

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monday, October 3, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Irwin called the October 3, 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, Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Clapperton, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Deputy County Attorney Buckelew, Public Defender Field, Public Works Director Simmons, Community Resource Manager MacFarland, Human Resource Director Frantz, Elections Director Scholl, Finance Director Mancuso, Community Development Administrator Yackley; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Irwin 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 deferred to Chairman Irwin for comments regarding current events.

Chairman Irwin stated that the Arizona Department of Water Resources would have another public meeting in La Paz County regarding the water initiative planning stakeholder process on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at the Centennial Community Center in Wenden. She asked that anyone interested contact her for details.

She stated the Board held a special meeting on September 26, 2016, relating to an Industrial Development Authority project and was informed at that time that the Quartzsite Atlas had been funded and there would be information in it regarding the Quartzsite and other area off-road trails, places of interest, historic sights, and the Peace Trail, of which she was been involved with; and the publication will be sold to the public.

She stated that the State Parks has reportedly preapproved two projects for the Arizona Peace Trail; approval of the Master Plan, and a staging area that will connect to the trails off Shea Road. She added that these “exciting” improvements will benefit all the outdoor recreations in the area.

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

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field presented for approval Consent Agenda Items #4(a) through 4(j).

**4(a) Approval of Minutes**

Approve the minutes of the Monday, September 19, 2016, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting; and Monday, September 26, 2016, 10:00 a.m. special meeting.

**4(b) Approval of Payroll**

Approve September 4, 2016, through September 17, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$412,832.67, plus employer benefit contributions of \$99,869.82, for a total of \$512,702.49, including handwritten warrants.

**4(c) Approval of Demands**

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY2016/2017, in the amount of \$392,494.12, including handwritten warrants.

**4(d) Approve to appoint the position of Senior Accounting Clerk for the La Paz County Education Service Agency – School Superintendent (Replacement)**

Approve to appoint Kimberly Pollak to the position of Senior Accounting Clerk for La Paz County Education Service Agency, retroactive to September 7, 2016, at an annual salary of \$33,224.36 (NE072, Step 9) with an increase to \$34,094.11 (NE072, Step 10) upon successful completion of her 6 month probationary period; a budgeted position.

**4(e) Approve appointment of election workers for the General Election to be held on November 8, 2016; and to authorize staff to fill vacancies as required – Elections**

Approve appointment of election workers for the General Election to be held on November 8, 2016; and to authorize staff to fill vacancies as required.

**4(f) Approve designated election precincts and polling locations for the 2016 General Election – Elections**

Approve designated election precincts and polling locations for the 2016 General Election.

**4(g) Approve to accept award of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security FFY 2016 for SRT Equipment in the amount of \$36,950, for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; authorizing the Community Resource Manager and Lieutenant Schlecht to sign all required documents – Community Resources/Sheriff**

Approve to accept award of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security FFY 2016 for SRT Equipment in the amount of \$36,950, for the period of October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017; authorizing the Community Resource Manager and Lieutenant Schlecht to sign all required documents.

**4(h) Approve road closure on the Southbound lane of Business Highway 95, on October 15, 2016, starting at 9:00 a.m. at “The Bar” and ending at 12:00 at the La Paz County Park Event Area on the Parker Strip for the Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “5K Walk/Run/Ride for Change” – Public Works**

Approve road closure on the Southbound lane of Business Highway 95, on October 15, 2016, starting at 9:00 a.m. at “The Bar” and ending at 12:00 p.m. at the La Paz County Park Event Area on the Parker Strip for the Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “5K Walk/Run/Ride for Change”.

**4(i) Approve recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for Temporary Extension of Premises/Patio Permit submitted by Chares Lee Baker dba Riverbar LLC, for their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive Poker Run, on Saturday, October 22, 2016; located at 10172 Riverside Drive, Parker - Board of Supervisors**

Recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for Temporary Extension of Premises/Patio Permit submitted by Chares Lee Baker dba Riverbar LLC, for their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive Poker Run, on Saturday, October 22, 2016; located at 10172 Riverside Drive, Parker.

**4(j) Approve letter to the U. S. Department of Justice relating to the proposed website requirements relating to the Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities – Board of Supervisors**

Approve letter to the U. S. Department of Justice relating to the proposed website requirements relating to the Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities.

Supervisor Clapperton expressed concern that the shoulder of the roadway located at the Riverbar’s annual food drive “poker run” event listed as item #4(i) on the Consent Agenda, may not be adequate for the potential parking situation that could arise. He impressed upon Public Works staff that the roadway be clear of debris and rocks sufficiently and as much as possible for safe parking.

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

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

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

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field presented for approval Jail Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(c).

