

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, June 15, 2015, 1:30 p.m.
Worksession**

Vice-Chairman Wilson called the Monday, June 15, 2015, worksession of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 1:30 p.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Vice-Chairman Wilson, (Chairman Irwin was not present), Supervisor Clapperton, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Public Defender Field; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green. Others present: Clint Hickman, County Supervisors Association (CSA) President, Craig Sullivan, CSA Executive Director, and Scott Isham, Chief of Staff to Mr. Hickman.

County Supervisors Association Legislative Report to the Board of Supervisors by Craig Sullivan, Executive Director

Vice-Chairman Wilson introduced Clint Hickman, County Supervisors Association (CSA) President and Mohave County Supervisor, who in turn, introduced Craig Sullivan, CSA Executive Director, to present a power point presentation of the CSA Legislative Report.

Craig Sullivan distributed copies of the power point he would be presenting. He described the structure of the County Supervisors Association (CSA), stating that it is made up of 15 counties, whose 61 Supervisors make up the Board of Directors. He stated that a “subset” of the Board, called the Legislative Policy Committee serves with Mr. Sullivan during the legislative session. He noted that Supervisor Wilson is part of that committee.

He discussed at length the work accomplished from the last legislative session, providing a year-end report. He stated that that time was spent educating the membership with what was going on with the state; and engaging the counties about the need to communicate with lawmakers. He added that it was known that the budget situation would be the dominating factor with the legislative session, and it was not expected that the budget process would be adopted so quickly, with little opportunity for improvements.

He described some of the complex issues, noting that the impact to all the counties was approximately \$44 million; and the new impact to La Paz County was approximately \$100,000; added to the already \$500,000 impact.

He stated that, for the first time, La Paz County will be assessed a fee to the State Department of Juvenile Corrections; and noted other fees that would be assessed to the larger counties that would be a significant threat to all counties.

Mr. Sullivan added that lottery funds continue to be protected for La Paz so far, while it has been taken away from other counties; and the budget “flexibility language” continues; however, it is considered a “temporary” provision.

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He further added that transportation is a big priority for the CSA because of the Highway User Funds (HURF) that continue to be shifted to the Department of Public Safety.

He described at length the series of bills processed; the emerging issues that would have to be engaged; and he asked for input from the counties on the submission of bills, with an August 14, 2015 deadline for submission.

He stated that federal issues, such as the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), continues to be a “fight” with Congress every year; however, CSA will continue to make it a priority and surge forward to obtain a longer term for the counties.

He noted the CSA’s opposition stance on the rule change regarding the Waters of the US, and its participation in the national advocacy to reopen that issue.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the September 2015 meeting will present a progress report of the results of the many issues that they have been working on.

Vice-Chairman Wilson stated that the CSA has done “everything humanly possible” to mitigate the negative effects to the County, and expressed his gratitude for its efforts.

There being no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman Wilson adjourned the worksession at 1:54 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Holly Irwin, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Dan Field, Clerk of the Board