

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, December 1, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Regular meeting**

Chairman Wilson called the December 1, 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, Grants Administrator/Resource Coordinator Taft, Parks Director Bennett, Interim Public Works Director Simmons, Community Development Administrator Yackley; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Chairman Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Pastor Jose Garcia from the Parker Apostolic Church.

Presentation: “Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award”

Chairman Wilson, on behalf of Dorothy Fenech, Employee of the Month Committee Chairman, presented the November 2014, Sandy Dodge Employee Excellence Award, to Diane Jones-Zakrajsek, Court Clerk for the Quartzsite Justice Court, along with a \$25 gift certificate from Walmart.

Current Event Summary

There was no Current Event Summary presented.

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

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

5(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Monday, November 17, 2014, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting and Thursday, November 20, 2014, 3:00 p.m. special meeting.

5(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve November 2, 2014, through November 15, 2014, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$402,560.92, plus employer benefit contributions of \$86,773.43, for a total of \$489,334.35, including handwritten warrants.

5(c) Approval of Demands

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY2014/2015, in the amount of \$574,557.54, including handwritten warrants.

5(d) Approve appointment of a Sergeant, a vacant budgeted position – Sheriff (Replacement/Promotion)

Approve to promote Deputy Stacey Huff to Patrol Sergeant, effective December 1, 2014, at a salary of \$58,903.79 (L10, Step 8), with a six (6) month County probation period; and an additional six (6) months probation for the Sheriff Department; a vacant budgeted position.

5(e) Approve appointment of two (2) Deputies, vacant budgeted positions – Sheriff (Replacements)

Approve to appoint Joshua A. Reynolds and Timothy K. Lee to the positions of Deputy, effective December 1 and December 8, 2014, respectively, at starting salaries of \$39,000, increasing to \$41,369.74 (L07, Step 1), with one (1) year probation periods upon completion of the FTO Program; both vacant budgeted positions.

5(f) Approve appoint of a Court Clerk for the Quartzsite Justice Court, a vacant budgeted position – Quartzsite JP (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Kassie McKarson to the position of Court Clerk for the Quartzsite Justice Court, effective December 2, 2014, at an annual salary of \$23,116.50 (NE014, Step 1), a vacant budgeted position.

5(g) Approve payout of leave benefits for Child Support personnel transitioning to Arizona Child Support Services – Finance

Approve payout of leave benefits for Child Support personnel, Debra Selby, Pamela Spencer and Linda Akers Scott in December 5, 2014, transitioning to Arizona Child Support Services.

5(h) Approve to ratify support letters to legislators relating to the funding of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program (PILT) – Board of Supervisors

Approve to ratify support letters to legislators relating to the funding of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program (PILT).

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

Chairman Wilson recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:12 a.m.

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

County Administrator Field presented for approval Jail Consent Agenda Items #6(a) and #6(b).

6(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll

Approve November 2, 2014, through November 15, 2014, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$62,204.86, plus employer benefit contributions of \$12,686.27, for a total of \$74,891.13, including handwritten warrants.

6(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve the Jail District demands for FY2014/2015, in the amount of \$56,465.43, including handwritten warrants.

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

Chairman Wilson recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:14 a.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Docket No. Z2014-08, Clark Price Ceramic Tile & Marble, Inc., APN: 304-72-010M, to rezone property from Suburban Ranch, minimum four acres (SR4) to Suburban Ranch, minimum one acre (SR1); property located at 68178 Simcox; in Salome – Community Development

Community Development Administrator Yackley presented Docket No. Z2014-08, Clark Price Ceramic Tile & Marble, Inc., APN: 304-72-010M, requesting to rezone property from Suburban Ranch, minimum four acres (SR4) to Suburban Ranch, minimum one acre (SR1); property located at 68178 Simcox, in Salome.

She stated that six (6) homeowners were notified of the rezone request, and no responses were received for or against the project. She added that the applicant planned to split the property into smaller parcels and to sell two of the parcels.

She reported that the Review Committee had no objections; and staff recommended that an A.R.S. §12-1134 (207) Waiver be signed by the applicant.