**5(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll**

Approve September 4, 2016, through September 17, 2016, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$58,922.47, plus employer benefit contributions of \$13,070.04, for a total of \$72,062.51, including handwritten warrants.

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

Approve the Jail District demands as presented, for FY2016/2017, in the amount of \$7,020.90, including handwritten warrants.

**5(c) Appoint the position of Uncertified Detention Officer, a vacant budgeted position (Replacement)**

Approve to appoint Floyd Roberts to the position of Uncertified Detention Officer, effective October 5, 2016, at an annual salary of \$31,378.46 (L02, Step 1); requiring successful completion of an Arizona Detention Academy within one year; a six month County probation period; and an additional six (6) month of probation for the Sheriff Department.

**CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to approve Jail Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(c). Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

*Chairman Irwin recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and convened the Board of Equalization at 10:11 a.m.*

**Consideration of Recommendations by the Hearing Officer for Petitions for Review of Residential Valuations for Tax Year 2017**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field presented recommendations to the Board for Petitions for Review of Residential Valuations for Tax Year 2017, from the Board of Equalization Hearing conducted by Hearing Officer Roger Heckel on September 26, 2017.

**Therion Dickenson; Susan Pouchet, Appeal #NOV2017-01, APN: 311-41-251D**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated that the Hearing Officer recommended acceptance of the Declaration of Stipulation and Agreement between the Assessor and the property owner with the following values:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$322,400	\$307,583	3	10%

**Therion Dickenson; Susan Pouchet, Appeal #NOV2017-01, APN: 311-41-252A**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated that the Hearing Officer recommended acceptance of the Declaration of Stipulation and Agreement between the Assessor and the property owner with the following values:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$263,680	\$217,444	3	10%

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve the Hearing Officers recommendation to accept the property owners Declaration of Stipulation and Agreements with the Assessor regarding the Petitions for Review of Residential Valuations for Tax Year 2017, Appeal #NOV2017-01, as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Dan Heaton, Appeal #NOV2017-02, APN: 306-13-005**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated that the Hearing Officer recommended acceptance of the Assessor's original valuation as follows:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$80,168	\$76,779	4	10%

He stated the Basis for Decision: Property owner rejected the Assessor's offer for an adjustment to the land value.

**Dan Heaton, Appeal #NOV2017-02, APN: 306-69-029**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated that the Hearing Officer recommended acceptance of the Assessor's original valuation as follows:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$63,834	\$60,542	4	10%

He stated the Basis for Decision: Property owner rejected the Assessor's offer for an adjustment to the land value.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve the Hearing Officers recommendation to accept the Assessor's original valuation regarding the Petitions for Review of Residential Valuations for Tax Year 2017, Appeal #NOV2017-02, as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

**Dennis A. McGinnis, Appeal #NOV2017-03, APN: 307-37-016A**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated that the Hearing Officer recommended to accept the Assessor's recommendation to lower the property valuation as follows:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$338,514	\$321,392	M	10.5%

He stated the Basis for Decision: Land and improvement values lowered to be comparable to other large acre parcels and like properties.

**CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to approve the recommendation by the Hearing Officer to accept the Assessor's recommendation to lower the valuation regarding the Petition for Review of Residential Valuations for Tax Year 2017, Appeal #NOV2017-03, as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

**Loring Myers; Kevin Myers, Appeal #NOV2017-04, APN: 310-35-109A**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated that the Hearing Officer recommended adjustment to the Assessor's amended values as follows:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$405,000	404,592	3	10%

He stated the Basis for Decision: Assessor adjusted land value to comparable vacant land sales; and the Hearing Officer included additional reduction on costs.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation to adjust the Assessor's amended valuations regarding the Petition for Review of Residential Valuations for Tax Year 2017, Appeal #NOV2017-04, as presented. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

**Arthur and Mary Jane Kaiser, Appeal #NOV2017-05, APN: 303-14-013**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated that the Hearing Officer recommended approval of the Assessor's amended valuation as follows:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$106,143	\$99,412	M	14.92%

He stated the Basis for Decision: Parcel did not qualify for grazing status; improvements valued by guidelines; property owner refused to allow staff on the property.

**CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation to accept the Assessors amended valuation regarding the Petition for Review of Residential Valuations for Tax Year 2017, Appeal #NOV2017-05, as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Lee Mahoney and Shelley Peterson, Appeal #NOV2017-06, APN: 307-31-002**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated that the Hearing Officer recommended to accept the Assessor's amended valuation; however, lowering the limited value according to statute as follows:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$31,099	\$22,050	3	10%

He stated the Basis for Decision: Improvements reduced 50% for obsolescence.

