

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, December 21, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Irwin called the December 21, 2015, 10:00 a.m. 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 Works Director Simmons, Public Defender Field, Elections Director Scholl, Shop Supervisor Braska, Community Development Administrator Yackley, Human Resource Director Frantz; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

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

Current Event Summary

County Administrator Field gave an update on the “water issue”, stating that La Paz County had been identified as a “priority planning area”, part of the Governor’s initiative on the sustainability of water. He added that public hearings are planned in the area with a worksession occurring in January 2016.

Chairman Irwin, who has met with Arizona Department of Water Resources, (ADWR) Director Tom Buschatzke, expressed that she felt that La Paz County’s voice was being heard on this matter. She added that January 30, 2016, is the proposed date in which a public hearing is to be held at the Centennial Community Center in Salome.

She added that she suggested ADWR staff come ahead of time for a “field trip”, to be able to witness first-hand the concerns of local citizens and the experiences they are having now; not in some distant future.

Supervisor Clapperton expressed his own experience, as well as other information he had received, indicating to him that real problems were showing themselves regarding safe water issues.

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

County Administrator Field presented for approval Consent Agenda Items #4(a) through #4(h).

4(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Monday, December 7, 2015, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

4(b) Approval of Payroll

Approve November 29, 2015, through December 12, 2015, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$409,823.95, plus employer benefit contributions of \$95,081.11, for a total of \$504,905.06, including handwritten warrants.

4(c) Approval of Demands

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY 2015/2016, in the amount of \$354,878.17, including handwritten warrants.

4(d) Approve to appoint the position of Public Works Maintenance Worker I – Salome, a vacant budgeted position – Public Works (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Ryan Gaxiola to the position of Public Works Maintenance Worker I – Salome, effective December 22, 2015, at an annual salary of \$24,080.16 (NE045, Step 1), a vacant budgeted position.

4(e) Approve to appoint the position of Elections Assistant, a vacant budgeted position – Elections (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Linda Smith as Elections Assistant, retroactive to December 14, 2015, at an annual salary of \$35,027.62, (NE020, Step 10), a vacant budgeted position.

4(f) Approve to appoint the position of Court Clerk for the Salome Justice Court, a vacant budgeted position – JP5 (Replacement)

Approve to appoint Chelsea Renee Ciszewski to the position of Court Clerk for the Salome Justice Court, effective December 21, 2015, at an annual salary of \$23,570.98 (NE014, Step 1), a vacant budgeted position.

4(g) Approve renewal of Westlaw legal research package through Thomson-Rueters; and authorize the County Attorney to sign the contract – County Attorney

Approve renewal of Westlaw legal research package through Thomson-Rueters with a base fee of \$939.46 per month; and authorize the County Attorney to sign the contract.

4(h) Approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arizona Department of Health Services, Contract No. ADHS 16-098348 for Healthy People Healthy Communities Amendment No. 1; and authorize the Health Director to sign the IGA – Health

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arizona Department of Health Services, Contract No. ADHS 16-098348 for Healthy People Healthy Communities Amendment No. 1, effective January 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016, at a grant award of \$290,259.50; and authorize the Health Director to sign the IGA.

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

Chairman Irwin recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:16 a.m.

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

County Administrator Field presented for approval Jail Consent Agenda Items #5(a) and #5(b).

5(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll

Approve November 29, 2015, through December 12, 2015, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$59,873.86, plus employer benefit contributions of \$13,033.14, for a total of \$72,907, including handwritten warrants.

5(b) Approval of Jail District Demands

Approve the Jail District demands as presented, for FY 2015/2016, in the amount of \$44,359.70, including handwritten warrants.

Chairman Irwin recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:17 a.m.

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

Adopt Proclamation No. 2015-18, commemorating La Paz County School Choice Week – Board of Supervisors

Chairman Irwin presented for adoption, Proclamation No. 2015-18, commemorating La Paz County School Choice Week, January 24 – 30, 2015.

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She read the proclamation in its entirety, noting that the proclamation was the request of National School Choice Week 2016, a nonpolitical, non partisan public awareness campaign held every year.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to adopt Proclamation No. 2015-18, commemorating La Paz County School Choice Week, January 24 – 30, 2015. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve to award the “Riverside Drive Roadway Improvement Project” bid, a budgeted item – Public Works

Public Works Director Simmons stated that two bids were received at the bid opening that occurred on November 10, 2015 for the “Riverside Drive Roadway Improvement Project”. The bids were from Pioneer Earth Movers, Inc., of Lake Havasu City and Mike’s Contracting, Inc., of Parker.

He recommended approval of the bid from low-bidder Mike’s Contracting, in the amount of \$577,156.55, a budgeted item; funded through Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF).

