

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Tuesday, September 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Wilson called the September 2, 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, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Deputy County Attorney Buckelew, Finance Director Hill, Superior Court Clerk Spielman, Election Director Quinn, Community Development Administrator Yackley, Health Director Shontz, Public Defender Field, Golf Professional Benton, Parks Director Bennett, Interim Public Works Director Simmons, Treasurer Castro, Assessor Schuler; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Wilson led 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 Dave Prefling, Parks Ranger I, with the Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award along with a \$25 gift certificate to Walmart.

Current Event Summary

County Administrator Field stated that a needed change to the Public Works Capital Improvement Plan was on the agenda for discussion and action relating to roadways; as well as discussion regarding a “window of opportunity” that has presented itself and available for a short time that would serve to rectify some of the fiscal deficits that have been plaguing the County for years.

He added that there will be action to cancel elections for those special taxing districts that had either an equal number to or less candidates running for open seats, or none at all; with the statutory ability to do so.

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

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

5(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the August 18, 2014, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

5(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve July 27, 2014, through August 9, 2014, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$394,088.22, plus employer benefit contributions of \$85,014.59, for a total of \$479,102.81, including handwritten warrants.

5(c) Approval of Demands

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY 2015/2015, in the amount of \$615,840.43, including handwritten warrants.

5(d) Appoint two (2) Prevention Coordinators; vacant grant funded positions – Health (Replacements/Grant Funded)

Approve to appoint Rosalina Aguayo and Tamar Searles as Prevention Coordinator, effective September 2, 2014, at annual salaries of \$29,556.780 (NE082, Step 1), fully grant funded.

5(e) Appoint Chief Justice Court Clerk, a budgeted item – Quartzsite Justice Court (Replacement/Promotion)

Approve to appoint Tammy Carnevale, Senior Court Clerk, to the position of Chief Justice Court Clerk for the Quartzsite Justice Court, retroactive to September 1, 2014, at a salary of \$38,230.40 (NE012, Step 9), increasing to \$39,208, upon completion of six months probation; a vacant budgeted position.

5(f) Appoint Senior Court Clerk, a budgeted item – Quartzsite Justice Court (Replacement/ Promotion)

Approve to appoint Sherry Granger, Court Clerk, to the position of Senior Court Clerk, for the Quartzsite Justice Court, effective September 2, 2014, at a salary of \$27,560 (NE067, Step 1), increasing to \$28,426 (NE067, Step2), upon completion of six months probation; a vacant budgeted position.

5(g) Approve Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct the Parker Unified School District Election as part of the General Election, to be held on November 4, 2014 – Elections

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct the Parker Unified School District Election as part of the General Election, to be held on November 4, 2014.

5(h) Approve road closure on the Southbound lane of Business Highway 95 on October 11, 2014, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the La Paz County Park/Pirate's Den area, and ending at 12:00 p.m. at The Bar on the Parker Strip, for the Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter's 2nd Annual "5K Ride/Run/Walk for Change" – Public Works

Approve road closure on the Southbound lane of Business Highway 95 on October 11, 2014, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the La Paz County Park/Pirate's Den area, and ending at 12:00 p.m. at The Bar on the Parker Strip, for the Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter's 2nd Annual "5K Ride/Run/Walk for Change.

5(i) Approve to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Arizona State Land Department right of way-R/W No. 14-117193 for a public day use area (Cibola-Hippie Hole area) – Board of Supervisors

Approve to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Arizona State Land Department right of way-R/W No. 14-117193 for a public day use area (Cibola-Hippie Hole area).

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(i). Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Chairman Wilson recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:09 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(d).

6(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll

Approve July 27, 2014, through August 9, 2014, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$56,295.09, plus employer benefit contributions of \$11,557.26, for a total of \$67,852.35, including handwritten warrants.

6(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve the Jail District demands in the amount of \$53,694.77, including handwritten warrants.

6(c) Approve renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake Havasu City for the housing of Lake Havasu City inmates at the La Paz County Adult Detention Facility

Approve renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake Havasu City for the housing of Lake Havasu City inmates at the La Paz County Adult Detention Facility.

