

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, August 18, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Wilson called the August 18, 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 Irwin, Supervisor Clapperton, Finance Director Hill (and on behalf of County Administrator Field), Deputy County Attorney Buckelew, Community Development Administrator Yackley, Interim Public Works Director Simmons, Grants Administrator/Resource Coordinator Taft, Sheriff Drum, Parks Director Bennett; and Executive Assistant Reeves.

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

Current Event Summary

Finance Director Hill presented information on current County grant applications and projects; as well as legislation proposals La Paz County has submitted for the County Supervisors Association (CSA) Legislative Summit to occur in October, 2014.

She noted the McMullen Valley Food Bank building project is on schedule for completion; and funding to assist the La Paz County Career Center for technical assistance in job-training outreach to the Salome and Ehrenberg areas, and for potential funds to repair the Career Center roof, has been located through the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise Program.

She reported that Off-Road Highway Vehicle project through Arizona State Parks in the Hippie Hole area is not yet possible because the County's application for site control of the State Trust Land/Bureau of Land Management land are still being processed; although it has been almost one year.

She stated that Arizona Department of Homeland Security has awarded the La Paz County Sheriff's Department \$54,592 for continued development of the Countywide Regional Radio System.

She added that the National Rifle Association (NRA) has a grant opportunity for construction of a trap shooting facility in Bouse, as supported by the Bouse Shooting Range.

Supervisor Irwin reported that the Cibola area was without electric power over 11 hours during the night on August 13, 2014. She also noted that considerable flooding occurred as a result of the rains, with the over flow of washes; and mosquito issues were also reported.

Finance Director Hill noted legislative proposals submitted by the County: two amendments to Library District statutes, A.R.S. §§11-901 et seq. and §§48-3901 et seq., to allow Boards of Supervisors to expend General Fund monies and enter into intergovernmental agreements to provide identified library services at established County libraries in the unincorporated areas; and to refer the question of the establishment of library districts to the voters, as well as the district's funding mechanism by either the levying of secondary taxes or excise taxes. This proposal would be similar to the establishment and funding of County Jail Districts as found in A.R.S. §§48-4001 et seq. and 48-4021.

She stated that two additional legislative proposals were submitted, one for the available option of sole discretionary appointment of County counsel by the Board of Supervisors for civil services, instead of using the County Attorney; and another legislative proposal amending Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) statute A.R.S. §17-272, entitled "Voluntary Contributions in Lieu of Property Taxes" to require the Commission "to pay the equivalent of a County's loss of tax revenues for originally categorized and assessed private property eventually donated to the Game & Fish Department as part of a water rights transfer or settlement".

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

Finance Director Hill presented for approval Consent Agenda Items #4(a) through #4(g).

4(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting; Thursday, July 24, 2014, 2:00 p.m. special meeting; and Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 8:00 a.m. worksession.

4(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve July 13, 2014, through July 26, 2014, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$396,314.87, plus employer benefit contributions of \$84,953.87, for a total of \$481,268.74, including handwritten warrants.

4(c) Approval of Demands

Approve demands, as presented, for FY 2014/2015, in the amount of \$341,847.30, including handwritten warrants.

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4(d) Appoint member to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS), La Paz County Sheriff's Department Local Retirement Board, effective August 18, 2014, for term expiring September 6, 2017 – Board of Supervisors

Appoint Bill Risen as a board member to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS), La Paz County Sheriff's Department Local Retirement Board, to fill a vacant civilian position, for the period of August 18, 2014, through September 6, 2017.

4(e) Approve Arizona Department of Health Services Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment No. 8, Contract No ADHS 14-007890, for the Emergency Preparedness Program, retroactive to June 24, 2014 – Health

Approve Arizona Department of Health Services Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment No. 8, Contract No. ADHS 14-007890, for the Emergency Preparedness Program, retroactive to June 24, 2014, in the amount of \$224,596.98; and authorize the Health Director to sign the agreement.

4(f) Approve Arizona Department of Health Services Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment No. 9, Contract No ADHS 14-007890, for the Emergency Preparedness Program, for FY 2015, retroactive to July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 – Health

Approve Arizona Department of Health Services Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment No. 9, Contract No ADHS 14-007890, for the Emergency Preparedness Program, for FY 2015, retroactive to July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$184,717; and authorize the Health Director to sign the agreement.

4(g) Approve recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses& Control for Special Event License for the Soroptimist of Parker for their Annual Colorado River 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off, on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at the La Paz County Parker, located at 7350 Riverside Drive, Parker – Board of Supervisors

Recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses& Control for Special Event License for the Soroptimist of Parker for their Colorado River 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off, on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at the La Paz County Park, located at 7350 Riverside Drive, Parker.

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

Chairman Wilson recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:18 a.m.

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

Finance Director Hill presented for approval Jail District Consent Agenda Items #5(a) and #5(b).

5(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll

Approve July 13, 2014, through July 26, 2014, Jail District gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$57,905.26, plus employer benefit contributions of \$11,507.39, for a total of \$69,412.65, including handwritten warrants.