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

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

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve Docket No. Z2014-08, Clark Price Ceramic Tile & Marble, Inc., APN: 304-72-010M, to rezone property from Suburban Ranch, minimum four acres (SR4) to Suburban Ranch, minimum one acre (SR1) with the stipulation that the applicant sign an A.R.S. §12-1134 (207) Waiver; property located at 68178 Simcox; in Salome. Motion seconded by Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve to advertise Tax Deeded Properties Available for Sale – Board of Supervisors

County Administrator Field requested, pursuant to A.R.S. §§§42-18301/02/03, approval to advertise an auction of properties that have become tax deeded to the State of Arizona. He stated a proposed auction will be held on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. for 40 acres parcels #307-03-001A and #306-57-003, with \$9,655.05 and \$8,713.07 due respectively, from taxes, interest, and penalties.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve advertisement of Tax Deeded Properties Available for Sale. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve acceptance of a rescue helicopter and trainer helicopter from the 1033 Law Enforcement Support Program, at no cost to the County; operational expenses funded through special funds – Sheriff

Lieutenant Epps requested approval to accept a Bell OH-58 Helicopter and a Hughes 269 Trainer from the 1033 Law Enforcement Support Program, at no cost to the County. He referred to the worksession previously held by the Board of Supervisors where a presentation was given to the Board detailing the 1033 Law Enforcement Support Program and the equipment provided by this program at no cost to its recipients. He gave emphatic assurances that the operational expenses would be funded only through special funds such as Racketeer Influence Corrupt Organizations (RICO), High Intensive Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), Search and Rescue, and the Federal fuel program funds.

He stated that these items were removed from Maricopa County due to supposed inventory discrepancies, and La Paz County is the first offered these items, having the highest need for this kind of equipment.

Supervisor Clapperton noted the highlights of the power point that was presented at the worksession. He stated that the equipment is never really owned by the County, but by the Federal Program, and if it should become broken down and not repairable, it can be turned in back to the Program at no charge. He stated that “no charge” was noted several times in the presentation. He noted that since La Paz County is a High Intensity Drug Traffic Area (HIDTA), the County has \$10,000 in Federal funds to assist maintaining the helicopter; the Arizona Search and Rescue will pay the County for helicopters used for search and rescue; Operation Stone Garden Agency will also assist in funding; the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) has offered their hanger space for storing the helicopter and equipment; the 1033 Program has the parts available for the helicopter; and Maricopa County can secure all needed parts at no cost and will provide training for helicopter “observers”. He added that it was said that Search and Rescue would pay for search and rescue use of the equipment.

He stated that the presentation said “Maricopa County will give us, will bring us, and will train”; however, he asked if a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be secured regarding the parts and services they will “give” to the County.

Lieutenant Epps answered that there would be “no issues” in obtaining an MOU.

Discussion ensued with emphatic assurances that no County funds would be used to support the use and maintenance of the equipment, or the program would be discontinued. Information discussed at the worksession, such as a quote for insurance, was still not available for the Board.

Supervisor Clapperton stated that he agreed that the use of a helicopter would be beneficial to the County in numerous ways; however, he wanted all things answered to assure no financial obligation for the taxpayer.

Lieutenant Epps added that a helicopter pilot/mechanic that lives in the area has volunteered to assist them at no charge. He reiterated that CRIT was “excited” about this possibility and is volunteering their hanger and parts, and will be “contributing” by their own use of the equipment.

Chairman Wilson reiterated that Maricopa County has spent a substantial amount of funds to completely refurbish the helicopter, and there is only 200 flight hours presently on the unit.

Lieutenant Epps stated that he felt it would be at least five years before any components would need replacement. He described it as a “plug and play” unit in which they plug in their radio and it becomes operational.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve acceptance of one Bell OH58 helicopter and one Hughes 269 trainer helicopter from the 1033 Law Enforcement Support Program, at no expense to the County; operational expenses funded by RICO, HITDA Funds; State of Arizona Search and Rescue Funds, and Federal Fuel Programs; with the stipulation that, before physical possession of the equipment, an MOU (as discussed) and insurance should be in place. Motion seconded by Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve purchase of a replacement engine power head for Sheriff Patrol boat, funded through Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF), an unbudgeted item – Sheriff

Lieutenant Nelson requested approval to purchase a replacement engine power head that was damaged by personnel attempting to avoid a collision on the water. He explained that water was ingested into the engine and it quit working. He added that, since the engine was relatively new, three quotes were sought for repair of the unit, and the lowest proposal had a cost of \$7,635.

He added that he was advised by the Finance Director that it could be possibly covered by insurance.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve purchase of a replacement engine power head for the Sheriff Patrol boat, funded through Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF), an unbudgeted item. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve replacement of a wireless security system for the offices of the Board of Supervisors, Courts and County Attorney, an unbudgeted item – Board of Supervisors

Lieutenant Epps, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, presented a request for the replacement of a wireless security system for the offices of the Board of Supervisors, the Courts and the County Attorney.

He explained the current system is antiquated and most of the alert buttons do not work. He added that the current system is the Centurion System, and the sole source provider for an updated version, at a cost of \$5,861.39, an unbudgeted item.

Supervisor Clapperton asked what the expense would be if another office were to be added.

Lieutenant Epps explained that the only cost would be the installation the cost of a button at \$85.00, and any number of additional buttons could be added to the system.

Supervisor Clapperton expressed that he felt the changes that are taking place in the world today warrant such action, and recalled an incident in which a person off the street went in and out of community buildings, which created a concern about safety issues.

