locally; and electronic records will soon be offered to allow patients to obtain their personal medical records.

She stated that one of the major issues being dealt with at this time, is the new health insurance exchanges; or insurance updates. She noted that deductibles are getting much higher, in fact, it is not unusual to have up to \$5,000 deductible, which is an issue for the hospital because many times people have a difficult time with deductibles, and the hospital's "bad debt" numbers have more than doubled. She stated that they are reviewing their discount and collection policies, especially for those in need.

Ms. Clark stated that the hospital would like to work with the County's health program to see what they could offer the County; and welcomed any public input.

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

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

5(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Monday, May 5, 2014, regular meeting.

5(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve April 20, 2014, through May 3, 2014, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$412,871.24, plus employer benefit contributions of \$82,727.68, for a total of \$495,598.92, including handwritten warrants.

5(c) Approval of Demands

Approve the demands, as presented, in the amount of \$668,950.21, including handwritten warrants.

5(d) Approve to appoint Jerry Landau as Pro Tem Judge to the Superior Court, pursuant to A.R.S. §12-141, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015; without compensation – Superior Court

Approve to appoint Jerry Landau as Pro Tem Judge to the Superior Court, pursuant to A.R.S. §12-141, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015; without compensation.

5(e) Appoint Animal Control Director, a budgeted position – Animal Control (Replacement/Promotion)

Appoint Danielle M. DeRosa-Profilio to the position of Animal Control Director, effective June 1, 2013, at an annual salary of \$33,300 (E040), a vacant budgeted position.

5(f) Appoint Animal Control Officer, a budgeted position – Animal Control (Replacement)

Appoint Justine D. Impastato as Animal Control Officer, effective May 27, 2014, at an annual salary of \$29,390.40 (NE006, Step 3), a vacant budgeted position.

5(g) Appoint Dispatcher, a vacant budgeted position – Sheriff (Replacement/Transfer)

Approve transfer of Melissa Settles, Senior Account Clerk, to the position of 9-1-1 Dispatcher, effective May 21, 2014, at salary of \$31,179.20 (NE001, Step 7), with a six (6) month probationary period for La Paz County and an additional six (6) month period for the Sheriff's Office; a vacant budgeted position.

5(h) Appoint Grants Administrator, a budgeted position – Finance (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Alexandra Taft as Grants Administrator/Resource Coordinator, effective June 2, 2014, at an annual salary of \$42,515 (NE027, Step 1), a budgeted position.

5(i) Appoint Court Clerk for the Quartzsite Justice Court, a vacant budgeted position – JP4

Appoint Sharon Hall as Court Clerk for the Quartzsite Justice Court, retroactive to May 5, 2014, at a salary of \$22,433.20 (NE014, Step 1), a vacant budgeted position.

5(j) Ratify approval of Leave Without Pay for employee due to a medical condition – County Attorney

Approve Leave Without Pay for E. Terri Wilson, Legal Assistant for the County Attorney, due to a medical condition.

5(k) Approve Arizona Department of Health Services Intergovernmental Agreement Contract No. ADHS13-041542, Amendment #1 to the Immunization Program; and authorize the Health Director to sign the agreement – Health

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5(l) Approve Memorandum of Understanding Regarding A.R.S. §41-1724, with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Contract No. 2014-051, GIITEM Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Sub Account, for the purchase of equipment for officers – Sheriff

Approve Memorandum of Understanding Regarding A.R.S. §41-1724, with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Contract No. 2014-051, GIITEM Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Sub Account, providing \$3,500 for the purchase of equipment for officers.

5(m) Ratify approval of a letter of appreciation to Henry R. Darwin, Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and staff relating to HB 2523 La Paz County Amendment – Board of Supervisors

Ratify approval of a letter of appreciation to Henry R. Darwin, Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and staff relating to HB 2523 La Paz County Amendment relating to the Landfill Project.

5(n) Approve Arizona State Purchasing Cooperative Agreement – Finance

Approve Arizona State Purchasing Cooperative Agreement.

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

Chairman Wilson recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:19a.m.

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

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

6(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll

Approve April 20, 2014, through May 3, 2014, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$59,721.51, plus employer benefit contributions of \$11,947.95, for a total of \$71,669.46, including handwritten warrants.

6(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve the Jail District demands in the amount of \$18,216.58, including handwritten warrants.