5(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve Jail District demands as presented for FY 2014/2015, in the amount of \$64,478.94, including handwritten warrants.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve Jail District Consent Agenda Items #5(a) and #5(b). Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Docket No. TP2014-01, Spencer De La Cruz/Indian Hills Unit 7, APNs: 304-87-003A/006/007, requesting a Tentative Plat to development 39 lots (33.92 acres) for a Low Density Residential (R-1) subdivision, Indian Hills Unit 7; property located at SW Corner of Ola Street and Idaho Way, in Salome – Community Development

Community Development Administrator Yackley presented Docket No. TP2014-01, Spencer De La Cruz/Indian Hills Unit 7, APNs: 304-87-003A/006/007, requesting a Tentative Plat to develop 39 lots (33.92 acres) for a Low Density Residential (R-1) subdivision, Indian Hills Unit 7, property located at SW corner of Ola Street and Idaho Way, in Salome.

She stated the property was located in Flood Zone X; and the Department had notified 52 property owners of the proposed project. She noted that one response was received in opposition expressing concern that one of the roads in the subdivision would be closed off. Community Development Administrator Yackley explained that the road referred to would not be closed, according to the most recent plans.

She gave a brief report from the Review Committee, noting the comments from the different Departments, as well as from Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

Chairman Wilson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the request for a Tentative Plat.

Jim Downing, engineer for the project, stated that he, as well as the property owner and developer, were present to answer any questions the public would have. He added the project had already been through the rezoning process, rezoned as a Mobile Home Subdivision (MHS).

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

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve Docket No. TP2014-01, Spencer De La Cruz/Indian Hills Unit 7, APNs: 304-87-003A/006/007, for a Tentative Plat to develop 39 lots (33.92 acres) for a low density residential subdivision (R-1), Indian Hills Unit 7; with the stipulations that: 1) the development meets all conditions and stipulations on the engineer's report; 2) Subdivision Regulations need to be addressed; and 3) roads need to be addressed; property located at the SW corner of Ola Street and Idaho Way, Salome, AZ, 85348, Township 05N, Range 13W, Section 28 of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, La Paz County, Arizona. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Adopt Proclamation No. 2014-12, proclaiming National Employer Support of the Guard Reserve Week, September 22 – 26, 2014 – Board of Supervisors

Chairman Wilson read Proclamation No. 2014-12, proclaiming National Employer Support of the Guard Reserve Week, September 22 – 26, 2014, in its entirety.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to adopt Proclamation No. 2014-12, proclaiming National Employer Support of the Guard Reserve Week, September 22 – 26, 2014. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Chairman Wilson presented a copy of the Proclamation to Gretchen Fiske, Volunteer with the Arizona Office for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Approve amendment of the La Paz County Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Property Tax Levies - Finance

Finance Director Hill presented an amendment of the La Paz County Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Property Tax Levies. She explained that this action to amend the levies “downward” were the result of three revisions requested, from Arizona Western College, Wenden Elementary Schools and Buckskin Sanitary District.

She added that an “alleged” newly qualified minimum school tax was applied to Bicentennial High School, and discussed the assistance she received from the State regarding the complicated calculations required relating to school taxes.

A brief discussion ensued noting that \$272,727 will need to be paid into the “equalization fund”. She had felt this was a mistake; however, it was confirmed by the State as a correct levy.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve amendment to the La Paz County Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Property Tax Levies. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve contract with Precision Electric for replacement of the water pump at Emerald Canyon Golf Course – Golf Course

Finance Director Hill, on behalf of Golf Professional Benton, stated that the pump at the Golf Course is 26 years old and needed to be replaced, having been repaired numerous times. She described at length the issues with the current pump, adding that a tremendous amount of grass seed would be ruined if the pump went out, along with the labor cost of the seeding and revenues for the season could also be potentially lost.

She stated that Precision Electric Company, Inc., out of Phoenix, was on State Contract; a reputable company; offered a good warranty; and this was a budgeted item. She added that, although it was not an emergency at this time, it could easily become one.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve contract with Precision Electric Company, Inc., for replacement of the water pumping station at Emerald Canyon Golf Course in the amount not to exceed \$125,692.60, and to authorize the County Administrator or Chairman to enter into said contract contingent upon the approval as to form by the County Attorney. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Supervisor Clapperton stated that, upon his inspection, he felt there were serious problems with the pump, and described some issues he observed.

Tax Roll Corrections - Assessor

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones presented six (6) tax roll corrections for the net amount of \$-44,151.62 as follows:

2011.TRC.412S2	\$-11,539.48	2011.TRC.414S1	\$-276.52
2012.TRC.412S4	\$-11,964.36	2012.TRC.414S1	\$-282.62
2013.TRC.412S13	\$-19,816.02	2013.TRC.414S1	\$-271.62

Supervisor Clapperton asked for an explanation about the negative amount in the tax roll corrections, and whether there was a report available on the total amount of tax corrections made.

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones explained that negative amounts are typical in corrections, revising assessments that have been brought to the attention of the Assessor's office from property owners, and then researched. She added that the particular corrections before the Board were for Arizona Soils, correcting the amount of asphalt on their property; and another change was for a homeowner correcting what was described on the records as a living area to be a garage instead.

