

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monday, July 20, 2015, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Vice Chairman Wilson called the July 20, 2015, regular meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 10:00 a.m. Elected Officials and Department Head present were: Vice Chairman Wilson, Supervisor Clapperton, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Deputy County Attorney Buckelew, Assessor Schuler, Public Defender Field, Public Works Director Simmons, Community Development Administrator Yackley, Grant Resources/Grant Administrator Taft, Elections Director Scholl, School Superintendent Price, Sheriff Drum; and Executive Assistant Reeves. Chairman Irwin was unable to attend telephonically due to the storms.

Vice-Chairman Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Supervisor Clapperton.

**Presentation: Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award**

Dorothy Fenech, Safety Committee Chairman, presented Jovanna Kirk, Legal Assistant for the County Attorney's office, with the Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award along with a \$25 gift certificate to Walmart.

**Current Event Summary**

County Administrator Field stated that the La Paz County tentative budget would be discussed later in the meeting.

**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 July 20, 2015, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

**5(b) Approval of Payroll**

Approve June 14, 2015, through July 11, 2015, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$425,036.20, plus employer benefit contributions of \$99,851.43, for a total of \$524,887.63, including handwritten warrants.

**5(c) Approval of Demands**

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY 2014/2015, in the amount of \$258,160.44, including handwritten warrant; and as presented, for FY 2015/2016, in the amount of \$281,422.88, including handwritten warrants.

**5(d) Appoint Maintenance Worker I, a vacant budgeted position – Public Works (Replacement)**

Approve to appoint John Leird, Jr., as Maintenance Worker I, effective July 22, 2015, at a salary of \$27,435.20 (NE045, Step 7), a vacant budgeted position.

**5(e) Appoint member to the Mohave/La Paz Local Workforce Investment Board (Mo/Paz LWIB) – Career Center**

Approve appointment of Regina Martinez to the Mohave/La Paz Local Workforce Investment Board (Mo/Paz LWIB), effective July 20, 2015.

**5(f) Appoint Hearing Officer – Community Development.**

Approve appointment of John Yarbrough as Hearing Officer, effective July 20, 2015, at an hourly rate of \$25.00.

**5(g) Approve Association of Arizona Food Banks Grant award in the amount of \$5,000 for the repair of the Parker Food Bank walk-in freezer; and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant – Community Resources**

Approve Association of Arizona Food Banks Grant award in the amount of \$5,000 for the repair of the Parker Food Bank walk-in freezer; and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant.

**5(h) Approve to ratify Designation of Applicant's Agent for Emergency Management – Board of Supervisors**

Approve to ratify appointment of Nora Yackley as the Arizona Division of Emergency Management Designation of Applicant's Agent for La Paz County Emergency Management, effective July 14, 2015 – *Board of Supervisors*.

**VICE CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(h). Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

***Vice Chairman Wilson recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:06 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 May 31, 2015, through June 13, 2015, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$62,172.35, plus employer benefit contributions of \$14,079.32, for a total of \$76,251.67, including handwritten warrants.

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

Approve the Jail District demands as presented, for FY 2014/2015, in the amount of \$148,520.25, including handwritten warrants; and as presented, for FY 2015/2016, in the amount of \$179,583.25, including handwritten warrants.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERON MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(b). Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Adopt Tentative FY 2015/2016 Jail District Budget – Finance**

County Administrator Field described the Tentative Budget as an estimate of revenues and expenditures for the next fiscal year. He explained at length the Jail deficit from funds no longer available from housing federal inmates who are currently being sent to private prisons instead of to the Jail District. He stated that State government needs to be convinced that private prisons and their problems, as recently exposed by the Kingman prison facility, are not always more economical or safe.

He added that discussions through the County Supervisors Association (CSA) to the Department of Corrections hope to convince legislators that it is not necessary to place the thousands of excess prisoners through private prisons.

The Jail District tentative budgeted figures for FY 2015/2016 were as follows:

Available Resources:	\$3,486,500
Total Expenditures:	\$3,364,725
Total Cash Available:	\$ 121,775

He asked that Jail administration confirm the numbers before the August 3, 2015, final budget approval, adding that the highest limit is what is represented in the Tentative Budget; however, it may be reduced.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve the Tentative FY 2015/2016 Jail District Budget. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

*Vice Chairman Wilson recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:16 a.m.*

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

**Approve to ratify grant application to the Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative (OAI) Grant Program, a non-matching grant, for signage on the La Paz County portion of the Arizona Peace Trail – Community Resources**

Grant Administrator/Resource Coordinator Taft explained that this item was a grant application providing \$14,980.46 for signage on the Arizona Peace Trail; a portion of the trail that loops through the three counties of Mohave, Yuma and La Paz County and approximately 250 miles. She stated the documents in the grant application included support letters from the Yamaha dealership and volunteers that committed their time to install the signage.

**VICE CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED** to ratify approval of a grant application to the Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative (OAI) Grant Program, a non-matching grant providing \$14,980.96, for signage on the La Paz County portion of the Arizona Peace Trail. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

**Adopt Tentative FY 2015/2016 La Paz County Budget – Finance**

County Administrator Field reviewed the Tentative FY 2015/2016 La Paz County Budget. He noted that the Tentative Budget would be advertised for two consecutive weeks for public review; thereafter, there would be a meeting for final adoption on August 3, 2015. He stated that the law allowed a 60-day period before the fiscal year is closed to allow for journal entrees to reflect actual numbers going into the final adoption.

He explained at considerable length the various schedules and funds as they appeared on the budget documents and the comparisons from the previous year; budgeted and actual expenditures.

County Administrator Field explained that taxes levied are limited to 2% over the past maximum levy from the previous year, as well as the amount that can be spent. He added there is a penalty that occurs for over-spending that requires reducing the taxes for the amount of the over-expenditure. In the event a mistake is made and taxes were set too high, the taxes are to be reduced the following year.

He stated that organizations, such as the Property Tax Oversight Committee, check government entities to be sure they do not go over the levy limitations.

The budget La Paz County budget figures are as follows:

Available Resources:	\$33,464,472
Total Expenditures:	\$33,464,472
Enterprise Funds:	\$ 1,779,331

**VICE CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED** to approve Tentative FY 2015/2016 La Paz County Budget. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

**Tax Roll Corrections - Assessor**

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones, on behalf of Assessor Schuler, presented ten (10) tax roll corrections for the net amount of -\$5,903.78 as follows:

#2013.TRC.441S1	-\$49.00	#2014.TRC.441S1	-\$55.64
#2014.TRC.441S2	-\$55.30	#2014.TRC.442S1	+\$1,424.34
#2014.TRC.442S3	-\$177.14	#2014.TRC.442S4	-\$324.40
#2014.TRC.442S5	-\$94.96	#2014.TRC.442S6	-\$12.54
#2014.TRC.445S1	-\$2,001.84	#2014.TRC.445S2	-\$1,708.62

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve ten (10) tax roll corrections for the net amount of -\$5,903.78, as presented by Chief Deputy Jones on behalf of Assessor Schuler. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Call to the Public**

There were no comments.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Irwin adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

APPROVED

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/s/  
Holly Irwin, Chairman