**Lee Mahoney and Shelley Peterson, Appeal #NOV2017-06, APN: 307-54-009**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated that the Hearing Officer recommended to accept the Assessor's amended valuation as follows:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$3,413	\$3,413	2	15%

He stated the Basis for Decision: Contiguous property adjustment with a 35% topography adjustment. No comparisons provided by the property owner.

**Lee Mahoney and Shelley Peterson, Appeal #NOV2017-06, APN: 307-54-010**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated the Hearing Officer recommended to accept the Assessor's amended valuation as follows:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$3,413	\$3,413	2	15%

He stated the Basis for Decision: Contiguous property adjustment with a 35% topography adjustment. No comparisons provided by the property owner.

**Lee Mahoney and Shelley Peterson, Appeal #NOV2017-06, APN: 307-54-011**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated the Hearing Officer recommended to accept the Assessor's amended valuation as follows:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$6,825	\$6,825	2	15%

He stated the Basis for Decision: Contiguous property adjustment with a 35% topography adjustment. No comparisons provided by the property owner.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation to accept the Assessor's amended valuations regarding the Petitions for Review of Residential Valuations for Tax Year 2017, Appeal #NOV2017-06, as presented. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

**Paul Jones, Appeal #NOV2017-07, APN: 307-07-070A**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated that the Hearing Officer recommended amending the Assessors values as follows:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$75,021	\$75,021	3	10%

He stated the Basis for Decision: Granted roll-over of values for one more year from the previous appeal decision due to extenuating issues. Requested valid evidence from both the property owner and the Assessor in future.

**CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation to amend the Assessor's valuation regarding the Petition for Review of Residential Valuation for Tax Year 2017, Appeal #NOV2017-07, as presented. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

**Consideration of Recommendation by the Hearing Officer for Petition for Review of Personal Property Valuation for Tax Year 2016**

**Allied Waste Systems of Arizona LLC, Appeal #PPNOV2017-08, APN: 307-51-011B**

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field stated that the Hearing Officer recommended amending the valuation increase to the values on the original notice as follows:

<u>Full Cash Value</u>	<u>Limited Value</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
\$892,875	\$892,875	1	18%

He stated the Basis for Decision: As presented by Assessor’s staff; primarily relating to depreciation rules. Increase recommendation revised to the original notice valuation as the property owner was not notified.

**CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to accept the Hearing Officer’s recommendation to amend the Assessor’s valuation relating to the Petition for Review of Personal Property Valuation for Tax Year 2016, Appeal #PPNOV2017-08, as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

*Chairman Irwin recessed the Board of Equalization and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:30 a.m.*

**Call to the Public**

Ken MacFarland, Community Resource Manager, stated that a grant had been received for funds to keep the trail-ways safe.

He added that the Bouse Library Community Room, which was previously closed, was now open to the public.

Linda Goldberg, representing La Paz Regional Tourism, announced that the La Paz Passport Program was well underway with volunteers spreading the word, with a luncheon planned for local tourist related businesses. She stated that the goal was to extend the tourism season to year around events.

Chairman Irwin stated that the enthusiasm of the volunteers were “remarkable”; and that they have all done a “fantastic” job.



**The following La Paz County demands were audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors:** #11125127, Advanced Mechanical Plumbing \$3,789.04; #11125129, APS \$7,439.52; #11125131, Atkins North America, Inc. \$1,251.52; #11125133, AZ Counties Insurance Pool \$10,426.16; #11125134, Blue Tarp Financial \$1,118.48; #11125141, Crafc0, Inc. \$38,757.85; #11125143, Daves Commercial Service \$1,507.00; #11125144, Election Systems & Software \$5,416.18; #11125147, Frame, Michael Leland \$8,422.50; #11125149, Govnet, Inc. \$1,427.50; #11125150, Grainger \$1,170.97; #11125160, La Paz Regional Hospital \$1,687.43; #11125163, McKesson General Medical Corp. \$4,872.81; #11125164, McNaughton \$6,391.44; #11125172, Outdoor Custom Sportswear, LLC \$1,711.59; #11125177, Parker Oil Products, Inc. \$8,261.17; #11125179, Pitney Bowes \$3,113.54; #11125180, Precision Striping, Inc. \$13,250.00; #11125182, Pro Petroleum, Inc. \$25,028.42; #11125183, Quad State Local Gov. Authority \$2,000.00; #11125184, Quill \$1,291.93; #11125192, Shamrock Food Company \$2,051.13; #11125196, Solutions II, Inc. \$3,059.38; #11125205, Tri-State Reporting \$2,325.70; #11125209, Waxie Sanitary Supply \$2,111.07; #11125210, Wells Fargo Payment Remittance Center \$7,932.24; #11125211, West Payment Center \$1,636.21; #11125212, Western States Petroleum \$1,991.13; #11125214, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office \$2,850.00.