Supervisor Clapperton noted that the bid received from Pioneer Earth Movers, Inc., totaled \$1,150,130.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve awarding the “Riverside Drive Roadway Improvement Project” bid to low-bidder Mike’s Contracting in the amount of \$577,156.55, a budgeted item. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Approve settlement of tax appeal regarding Sunset Marble Company, L.L.C. v. La Paz County, Arizona Tax Court Case no. TX 2015-000785; APN 306-66-001 – County Attorney

Deputy County Attorney Buckelew explained this item was a tax appeal in which a settlement had been reached allowing a mixed ratio; from 20% to 18%, as well as reducing the full cash value for TY 2011 to \$84,483.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve settlement of tax appeal regarding Sunset Marble Company, L.L.C. v. La Paz County, Arizona Tax Court Case no. TX 2015-000785; APN 306-66-001, by means of stipulated judgment reducing the full cash value for tax year 2011 to \$84,483, and changing the overall assessment ratio for tax year 2011 to a mixed ratio of 18%. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Approve to appoint the Arizona Attorney General's Office to represent La Paz County in Arizona Tax Court Case No. TX2015-000921, UNS Energy Corp. et al vs. Arizona Department of Revenue et al, a tax appeal contesting the Department's central valuation of plaintiffs' utility properties – County Attorney

Deputy County Attorney Buckelew stated this item was another tax appeal filed for tax year 2016. He stated the properties involve other electric utility companies versus the Department of Revenue in twelve Arizona counties centrally valued by the Department of Revenue as is typical for utility companies. He added that La Paz County merely sends out the bill and collects the taxes, which is the reason La Paz County is named in the suit.

He stated that the Attorney General's Office routinely handles these types of tax appeals, and asks that the Board approve representation by the Attorney General for La Paz County's interest. He noted that the potential refund in this case is less than \$100, while it is much more by the larger counties.

A brief discussion noted that the majority of electric company assets are located outside La Paz County; therefore, the expected refunds would be much greater in those counties.

SUPERVISOR WILSON MOVED to approve appointment of the Arizona Attorney General's Office to represent La Paz County in Arizona Tax Court Case No. TX2015-000921, UNS Energy Corp. et al vs. Arizona Department of Revenue et al, a tax appeal contesting the Department's central valuation of plaintiffs' utility properties. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a dump truck from State Contract, funded through Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF); continued. – Public Works

Public Works Director Simmons once again requested approval to purchase a dump truck from State Contract, funded through Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF). This request was continued from the October 19, 2015, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

A brief discussion ensued on types of dump trucks and what would be the most beneficial for the Public Works Department. It was noted that the purchase would not affect La Paz County general funds.

SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED to approve the purchase of a Simple 16 dump truck from State Contract for Public Works, funded through Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF), in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson, passed unanimously.

Call to the Public

There were no comments.

Adjournment

Chairman Irwin wished the public a “Merry Christmas” and adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

APPROVED:

/s/
Holly Irwin, 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: #11120201 Altura Communication \$1,877.56; #11120203, APS \$2,442.23; #11120205, Atkins North America, Inc. \$2,187.50; #11120206, AZ Counties Insurance Pool \$3,812.40; #11120207, Betty Hunter \$1,418.00; #11120210, Centerline Supply West \$1,299.60; #11120214, Desert Works Computers \$1,120.92; #11120216, Ecology Auto Parts \$24,810.70; #11120217, Emerald Canyon – Petty Cash \$2,012.54; #11120220, Follett School Solutions, Inc. \$1,000.00; #11120232, La Paz Regional Hospital \$3,321.46; #11120233, La Paz Solar, LLC \$2,790.41; #11120242, Norwood Equipment, Inc. \$1,899.60; #11120243, Orthopedic Innovations \$1,473.00; #11120246, Parker Oil Products \$1,814.58; #11120247, Pro Petroleum, Inc. \$14,526.22; #11120248, Quill \$2,152.02; #11120258, Shamrock Food \$4,808.99; #11120261, Simplot Partners \$7,392.61; #11120263, Southern Links, Inc. \$1,682.92; #11120264, Specialty Tires \$1,011.65; #11120265, Strategic Management Group \$12,500.00; #11120266, Sudden Link \$3,229.67; #11120269, Tamco \$3,201.35; #11120272, Titleist \$1,636.06; #11120274, Verizon Wireless \$2,134.15; #11120278, YMPO \$1,160.00; #11120280; AHCCCS State Treasurer

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\$17,675.00; #11120285, AZ Dept. Environmental Quality \$4,520.00; #1110286, AZ Dept. of Revenue \$11,204.82; #11120287, AZLGEBT \$188,397.03; #11120288, Bob Barker Company \$1,017.37; #11120293, Colorado River Joint Venture \$1,434.39; #11120318, Jasper Engine & Transmission \$1,973.82; #11120319, Joshua Street Boat Storage \$1,050.00; #11120321, Klopfenstein MD, Kevin \$1,500.00; #11120324, LR Anderson, LLC \$1,650.00; #11120325, Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. \$1,857.00; #11120338, Pitney Bowes \$1,585.46; #11120349, Riverside Floors \$2,286.68; #11120358, Simpson Norton Corp. \$1,609.57; #11120361, Southwest Truck Driver Training, Inc. \$1,370.00; #1112363, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance \$1,921.93; #11120367, Sunedison c/o DG Solar Lease, LLC \$3,579.10; #11120373, Tough Rugged Laptops \$35,407.39; #11120374, US Foodservice, Inc. \$3,428.04; #11120376, Universal Police Supply Co. \$1,075.60; #11120378, Waxie Sanitary Supply \$2,068.29; #11120380, Western States Petroleum \$2,540.88.