6(d) Approve redistribution of mobile and handheld radios from Yuma County

Approve redistribution of 50 megahertz “700” (mobile and handheld) radios from Yuma County valued at \$337,000.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve Jail Consent Items #6(a) through #6(d). Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Docket No. Z2014-004, Robert L. Ford, APN: 307-17-024H, requesting to rezone from Suburban Ranch Minimum 2/3 Acres (SR-2/3) to Suburban Ranch Minimum One Acre (SR-1); property located on Ron Dee Lane, Bouse – Community Development

Community Development Administrator Yackley presented Docket No. Z2014-004, Robert L. Ford, APN: 307-17-024H, requesting to rezone from Suburban Ranch Minimum 2/3 Acres (SR-2/3) to Suburban Ranch Minimum One Acre (SR-1); property located on Ron Dee Lane, Bouse.

She stated that the parcels were combined for a total of 5.2 acres, and the zoning was to come into compliance with County codes and the Comprehensive Plan.

She stated twelve (12) letters of notice were mailed out and no responses were received for or against the rezoning; and noted Review Committee responses. She added that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that the property owner sign an A.R.S. §12-1134 (207) Waiver.

Chairman Wilson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the request to rezone.

Robert Ford, the property owner stated that there were eight (8) residents nearby in which four (4) inquired what he was doing and expressed they had no objections.

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

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve Docket No. Z2014-004, Robert L. Ford, APN: 307-17-024H, to rezone from Suburban Ranch Minimum 2/3 Acres (SR-2/3) to Suburban Ranch Minimum One Acre (SR-1); with the stipulation that the property sign an A.R.S. §12-1134 (207) Waiver; property located on Ron Dee Lane, Bouse. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Docket No. Z2014-005, Ray & Renee Townsend, APN: 307-17-013A, requesting to rezone property from Rural Agricultural 40 Acres (RA-40) to Suburban Ranch One Acre (SR-1); property located at 28004 Stagecoach Norris, Bouse – Community Development

Community Development Administrator Yackley presented Docket No. Z2014-005, Ray & Renee Townsend, APN: 307-17-013A, requesting to rezone property from Rural Agricultural 40 Acres (RA-40) to Suburban Ranch One Acre (SR-1); property located at 28004 Stagecoach Norris, Bouse.

She stated that this item was also bringing the zoning up to compliance; noting that 39 notification letters were mailed, with one response approving the request to rezone the 6.6 acres; and noted Review Committee responses. She added that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that the property owner sign an A.R.S. §12-1134 (207) Waiver.

Chairman Wilson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the request to rezone.

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

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve Docket No. Z2014-005, Ray & Renee Townsend, APN: 307-17-013A, to rezone property from Rural Agricultural 40 Acres (RA-40) to Suburban Ranch One Acre (SR-1), with the stipulation that the property owner sign an A.R.S. §12-1134 (207) Waiver; property located at 28004 Stagecoach Norris, Bouse. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve to certify revenues collected in FY 2013/2014 exceed the amount collected in FY 1997/1998; and distribute the funds deposited in the 5% Fill the Gap Fund, in accordance with A.R.S. §41-2421B – Treasurer

Treasurer Castro presented for approval a request to certify revenues collected in FY 2013/2014 exceed the amount collected in FY 1997/1998; and distribute the funds in the amount of \$158,525.88 deposited in the 5% Fill the Gap Fund, in accordance with A.R.S. §41-2421B, which is done every year.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to certify revenues collected in FY 2013/2014 exceed the amount collected in FY 1997/1998; and distribute the funds in the amount of \$158,525.88 deposited in the 5% Fill the Gap Fund, in accordance with A.R.S. §41-2421B. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action to revise Public Works' Capital Improvement Plan to include B-95 Sandpiper Drainage Improvement Project for design implementation and mitigation of flooding issues (HURF) – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field stated that projects to be completed were discussed during budget discussions; however, the Board is seeking a change to the Capital Improvement projects to include the B-95 “take-back” project not completed from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) that included drainage problems. He stated this project will be named the “Sandpiper Improvement Project”, to improve the excessive water drainage problems in the vicinity of Sandpiper Condominium Subdivision. He added the project is 80% complete; noting the additional work that had to be done to complete it. He stated there was an issue in the past that the survey was not recorded and “monuments” placed.