Lieutenant Epps volunteered that there were two notable episodes at the Parker Justice Court, one from an irate person, and another was a medical emergency situation. He added that their alert button system did not always work.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve purchase of an updated Centurion Wireless Security System from Stop Tech, Ltd., in the amount of \$5,861.39, for replacement of a wireless security system for the offices of the Board of Supervisors, the Courts and County Attorney office; an unbudgeted item. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

Approve grant application to Arizona Public Service (APS) for a reach-in cooler and walk-in cooler for the McMullen Valley Food Bank – *Community Resources*

Grant Administrator/Resource Coordinator Taft requested approval of a grant application for a reach-in cooler and walk-in cooler for the McMullen Valley Food Bank. She stated that the food bank just received its certification of occupancy and currently had no coolers.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve grant application to Arizona Public Service (APS) for a reach-in cooler and walk-in cooler for the McMullen Valley Food Bank. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve Second Amendment to the Option Agreement for La Paz Option Water – *Board of Supervisors*

Chairman Wilson telephone Steve Wene, attorney representing Robhana, Inc., and WALTCO of Nevada Profit Sharing Plan. Mr. Wene was attending the meeting telephonically.

Mr. Wene explained that his client had put \$450,000 in escrow for a transfer of water relating to the La Paz Water Option, that would be held by the Ehrenberg Improvement Association for the benefit his client, with the understanding that if there were additional waters available in the future, they would be able to obtain the water for the approximately 450 homes that would be built. He added that, should there be an excess of water with that purchase, it would be shared with the community.

SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED to approve Second Amendment to Option Agreement for La Paz Option Water with Robhana, Inc., and WALTCO of Nevada Profit Sharing Plan. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Mr. Wene thanked County Administrator Field and Deputy County Attorney Buckelew for their efforts in putting this item on the agenda for consideration.

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Inc., \$3,253.14; #11113744, Parker Auto & Marine, \$1,969.10; #11113747, Parker Office Supply, \$4,073.10; #11113748, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$7,657.64; #11113749, Parker Tree Service, \$12,375.00; #11113750, Ping Inc., \$2,811.31; #11113753, Quartzsite Jp, \$1,856.41; #11113756, Reddy Ice, \$1,040.45; #11113760, Shamrock Food Co., \$1,756.50; #11113761, Southwest Gas Corporation, \$1,200.52; #11113769, Sysco Food Services, \$3,933.83; #11113775, Tires@Wholesale, \$2,230.88; #11113782, Tyler Technologies, \$24,566.40; #11113785, Verizon Wireless, \$2,269.05; #11113787, Wells Fargo Payment Remittance Ctr 3249, \$11,881.15; #11113788, West Payment Center, \$1,777.52; #11113793, Yuma County Juvenile, \$2,080.00; #11113794, Zion Bank/Public Financial Services, \$4,463.48; #11113801, Arizona Fairways, \$1,473.92; #11113804, AZ Counties Insurance Pool, \$1,387.07; #11113805, AZLGEBT, \$187,385.71; #11113807, Bankcard Center, \$1,692.55; #11113824, Databank, \$5,371.68; #11113826, Desert Weed Control, \$9,163.50; #11113835, Follett School Solutions, Inc., \$1,000.00; #11113838, Gary Booth, \$4,636.00; #11113839, Gloria Eagle Pa-C, \$1,000.00; #11113840, Gloria Hernandez, \$1,130.00; #11113845, Growers Oil Company, \$4,243.38; #11113848, Hermosa Veterinary Clinic, \$2,281.50; #11113852, Honorable Robert Carter Olson, \$1,738.74; #11113853, Jessica L. Quickle, \$7,102.50; #11113855, Keith W. Shillito, M.D., \$2,024.07; #11113860, La Paz Regional Hospital, \$3,925.30; #11113869, Motorola, \$1,629.86; #11113873, Newman, Matthew G., \$8,670.00; #11113879, Paragon Polygraph, \$1,125.00; #11113887, Pima County Treasurer, \$2,200.00; #11113894, Radford, Michael, \$2,752.48; #11113897, Rideout Law PLLC, \$3,262.50; #11113900, Salome Justice Court, \$1,693.74; #11113903, Schiff, Laurence, M.D., \$1,225.00; #11113906, Shamrock Foods Co., \$1,757.29; #11113911, Staples Dept. 00-04056735, \$1,064.77; #11113912, Strategic Management Group, \$12,500.00; #11113915, Superior Supply, \$35,527.82; #11113919, Tiger Direct, \$3,173.53; #11113921, Tri-State Reporting (2), \$1,536.90; #11113922, U.S. Foodservice, Inc., \$1,681.13; #11113929, Western States Petroleum, \$1,295.33.