

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Special Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the January 19, 2021, 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 Duce Minor, Vice-Chairman Holly Irwin, Supervisor David Plunkett, Chief Deputy County Attorney Ryan Dooley, Human Resources Director Mary Frantz, and Clerk of the Board Diane Green.

Chairman Minor moved up item # 3 on the agenda for discussion.

Discussion regarding Proposition 207 and possible County ordinance regarding the regulation of recreational marijuana - *County Attorney*

Discussion ensued at length regarding what was needed regarding applications for the sale of recreational marijuana, noting the existence of medical marijuana zoning regulations in the County and requirements that the zoning restrictions could not be more restrictive than those in comparison.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley gave his opinion regarding how the County could sign off on the letters that were being brought to Community Development by the public regarding Proposition 207 and what the County would be doing to accommodate the new legislation.

Discussion ensued whether the new legislation on recreational marijuana was advantageous to making revenue and how so.

Skip Becker from the Economic Development Corporation suggested to the Board to narrow the application process by allowing just those that would also be cultivating the product, thereby creating jobs and providing revenues through the purchase of utilities. He expressed that these benefits would outweigh any tax revenues that would come in.

Nico Pento, representing Terrapin, stated that he was interested in developing in the area, and as the State would only allow two licenses he had suggestions as to how to go about handling the situation since the County did not currently have an ordinance in place to address the new legislation and the number of applications that would be coming into Community Development for a "sign off".

Skip Becker noted that the only place the County has power is along Highway 72.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley gave suggestions for the revision of the sample ordinance he provided the Board.

Discussion and possible action to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)&(4), for legal advice from the public body's attorney(s) and appropriate staff regarding the subject of county contracts of employment - *Board of Supervisors*

VICE-CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38- 431.03(A)(3)&(4), for legal advice from the public body's attorney(s) and appropriate staff regarding the subject of county contracts of employment. Motion seconded by Supervisor Plunkett, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Convene into Executive Session: 2:45 p.m.
Reconvene to Open Meeting: 3:38 p.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

APPROVED:

Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Diane Green, Clerk of the Board