He noted that after the required work is done, the County will go out for Request for Proposals for construction.

Supervisor Clapperton stated that the conditions in that area after rains are quite severe and need to be rectified, and long overdue.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve to revise Public Works' Capital Improvement Plan to include B-95 Sandpiper Drainage Improvement Project for design implementation and mitigation of flooding issues (HURF). Motion seconded by Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve proposal with Konica Minolta Business Solutions for the lease purchase of a copier; and authorize the Finance Director to enter into said agreements as required and approved by the County Attorney's office – Finance

Finance Director Hill request approval to lease purchase a copier, noting that her department has the Board of Supervisor's previous copier; and has been “milked” it along as far as they could, now needing to purchase one. She noted the advantages it would be to her department in the way of “records retention” ability as well.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of procuring local financing, noting that the County had attempted to obtain financing locally on another occasion and was unable to do so; and the purchase package included this option with Kansas State Bank, making it convenient.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve proposal with Konica Minolta Business Solutions for the lease purchase of a copier, seeking local financing; and if unable to do so, finance through Kansas State Bank in the amount of \$9,340.56 at 5.99% for 60 months; and authorize the Finance Director to enter into said agreements as required and approved by the County Attorney's office. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve agreement with Spyglass Group, LLC, to audit La Paz County's primary telecommunication services; and authorize the Finance Director to enter into said agreements as required and approved by the County Attorney's office – Finance

Finance Director Hill informed the Board that her department has spent that past 24 month monitoring excessive "cost drivers and cost centers", and found that telecommunications is the most expensive and complex cost associated with County operations. She stated that Spyglass Group, LLC, would perform an analysis of internal cost reductions, service elimination, and opportunities for cost reduction savings.

She explained that the County pays nothing for the analysis; and costs are incurred only for fees when the company finds internal cost reductions, service elimination, and opportunities for cost reduction savings to the County.

She noted that, when "payables" are processed, it becomes apparent over time that changes take place and things need to be audited for improvement. She added that there is a general "extensive to-do list" by the department in examining expenditures in the County.

She stated she provided information to the Board that explains the company's background, how it quantifies information, and its methodology.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve agreement with Spyglass Group, LLC, to audit La Paz County's primary telecommunication services; and authorize the Finance Director to enter into said agreements as required and approved by the County Attorney's office. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve request to advertise for bids for the 2014/2015 La Paz County Park Swap Meet Food Vendor – Parks

Parks Director Bennett stated that the Park's current "full item" food vendor moved away from the area, requesting to advertise for bids for the 2014/2015 La Paz County Park Swap Meet Food Vendor.

A brief discussion ensued noting that the Parks requires that the vendor be at all the swap meets, and if possible, every weekend at the park. He added that permits and inspections were required.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve request to advertise for the 2014/2015 La Paz County Park Swap Meet Food Vendor. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve request to advertise for bids for two (2) new ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks, two (2) new ¾ Ton Extended Cab Pickup Trucks; and one (1) SUV, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; a budgeted item from Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) – Public Works

Interim Public Works Director Simmons requested approval to advertise for bids for two (2) new ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks, two (2) new ¾ Ton Extended Cab Pickup Trucks; and one (1) SUV, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; a budgeted item funded from Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF).

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve advertisement for bids for two (2) new ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks, two (2) new ¾ Ton Extended Cab Pickup Trucks; and one (1) SUV, for Public Works, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; a budgeted item funded from Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF). Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve purchase of Seed for Emerald Canyon Golf Course through State Contract – Golf Course

Golf Professional Benton requested approval to purchase seed through State Contract, from Simplot Partners, NIPA#3536, in the amount of \$59,922.44, a budgeted item.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve purchase of Seed for Emerald Canyon Golf Course through State Contract NIPA#3536, in the amount of \$59,922.44, a budgeted item. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-13, cancelling the election for Western Sky Airpark Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, appointing no candidates as Board Members – Elections

Chairman Wilson stated that the following resolutions on the agenda relate to the cancellation of elections for special districts in which there are either no candidates that ran, or fewer or equal number of candidates to vacant positions that ran. He stated that Arizona Statute allows the adoption of a resolution to cancel the election and appoint those candidates that filed for those positions.