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

Chairman Wilson recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:20

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Docket No. TR2008-01, Amigos Del Valle / Phillip Arthur, APN: 308-03-026B/D, requesting a two (2) year extension for the Final Plat for the development of 59.50 acres for a Mobile Home Subdivision; property located at 71501 69 ½ Street and 71500 Highway 60, in Wenden – Community Development

Community Development Administrator Yackley presented Docket No. TR2008-01, Amigos Del Valle / Phillip Arthur, APN: 308-03-026B/D, requesting a two (2) year extension for the Final Plat for the development of 59.50 acres for a Mobile Home Subdivision; property located at 71501 69 ½ Street and 71500 Highway 60, in Wenden.

She stated that the extension is requested due to the current market values and the slowdown in housing in Salome, recommending approval of the request.

Chairman Wilson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the request for an extension to the Final Plat.

Jim Downing, engineer for the project stated that he was present to answer any questions the public would have.

There being no further comments, Chairman Wilson closed the public hearing.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve Docket No. TR2008-01, Amigos Del Valle / Phillip Arthur, APN: 308-03-026B/D, for a two (2) year extension for the Final Plat for the development of 59.50 acres for a Mobile Home Subdivision; property located at 71501 69 ½ Street and 71500 Highway 60, in Wenden. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Docket No. FR2009-001, Arroyos Preserve, Landway Development Corporation and Michael and Denise Larson, APN: 302-32-012, requesting a two (2) year extension for the Final Plat for the development of up to 129 residential lots and additional tracts on forty (40) acres; property located at 51626 Avenue 23E West of Highway 95, in La Paz Valley – Community Development

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She stated this item presented the same situation as the previous with some progress on infrastructure. She added that homes are definitely needed in this area.

Chairman Wilson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the request for extension of the Final Plat.

There being no comments, Chairman Wilson closed the public hearing.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve Docket No. FR2009-001, Arroyos Preserve, Landway Development Corporation and Michael and Denise Larson, APN: 302-32-012, requesting a two (2) year extension for the Final Plat for the development of up to 129 residential lots and additional tracts on forty (40) acres; property located at 51626 Avenue 23E West of Highway 95, in La Paz. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Tax Roll Corrections – Assessor

Assessor Schuler presented one (1) tax roll correction as follows with the net amount of -\$201.70 as follows: #2012.TRC.376S1

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve one (1) tax roll correction with the net amount of -\$201.70 as presented by Assessor Schuler. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve FY 2014/2015 Schedule of Reimbursements of La Paz County Services to La Paz County Special Districts – Finance

Finance Director Hill requested approval of FY 2014/2015 Schedule of Reimbursements of La Paz County Services to La Paz County Special Districts. She stated that the County had recently received the new Cost Allocations Plan data from an independent source at a rate of \$3.57 per parcel. She noted that the Board had made a policy of excluding fire districts based on the mutual aid provided by fire districts within the County.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve FY 2014/2015 Schedule of Reimbursements of La Paz County Services to La Paz County Special Districts. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Two (2) ¾ Ton Pick-Up Trucks and three (3) ½ Ton Pick-Up Trucks Bid, a budgeted item – Public Works

Interim Public Works Director Simmons clarified that the bids were for three ¾ ton pickups and two ½ ton pickups and explained that, although the Department went out for bids, the bids received were not what they were looking for and requested direction from the Board. He noted that it was his intention to go through State Contract; however, the costs were higher than what was received through the bidding process.

Chairman Wilson asked Interim Public Works Director Simmons if the XL trucks were acceptable instead of the XLTs that were requested.

Interim Public Works Director Simmons noted some of the differences; however, he stated he could “get by with them”. He added that the funds for obtaining these vehicles were from the Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF); therefore, would not burden local taxpayers.

Chairman Wilson stated that he had looked over the bid packets received, noting some concerns, such as pricing sheets not signed from vendors; no company name or address anywhere on the packet of materials; essentially incomplete bids. He noted that the Parker Motor Company bid was complete; however, it was higher.

Further discussion ensued regarding the vendors that responded to the bid request, noting comments from Angie’s List about Peoria Ford, giving the company “B’s” and “C’s” rating on their service and responsiveness; as well as the economic benefits served by using local vendors. It was felt that the difference in price did not outweigh those benefits, noting that, in the future, vehicle bids might be requested in aggregate as well as list them separately in the event there are price breaks for purchasing multiple vehicles.

Supervisor Clapperton reiterated that the cost for the vehicles are borne by HURF funds and have nothing to directly affect La Paz County taxpayers.

