

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.
Special Meeting**

Chairman Irwin called the August 24, 2016, special meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 1:00 p.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Irwin, Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Clapperton, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Community Resource Manager MacFarland; Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2016-30, authorizing the Community Resources Manger to apply for the Arizona State Parks OHV-Motorized Vehicle grant; Project Title: Shea Road Staging Area – Community Resources

Community Resource Manager MacFarland requested approval to apply for Arizona State Parks OHV-Motorized Vehicle grant; Project Title: Shea Road Staging Area. He stated he submitted a draft copy of the application in the Board’s packet of information, noting that the map scope area is larger than it actually is. He added that any matching of funds would all be “in-kind”.

A brief discussion ensued noting that the grant would similarly provide funding as it did for the Cibola area, on a smaller scale; and there was concern at locating access near the Arizona Peace Trail through Parker because of possible concerns with the Tribe.

Community Resource Manager MacFarland added that he verified that as long as the public stayed on the asphalt on Shea Road, it was allowable by the Tribe; however, if there was any off-roading, a permit would need to be obtained. He added that a sign would be put on the border of Colorado River Indian Reservation (CRIT) indicating this.

Chairman Irwin added that this was one of the challenges to the development of the Arizona Peace Trails; to provide a “spur” into the Town of Parker; and to each different township for access to the different “resources” such as for gas, food, lodging, etc.

Community Resource Manager MacFarland stated that there were over 100 miles of off-road from Bouse to Lake Havasu City; therefore, having a spur to Parker is a “good thing”, and a central area for all kinds of outdoor activities.

He added that the existing right-of-way is halfway into the space of this project, and he was having discussion with the Bureau of Land Management about the possibility of obtaining access by permit rather than “jumping through all the hoops for a lease”.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2016-30, authorizing the Community Resources Manger to apply for the Arizona State Parks OHV-Motorized Vehicle grant in the amount of \$76,003, to develop an OHV Staging Area at the intersection of Shea Road and Swansea Road to support off-road recreation. Motion seconded by Supervisor King, passed unanimously.