She added that she did not have on hand what the total amount of tax roll corrections were made in the past year; however, she could obtain that information.

Chairman Wilson added that, for those adjustments for prior years, the special taxing districts that benefited from those taxes would have to refund those corrections to the property owner. He stated that this amount represents a "fairly significant hit" to the Salome and Bicentennial High School District. He noted that, by statute, those districts do not have to refund those amounts until the following year in order that the amount may be budgeted.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve (6) tax roll corrections with the net result of \$-44,151.62 as presented by Chief Deputy Jones on behalf of Assessor Schuler. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve publication of the La Paz County Public Notice of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance and Non-Discrimination pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and La Paz County Resolution No. 93-33

Grants Administrator/Resource Coordinator Taft stated that this request was a "house-keeping" issue in that it was required that those Counties involved with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects annually publish a "Notice of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance" notice.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve to publish La Paz County Public Notice of ADA Compliance and Non-Discrimination pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and La Paz County Resolution No. 93-33. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve job description of the position of Administrative Supervisor for the Sheriff Department

Lieutenant Epps stated that Sheriff Drum had discovered that there was no job description for the position of Administrative Supervisor for the Sheriff Department. He added that a description for this position was researched through other Counties for the same position, and the document provided to the Board was the result. He requested adoption of this job description.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to adopt the Administrative Supervisor's job description for the La Paz County Sheriff's Office effective August 18, 2014. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, pass unanimously.

Call to the Public

Community Development Administrator Yackley thanked the Board for allowing staff to attend a recent conference that was very informative for the Department, enabling them to obtain information for an online application that would allow contractors to apply for permits and request for inspections online, which would be of tremendous service to the public.

Adjournment

Chairman Wilson adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

_____/s/_____
D. L. Wilson, Chairman

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Dan Field, Clerk of the Board

The following La Paz County demands have been audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors: #11111647, ¾ Printing, \$2,238.52; #11111648, Abbey Stubbs & Ford LLC, \$7,500; #11111651, APS, \$12,954.65; #11111652, Atkins North America, Inc., \$1,128.50; #11111653, Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Record, \$2,559.88; #11111654, Arizona Supreme Court, \$1,276.94; #11111660, Bob Barker Company, \$1,549.48; #11111669, CCRSCO, \$2,000; #11111673, Cintas Fas Lockbox 636525, \$1,723.87; #11111675, Colorado River Joint Venture, \$1,479.78; #11111678, Davis Building Supply, \$2,946.78; #11111691, Michael Leland Frame, \$7,792.50; #11111693, Frontier, \$9,994.93; #11111695, Gloria Eagle PA-C, \$2,250; #11111697, Greenfield Logistics, \$26,619.86; #11111699, Havasu Surgical Specialists, \$1,184.39; #11111704, Jet Printing & Stationary, \$1,069.26; #11111708, La Paz County Landfill, \$23,410.70; #11111709, La Paz County Treasurer, \$1,519.75; #11111711, La Paz Regional Hospital, \$5,342.48; #11111719, Moore Medical (2), \$1,191.59; #11111722, Parker Motor Co., Inc., \$1,175.26; #11111723, Parker Office Supply, \$2,573.59; #11111724, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$11,713.31; #11111725, Town of Parker, \$1,189.18; #11111727, Pitney Bowes Purchase Power 0489, \$1,947.26; #11111737, River Medical, Inc., \$1,810.76; #11111743, SC Audit & Accounting Solutions, LLC, \$1,037.50; #11111744, Laurence Schiff, M. D., \$1,225; #11111745, Shamrock Food Co., \$1,393.08; #11111747, Simpson Norton Corp., \$1,238.81; #11111754, Staples Credit Plan, \$1,426.58; #11111756, Sudden Link, \$2,659.39; #11111759, Sysco Food Services, \$4,044.41; #11111763, The Masters Touch, Inc., \$7,080.13; #11111765, Todays New Herald, \$2,098.94; #11111770, Verizon Wireless, \$2,074.53; #11111779, Arizona Department of Revenue, \$3,427.22; #11111786, AZLGEBT, \$195,468.72; #11111795, City of Yuma – Accounting Division, \$29,575; #11111806, ESRI, Inc., \$9,254.91; #11111810, Greenfield Logistics, \$25,742.95; #11111814, Havasu Regional Medical Center, \$25,541.90; #11111816, Hermosa Veterinary Clinic, \$3,442.02; #11111821, Jim Dunlap, \$3,450; #11111822, Joshua Street Boat Storage, \$1,050; #11111831, MCI Mega Preferred, \$1,663.45; #11111852, Priyanka Miller, \$1,440; #11111853, Quad State Local Government Authority, \$2,000; #11111854, Quartzsite JP, \$1,398.76; #11111860, Salome Justice Court, \$1,141.58; #11111862, Laurence Schiff, M.D., \$1,225; #11111863, Senergy Petroleum, \$24,548.52; #11111869, Standard Insurance, \$11,571.70; #11111871, Strategic Management Group, \$12,500; #11111879, U. S. Foodservice, Inc., \$1,684.45; #11111885, Western States Petroleum, \$1,226.87.