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-13, cancelling the election for Western Sky Airpark Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, appointing no candidates as Board Members.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-13, cancelling the election for Western Sky Airpark Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, appointing no candidates as Board Members. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-14, cancelling the election for Arizona Western College District #1 for the 2014 General Election, appointing candidate who ran as Board Member – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-14, cancelling the election for Arizona Western College District #1 for the 2014 General Election, appointing Richard Lamb as Board Member.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-14, cancelling the election for Arizona Western College District #1 for the 2014 General Election, appointing Richard Lamb as Board Member. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-15, cancelling the election for Springs Del Sol Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, appointing no candidates as Board Members – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-15, cancelling the election for Springs Del Sol Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, appointing no candidates as Board Members.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-15, cancelling the election for Springs Del Sol Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, appointing no candidates as Board Members. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-16, cancelling the election for the Bouse Elementary School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing candidates who ran as Board Members – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-16, cancelling the election for the Bouse Elementary School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing Carolyn Glenn for a two-year term, and Kevin School for a four-year term as Board Members.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-16, cancelling the election for the Bouse Elementary School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing Carolyn Glenn for a two-year term, and Kevin School for a four-year term as Board Members. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-17, cancelling the election for the Desert Sky Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-17, cancelling the election for the Desert Sky Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-17, cancelling the election for the Desert Sky Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-18, cancelling the election for Parker Unified School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing candidates who ran as Board Members – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-18, cancelling the election for Parker Unified School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing Amelia Flores, Brandee Honomichl, and Dolores Ferris for four-year terms; and Randy Hartless for a two-year term; as Board Members.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-18, cancelling the election for Parker Unified School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing a Amelia Flores, Brandee Honomichl, and Dolores Ferris for four-year terms; and Randy Hartless for a two-year term; as Board Members. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-19, cancelling the election for Salome Consolidated Elementary School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing candidates who ran as Board Members – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-19, cancelling the election for Salome Consolidated Elementary School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing Joy Young, Mark Peretik, and Blain Harold for four-year terms as Board Members.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to Resolution No. 2014-19, cancelling the election for Salome Consolidated Elementary School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing Joy Young, Mark Peretik, and Blain Harold for four-year terms as Board Members. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-20, cancelling the election for Wenden Elementary School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing candidate who ran as Board Member – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-20, cancelling the election for Wenden Elementary School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing Gary Saiter as Board Member.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-20, cancelling the election for Wenden Elementary School District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing Gary Saiter as Board Member. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-21, cancelling the election for Arroyos Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-21, cancelling the election for Arroyos Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-21, cancelling the election for Arroyos Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members Adopt Resolution No. 2014-21. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-22, cancelling the election for Desert Shadows Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing candidates who ran as Board Members – Election

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-22, cancelling the election for Desert Shadows Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing Travis Freedman and Allan Pederson as Board Members.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-22, cancelling the election for Desert Shadows Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing Travis Freedman and Allan Pederson as Board Members. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-23, cancelling the election for Cibola Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-23, cancelling the election for Cibola Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-23, cancelling the election for Cibola Domestic Water Improvement District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-24, cancelling the election for La Paz County Hospital District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members – Elections

Elections Director Quinn Adopt Resolution No. 2014-24, cancelling the election for La Paz County Hospital District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-24, cancelling the election for La Paz County Hospital District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-25, cancelling the election for Bouse Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing candidate who ran as Board Member – Elections

Elections Director Quinn adopted Resolution No. 2014-25, cancelling the election for Bouse Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing John Nault as Board Member.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-25, cancelling the election for Bouse Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing John Nault as Board Member. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-26, cancelling the election for Ehrenberg Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing candidates who ran as Board Members – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-26, cancelling the election for Ehrenberg Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing James Joslin, Dennis Price, and Chad Elliott as Board Members.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-26, cancelling the election for Ehrenberg Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing James Joslin, Dennis Price, and Chad Elliott as Board Members. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-27, cancelling the election for McMullen Valley Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-27, cancelling the election for McMullen Valley Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-27, cancelling the election for McMullen Valley Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing no candidates as Board Members. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-28, cancelling the election for Parker Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing candidate as Board Member – Elections

