

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Special Meeting**

Chairman Wilson called the January 28, 2014, special meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 10:30 a.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Wilson, Supervisor Clapperton, Supervisor Irwin, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-02, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of La Paz County respectfully requesting the Congress of the United States to immediately provide full funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program – Board of Supervisors

Chairman Wilson presented Resolution No. 2014-02, explaining that Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) are funds that the federal government provides to the counties in lieu of taxes for federal land within the County. He noted that PILT funds were provided on a short term basis, and PILT payments were not included in the budget passed by Congress. He added that this puts at risk 15%, or \$1.8 million, of the County's general fund budget.

He reported that, mostly recently, PILT payments were included in the Farm Bill sent to the House of Representatives; however, that is not guarantee that it would not be taken out again or the amount reduced. He added that it was critical that the County do all possible to encourage Congress to fully fund PILT and do so permanently.

He further added that the Counties are obligated to provide emergency services, road maintenance, and planning efforts around federal lands; however, since federal lands cannot be taxed, PILT was created to compensate for that; however, without PILT, it impacts the level of services provided to local residents.

Supervisor Clapperton read the Resolution in its entirety. He stated that he found it "deplorable" that the State had to "beg" for what is initially the State's to begin with.

Supervisor Irwin concurred, stating that the federal government is holding our State's "public lands", which is crippling our County, with no ability to develop these lands. She further added that; instead, agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management are put in place to take care of the land for the federal government, which in itself is not funded properly. She described this as "insane".

CHAIRMAN WILSON MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014-02, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of La Paz County respectfully requesting the Congress of the United States to immediately provide full funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

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Call to the Public

There were no comments.

Adjournment

Chairman Wilson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

/s/
D. L. Wilson, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
Dan Field, Clerk of the Board