

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monday, November 2, 2015, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Irwin called the November 2, 2015, 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 Development Administrator Yackley, Shop Supervisor Braska, School Superintendent Price, Assessor Schuler; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Julian Barbara of the Calvary Christian Fellowship.

**Presentation: “Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award”**

Dorothy Fenech, Safety Committee Chairman, presented Jorge Corcino, Lube Mechanic with Public Works, with the Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award along with a \$25 gift certificate to Walmart.

**Presentation: “Passport to Adventure – Explore La Paz County” by the La Paz Economic Development Corporation Focused Future II Hospitality and Tourism Team**

Mary Hamilton, representing the La Paz Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Focused Future II Hospitality and Tourism Team, gave a power point presentation, detailing at length the recent marketing venture “Passport to Adventure – Explore La Paz County”. She explained that this marketing tool would highlight the La Paz County Fair, with the opportunity for input from each of the communities in the County.

She added that the Focused Future II program was developed under the directorship of Supervisor Wilson, who was the President of their organization at the time; prior to coming to the County.

Supervisor Irwin expressed that she felt that it was a great marketing tool and asked who would be the contact person if anyone in the community wished to become involved.

Ms. Hamilton stated that anyone on the EDC could give information regarding the “Passport to Adventure – Explore La Paz County” program.

Supervisor Wilson thanked the members of the Tourism Team who he stated put in many hours and effort for an “outstanding program”.

Mark Goldberg, on the Business Development Committee within the EDC, stated that they were looking into broadband in the community.

He gave credit to the organization as being an action oriented, dedicated committee, with no “territorial” issues involved by anyone. He added that if anyone would pick up one of their brochures, it was possible to see what was happening at any given time throughout the entire County. He thanked the Board for its support.

Supervisor Clapperton asked how the program was being promoted through the website.

Ms. Hamilton stated that there was a link from every website they communicate through; as well as through Parker Online, the Whitesheet, etc. She added that there was a Passport website being set up, at La Paz Passport.org.

**Current Event Summary**

There were no comments.

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

County Administrator Field presented for approval Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(e).

**6(a) Approval of Minutes**

Approve minutes of the Monday, October 19, 2015, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

**6(b) Approval of Payroll**

Approve October 4, 2015, through October 17, 2015, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$405,914.48, plus employer benefit contributions of \$92,688.63, for a total of \$498,603.11, including handwritten warrants.

**6(c) Approval of Demands**

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$199,191.97, including handwritten warrants.

**6(d) Approve to appoint Senior Accounting Clerk, a vacant budgeted position – Finance (Replacement)**

Approve to appoint Roberta Jones as Senior Accounting Clerk, retroactive to October 12, 2015, at an annual salary of \$27,135.26 (NE072, Step 1).

**6(e) Approve recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control Application for Special Event License submitted by Robin Schilling on behalf of the Animal Relief Fund, Inc., for a fundraiser on Saturday, December 5, 2015 – Board of Supervisors**

Recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control Application for Special Event License submitted by Robin Schilling on behalf of the Animal Relief Fund, Inc., for a fundraiser on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items #6(a) through #6(e). Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

*Chairman Irwin recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:21 a.m.*

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

County Administrator Field presented for approval Jail Consent Agenda Items #7(a) and #7(b).

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

Approve October 4, 2015, through October 17, 2015, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$54,471.65, plus employer benefit contributions of \$12,007.24, for a total of \$66,478.89, including handwritten warrants.

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

Approve the Jail District demands as presented, for FY2015/2016, in the amount of \$7,177.25, including handwritten warrants.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve Jail Consent Agenda Items #7(a) and #7(b). Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

*Chairman Irwin recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:22 a.m.*

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

**Tax Roll Corrections – Assessor**

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones, on behalf of Assessor Schuler, presented thirty-two (32) tax roll corrections for the net amount of -\$13,385.36, as follows:

#2014.TRC.450S9	+\$1,056.72	#2014.TRC.453S2	-\$107.42
#2014.TRC.453S5	-\$752.62	#2015.TRC.453S3	+\$247.60
#2015.TRC.453S11	+\$193.26	#2015.TRC.453S13	+\$16.20
#2015.TRC.453S14	+\$39.34	#2015.TRC.453S19	-\$263.00
#2015.TRC.453S20	-\$132.90	#2015.TRC.453S1	-\$141.30
#2015.TRC.453S22	-\$339.74	#2015.TRC.453S23	-\$39.74
#2015.TRC.453S24	-\$151.32	#2015.TRC.453S26	-\$801.16
#2015.TRC.453S27	-\$237.02	#2015.TRC.453S28	-\$114.18
#2015.TRC.453S30	-\$45.88	#2015.TRC.453S31	-\$509.98
#2015.TRC.453S32	-\$332.54	#2015.TRC.453S33	-\$532.14
#2015.TRC.453S35	-\$292.98	#2015.TRC.453S36	-\$183.78
#2015.TRC.453S37	-\$230.26	#2015.TRC.453S39	-\$127.68
#2015.TRC.453S40	-\$637.46	#2015.TRC.453S41	-\$5,867.06
#2015.TRC.453S43	-\$469.14	#2015.TRC.453S44	-\$469.14
#2015.TRC.453S45	-\$469.14	#2015.TRC.453S46	-\$329.58
#2015.TRC.453S47	-\$541.20	#2015.TRC.453S48	-\$820.12