Elections Director Quinn requested adoption of Resolution No. 2014-28, cancelling the election for Parker Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing John Yackley as Board Member.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-28, cancelling the election for Parker Fire District for the 2014 General Election, and appointing John Yackley as Board Member. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Finance Director to implement the 2014 legislative “flexibility language” contained within Senate Bill 1487, Chapter 9, Section 8, to expeditiously remedy the County’s long-term structural deficit through the use of other sources of County revenue in meeting accrued County fiscal obligations – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field stated that the County has had an imbalance between the General Ledger and the Treasurer’s cash balances, which is associated with the deficits that have been in existence for years; and there needed to be a reconciliation of the special revenues.

He explained that this condition is a result of various factors; funds assigned to wrong accounts; funds spent but not collected fully and/or outstanding from grants. He added it was very important to be caught up on the yearly audits to know where the County and departments stood; something finally accomplished.

He explained the budget cuts were made from the virtual elimination of important capital improvements and for personnel just to balance the budget; however, the County still could not address the deficits from years past.

He further explained that there is an “opportunity” open for the County to take advantage of “flexibility language” for the use of special revenues that are not typically available for “shifting”. He stated that particular public funds are available for use while others were voted in by the public for specific use, and cannot be used for other funding.

County Administrator Field stated that some of the funds available for use will not be shifted because they are used to fund a department’s budget and to function as a department; such as for the County Attorney’s office.

He added that the availability of these special revenues to address deficits will only be available for a short time longer and recommended approval of this action. He noted the County could become more “marketable” for servicing banks when attempting to finance such items as autos, which was not available from the County’s serving bank.

Finance Director Hill stated that she “could not emphasize enough” the importance of this “window of opportunity” for use by the County. She stated that the Finance Department, for the “first time in a decade”, is now reconciling accounts every month.

Discussion ensued at length regarding the positive and negative fund balances, some partially funded by grant funds as well as with General Funds; noting that the majority of the deficit can be recovered this year, and that in another 2-3 years, the budget could be balanced.

County Administrator Field stated that upon the Board approving the “flexible language” provision; this information must be forwarded to the legislature by October 1, 2014.

Further discussion ensued reiterating that the County has the ability to take funds from departments/offices; however it was noted the County preferred that offices voluntarily offer these funds as they are available, such as the Courts has done for a substantial amount.

Chairman Wilson summarized what he had gleaned from the discussion as to how the County could avoid returning to a deficit condition, listing 1) monthly reconciliations, 2) annual transfers from the General Fund to special revenue funds; and 3) adhering to a balanced budget in each fund.

Finance Director Hill stated that the Department Heads and Elected Officials will know that the financial reports they will receive are a valuable management tool in their stewardship of the budget.

County Administrator Field added that the amending of the budget every year will also avoid the comment from auditor’s as something the County has not done. He stated that keeping up with budget expenditures, revising them periodically, will keep the departments updated to avoid over-expending.

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to approve to authorize the County Finance Director to implement the 2014 legislative “flexibility language” contained within Senate Bill 1487, Chapter 9, Section 8, to expeditiously remedy the County’s long-term structural deficit through the use of other sources of County revenue in meeting accrued County fiscal obligations. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Call to the Public

Paula Hunter, from Bouse, suggested that the County employ someone to research, track down, collect unpaid fines, and incur criminal prosecution for code violators and the violations that have amounted over the years.

Deputy County Attorney Buckelew stated that the County gives no authority within the County’s zoning code or statute to file a criminal violation for zoning and action taken by the Hearing Officer.