County Administrator Field noted that the sales of large ticket items in the County suffered because of the bonds taken out since 2011. He added that he felt the best responsive bid received was from Parker Motor Company; recommending approval of their bid; and stated that it is within the Board's discretion to make that decision.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to award the bid for Three (3) ¾ Ton Pick-Up Trucks and Two (2) ½ Ton Pick-Up Trucks Bid to Parker Motor Company, the most responsible and responsive bidder, and in the best interest of La Paz County, in the amount of \$130,065.49. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action for the County to enter into an escrow agreement for the sale and transfer of 150 acre feet of 4th Priority Colorado River Water to buyers, Robhana, Inc, and WALTCO, subject to the exercised December 3, 2012 amended Option Agreement – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field gave a background of the 4th Priority Colorado River Water the County purchased in 2008, explaining that the seller exercised their option made in 2012 for water at \$3,000 per acre feet; totaling \$450,000 for 150 acre feet. He explained that this water is needed for development, and will be obtained through the Ehrenberg Improvement Association. He noted that the escrow company had changed, which will be revised in the escrow agreement.

Steve Wene, attorney representing the buyers, stated that they tried hard to find a local escrow company; however, none agreed to handle the transaction. He noted that standard escrow procedures will be followed, and when all the transactions are completed, the company will start building homes and develop the area.

County Administrator Field stated that there may be additional items that will need signatures by the escrow company; therefore, he asked that authority be given to execute any additional documents required.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve entering into an escrow agreement for the sale and transfer of 150 acre feet of 4th Priority Colorado River Water to buyers, Robhana, Inc, and WALTCO, subject to the exercised December 3, 2012 amended Option Agreement, and authorizes the County Administrator or the Chairman to execute documents to the completion of the escrow agreement. Motion seconded by Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action to reconsider the appointment of the Vice Chairman position for the Board of Supervisors – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field noted that when the Board's agenda listed appointment of the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the new terms, he neglected to recall that typically the Vice Chairman would be the next Chairman appointed. He asked the next

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\$5,730; #11110039, John Deere Company, \$2,992; #11110044, La Paz County Landfill, \$14,174.44; #11110045, La Paz County Treasurer, \$2,787.98; #11110050, Michael Schwab, \$1,070; #11110053, Network Services, \$1,870.94; #11110054, Matthew G. Newman, \$3,622.50; #11110059, Parker Auto & Marine, \$2,195.60; #11110061, Parker Motor Co., Inc., \$2,243.84; #11110062, Parker Office Supply, \$2,125.67; #11110063, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$13,016.92; #11110065, Town of Parker, \$175,928.68; #11110072, Precision Electric Company, \$2,210.10; #11110073, Priyanka Miller, \$1,162.50; #11110075, Quill, \$1,571.90; #11110082, Rideout Law PLLC, \$1,927.50; #11110090, Scott Sindelar, Ph. D., \$1,838.45; #11110092, Shamrock Food Company, \$2,887.92; #11110099, Stark Family Bakery, \$1,001.50; #11110100, Steve Huffman, \$1,290.30; #11110101, Strategic Management Group, \$12,500; #11110102, Sudden Link, \$5,265.36; #11110103, Sysco Food Services, \$1,164.32; #11110106, Tires@Wholesale, \$1,922.86; #11110107, Titleist, \$2,252.16; #11110110, Town of Quartzsite, \$97,500; #11110111, Tri-State Reporting, \$10,407.80; #11110112, U. S. Foodservice, Inc., \$3,708.58; #11110115, Verizon Wireless, \$2,674.03; #11110117, Waxie Sanitary Supply, \$1,398.06; #11110118, West Payment Center, \$1,917.80; #11110120, Western States Petroleum, \$1,520.63; #11110121, Willdan Engineering, \$2,185; #11110130, Arizona Batteries, \$6,661.93; #11110131, Arizona Counties Insurance Pool, \$8,561.50; #11110132, Arizona Department of Revenue, \$19,982.32; #11110134, Arizona Emergency Products, \$4,459.97; #11110151, Colorado River Sand & Rock, \$1,277.39; #11110158, Emerald Canyon – Petty Cash, \$1,693.54; #11110162, Michael Leland Frame, \$9,915; #11110165, Grainger, \$1,154.74; #11110169, Hermosa Veterinary Clinic, \$1,930.35; #11110178, Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, \$7,243.95; #11110179, Keith W. Shillito, M. D., \$1,344.35; #11110182, La Paz Career Center, \$2,000; #11110183, La Paz Counseling, \$1,140; #11110188, MCI Mega Preferred, \$1,633.82; #11110192, MME Consulting Services, \$2,175; #11110219, Lawrence Schiff, M. D., \$1,575; #11110224, Flora B. Spiller, \$1,048.74; #11110236, U of A Cooperative Extension, \$10,000; #11110241, Western Emulsions, Inc., \$99,860.16; #11110242, White Sheet Free Shopping, \$1,315.80; #11110244, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, \$1,800.