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve thirty-two (32) tax roll corrections for the net amount of -\$13,385.36, as presented by Chief Deputy Assessor Jones on behalf of Assessor Schuler. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

**Tax Roll Corrections, APN: 310-27-004A – Assessor**

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones presented eight (8) tax roll corrections for the net amount of -\$9,320.86 for APN: 310-27-004A. She added there was the possibility of putting these items on a “hold”, referring the item to County Administrator Field for discussion.

County Administrator Field read an email correspondence received from Robert and Kim Patridge, owner of the parcel cited, indicating particular complications associated with the property. They further stated that the property had no value to them, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) portion of the property was unattainable; therefore, they wanted a refund for the entire amount paid in tax liens plus interest; not merely a portion, which was approved at a previous meeting of the Board but held in the event they succeeded in obtaining section 28 from BLM.

County Administrator Field stated that this was an issue dealing with an incorrect legal description of the property, which neither they nor their real estate attorney discovered. He added that BLM informed them that the portion of the parcel in question was BLM property.

He stated that the Board had previously approved a total refund of taxes paid on tax roll corrections relating to the property.

A brief discussion ensued describing the triangle-shaped piece of property; noting that a quit claim was requested from the Patridges; and that the property would remain in their name since it was court ordered.

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones noted that the Board could consider granting the full refund previously approved by the Board for tax years 2008 through 2015, and the tax lien could be placed again for sale; or approve the tax roll correction submitted for this meeting which refunds taxes after a reassessment, and the Patridges would still own the lot.

Discussion ensued on the taxed and adjusted amounts, noting interest was being accrued on the amount due, and that it was in the best interest of the County to resolve this issue.

Supervisor Wilson noted that the County is not obligated to verify the accuracy of a recorded deed and felt it should have been caught by the title company or their attorney's due diligence when the lien was purchased; however, he felt the "cleanest" way to handle the situation was to give a full refund and go forward.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to 1) deny eight (8) submitted Tax Roll Corrections for the net amount of -\$8,829.88; and 2) refund the previous tax roll correction (made on this property (APN: 310-27-004A) for the full amount. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

**Adopt Resolution No. 2015-17, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of La Paz County regarding 2016 Legislative Priorities – Board of Supervisors**

Supervisor Wilson stated that the County Supervisors Association Legislative Summit in Lake Havasu City set legislative priorities to pursue to the State. He felt that the Board needed to support those priorities, requesting adoption of the proposed resolution.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2015-17, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of La Paz County regarding 2016 Legislative Priorities. Motion seconded by Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously.

Supervisor Wilson read the resolution out loud in its entirety.

Supervisor Clapperton stated that if anyone wished to have a copy of the resolution, it would be made available. He added that he had a “tremendous issue” with the fact larger counties dwarf the needs of the smaller ones, such as La Paz County, with unfair voting practices.

**Approve “Acknowledgement” with Verizon LLC regarding the license of property owned by La Paz County, amending the Option and License Agreement, as specified – Board of Supervisors**

County Administrator Field explained that an Option and License Agreement with Verizon Wireless LLC was approved at a previous meeting for use of land next to the County’s “water building” and Facilities Maintenance Department; for the installation of an antenna.

He stated that the Acknowledgement document was been submitted to the Board for approval amending the Option and License Agreement by revising the due date of the option payment and verbiage eliminating the County’s ability to change insurance requirements during the term of the agreement.

He added that approval of this document was needed for Verizon to begin construction.

Discussion ensued speculating that construction could possibly be finished by June of 2016; as well as the possibility of establishing a base for GovNet, a broadband provider.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve “Acknowledgement” with Verizon LLC regarding the license of property owned by La Paz County, amending the Option and License Agreement, as specified. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

**Approve Memorandum of Understanding with La Paz County Emergency Management Services relating to Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) speaker phone and wireless headsets equipment – Emergency Services**

County Administrator Field, on behalf of Emergency Services, requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the use of speaker phone and wireless headsets equipment for the County’s Control Center/Board of Supervisors meeting room.

He stated that this was “a bit of a cleanup”, providing for the tracking of equipment acquired from a 2012 Emergency Services grant.

**CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to approve Memorandum of Understanding with La Paz County Emergency Management Services relating to Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) speaker phone and wireless headsets equipment. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the La Paz County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Police Department for agency participation in the La Paz County Regional Air Support Unit – Sheriff**

Lieutenant Epps presented, on behalf of Lieutenant Schlecht and the Sheriff's Department, an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Police Department for agency participation in the La Paz County Regional Air Support Unit.

Supervisor Clapperton read the Recitals portion of the agreement.

**SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED** to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the La Paz County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Police Department for agency participation in the La Paz County Regional Air Support Unit; and authorize the Sheriff to execute the agreement. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

**Approve purchase of Spillman Mobile Records and Mobile State and National Queries Site Licenses from Spillman Technologies, a sole source vendor; a budgeted item – Sheriff**

Lieutenant Epps requested approval to purchase equipment licensing for the mobile equipment, in the amount of \$57,068. He added that this vendor was a sole source provider, allowing payment in two parts; the first year payment at \$35,000.

County Administrator Field stated that this purchase would follow procurement rules for a sole source vendor.

A brief discussion ensued on the remaining balance after the first installment, noting that it would be budgeted for the next fiscal year; possibly through Jail Enhancement Funds.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve purchase of Spillman Mobile Records and Mobile State and National Queries Site Licenses from Spillman Technologies, a sole source vendor, in the amount of \$57,068 into two payments; the first year at \$35,000 from Dispatch Budget; a budgeted item. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Approve to award the "Old Bell Road Roadway Improvement Project" bid – Public Works**

Public Works Director Simmons requested approval for award of the "Old Bell Road Roadway Improvement Project" bid to sole bidder Mike's Contracting in the amount of \$249,567.10.

He stated that this road was damaged during hurricane Norbert and is an Arizona Department of Emergency Management project.

Chairman Irwin stated that she was “ecstatic” that this roadwork was being done.

Supervisor Wilson asked how the repairs were funded.

Public Works Director Simmons recalled that this roadwork would be reimbursed at 75% of the cost.

**CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to approve award of the “Old Bell Road Roadway Improvement Project” bid to sole bidder Mike’s Contracting in the amount of \$249,567.10, as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

**Approve recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for liquor license application for Agent Change/Acquisition of Control submitted by Jerry Wade Leath dba Blue Bar II, license #06150012, located at 3365 Highway 95, in Parker – Board of Supervisor**

County Administrator Field requested recommendation for Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for liquor license application for Agent Change/Acquisition of Control submitted by Jerry Wade Leath dba Blue Bar II, license #06150012, located at 3365 Highway 95, in Parker.

He stated the application was posted for the required number of days and no objections were received for or against the application. He added that department comments received noted that the taxes were current.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for liquor license application for Agent Change/Acquisition of Control submitted by Jerry Wade Leath dba Blue Bar II, license #06150012, located at 3365 Highway 95, in Parker. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

**Call to the Public**

There were no comments.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Irwin adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

APPROVED:

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/s/  
Holly Irwin, Chairman

ATTEST:

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/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:** #11119369, Colorado River Joint Venture \$1,627.48; #11119371, Emerald Canyon – Petty Cash \$1,009.11; #11119372, Frontier \$10,524.64; #11119375, Internet Shops, Inc. \$3,885.00; #11119377, Keith McMorrow \$1,034.96; #11119384, Parker Oil Products \$18,409.19; #11119385, Parker, Town of \$1,076.16; #111193868, Strategic Management Group \$12,500.00; #11119387, Sudden Link \$2,705.23; #11119388, Wells Fargo Payment Remittance Ctr 2831 \$9,218.01; #11119390, APS \$9,820.26; #11119393, Bankcard Center \$3,609.79; #11119410, Davis Building Supply \$3,979.30; #11119421, Home Depot Credit \$1,108.02; #11119423, Honorable Robert Carter Olson \$1,351.22; #11119424, Krueger, Phillip \$4,670.50; #11119426, La Paz County Treasurer \$5,595.72; #11119432, Mike’s Contracting, Inc. \$8,054.15; #11119434, Motorola \$1,678.76; #11119439, Parker Auto & Marine \$3,126.89; #11119445, Parker Towing & Storage \$1,200.00; #11119446, Parker Tree Service \$8,525.00; #11119449, Priyanka Miller \$1,785.00; #11119451, Radford, Michael \$3,232.48; #11119460, Southwest Gas Corporation \$1,030.73; #11119461, Sparkletts \$1,183.98; #11119465, Sun Edison c/o DG Solar Lease, LLC \$3,777.68; #11119471, US Bank \$1,200.00; #11119472, Verizon Wireless \$2,505.85; #11119479, Ecology Auto Parts \$60,144.59.