Adjournment

Chairman Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

APPROVED:

_____/s/_____
D. L. Wilson, 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: #11111887, ADOA – Risk Management, \$1,148.56; #1111188, AHCCCS State Treasurer, \$53,025.00; #11111893, APS, \$39,895.72; #11111895, Atkins North America, Inc., \$3,707.00; #11111896, AZ Assoc of Counties, \$9,346.50; #11111897, AZ Supreme Court, \$35,631.26; #11111898, AZLGEBT, \$191,123.64; #11111899, Bankcard Center, \$4,013.34; #11111903, Betty Hunter (2), \$1,668.00; #11111908, CBS Office Automation, LLC, \$2,470.54; #11111915, Eaton Corporation, \$1,864.19; #11111916, EFS LLC, \$1,675.68; #11111918, Empire Southwest, \$3,735.16; #11111922, Fester & Chapman P.C., \$3,200.00; #11111927, Greenfield Logistics, \$40,330.62; #11111929, Growers Oil Company, \$2,988.21; #11111940, Joshua Street Boat Storage, \$1,050.00; #11111941, Krueger, Phillip, \$3,202.50; #11111944, La Paz County Landfill, \$16,471.91; #11111945, La Paz County Treasurer, \$2,745.77; #11111950, Lexisnexis Matthew Bender & Co., Inc., \$1,504.39; #11111953, LR Anderson, LLC, \$1,755.64; #11111955, Marshall & Swift, \$1,168.82; #11111959, Motorola, \$3,192.84; #11111960, Newman, Matthew G., \$8,865.00; #11111962, Northland Investigations, LLC, \$1,250.00; #11111963, Painters Warehouse, \$1,140.50; #11111964, Parker Auto & Marine, \$1,499.03; #11111965, Parker Center, \$1,298.44; #11111966, Parker Funeral Home, Inc., \$1,208.00; #11111969, Parker Office Supply, \$3,091.11; #11111972, Parker Tree Service, \$1,100.00; #11111973, Precision Striping, Inc., \$38,669.00; #11111974, Printing Plus, \$1,512.14; #11111976, Quickle, Jessica L., \$5,925.00; #11111977, Quill-(15), \$2,232.53; #11111978, Radford, Michael, \$7,812.69; #11111979, Reddy Ice, \$1,458.59; #11111980, Rideout Law PLLC, \$4,350.00; #11111986, San Diego Police Equipment, \$1,144.76; #11111987, Schiff, Laurence M.D., \$1,625.00; #11111989, Shamrock Food Co, \$2,207.93; #11111991, Simpson Norton Corp, \$1,857.78; #11111995, Staples Dept. 00-04056735, \$1,560.74; #11111999, Suncor Industries, Inc., \$1,005.55; #11112000, Sysco Food Services \$2,421.69; #11112001, TDS Telecom, \$1,190.68; #11112005, Tri-State Reporting (2), \$2,526.70; #11112006, United Rotary Brush Corp., \$1,434.16; #11112010, Waxie Sanitary Supply, \$3,392.70; #11112011, Wells Fargo Payment Remittance Ctr 3249, \$7,167.03; #11112012, West Payment Center, \$2,849.63; #11112015, Western States Petroleum, \$1,563.00; #11112016, Western Technologies, Inc., \$1,100.00; #11112017, White Sheet Free Shopping, \$1,51.76; #11112021, Zion Bank/Public Financial Services, \$4,463.48; #11112022, Zumar Industries, Inc., \$1,302.76; #11112062, CNS Bus Forms, \$1,033.46; #11112077, Elections Operations Service, \$1,700.00; #11112080, Empire Southwest, \$2,491.53; #11112085, Fester & Chapman P.C., \$3,200.00; #11112086, Fire Fighters Cancer Insurance, \$1,450.00; #11112088, Frontier, \$10,257.50; #11112119, Jet Printing & Stationery, \$1,338.87; #11112139, Merck & Co, \$1,400.55; #11112147, Norwood Equipment, Inc., \$2,893.22; #11112157, Pima County Treasurer, \$2,200.00; #11112162, Priority Dispatch, \$1,400.00; #11112163, Priyanka Miller, \$1,837.50; #11112172, Ronald Parker, M.D., \$1,050.00; #11112183, SMMHC, Inc., \$19,3750.00; #11112190, Staples Credit Plan, \$1,012.88; #11112197, Tasc Inc., \$1,158.00; #11112203, Towtruck Marks, \$2,000.00; #11112204, Tyler Technologies, \$2,301.60; #11112205, U.S. Foodservice, Inc., \$2,403.66; #11112208, Walker & Armstrong, \$5,695.00; #11112209, Walmart Business, \$1,133.32; #11112216, Yavapai County Sheriff's, \$4,000.00.