

***MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monday, February 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting***

Chairman Minor called the February 16, 2021, 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 Duce Minor, Vice-Chairman Holly Irwin (telephonically), Supervisor David Plunkett, Chief Deputy County Attorney Ryan Dooley, Finance Director Terry Krukemyer, Assessor Ana Camacho, Golf Professional Steven Benton, Sheriff William Ponce, and Clerk of the Board Diane Green.

Chairman Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Pastor Jose Garcia of the Parker Apostolic Church.

**Call to the Public: This is the time for the public to comment for a limit of three (3) minutes per person. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date**

There were no comments.

**County Administrator and/or County Supervisor's Current Event Summary: The County Administrator or Board Member may present a brief summary of current events summarizing recent occurrences without any discussion or feedback from the remainder of the board. The Board will not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on any matter mentioned in the summary unless the specific matter is already properly noticed for legal action, and then only at such time as that matter comes before the board itself pursuant to its meeting agenda. A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K)**

Chairman Minor stated that the County had appointed a new County Administrator, Megan Spielman, who will start on Monday, February 22, 2021.

There were no other comments.

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

- a. **Approval of Minutes of the Tuesday, January 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Special Meeting; Monday, December 7, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Regular Meeting; Monday, November 16, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Regular Meeting; and Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 2:00 p.m., Special Meeting – *Clerk of the Board***

Approve Minutes of the Tuesday, January 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Special Meeting; Monday, December 7, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Regular Meeting; Monday, November 16, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Regular Meeting; and Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 2:00 p.m., Special Meeting.

- b. **Approve La Paz County Payroll, from January 28, 2021, through February 10, 2021, in the amount of \$430,154.49, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$191,910.30, for a total of \$622,064.79 - *Finance***

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- c. **Approve La Paz County payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$559,697.80 - *Finance***

Approve La Paz County payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$559,697.80.

- d. **Approve to appoint the position of Medical Outreach Facilitator; a vacant and budgeted position - *Health Department***

Approve to appoint Stephanie McDowell to the position of Medical Outreach Facilitator, effective February 17, 2021, at an annual salary of \$56,056 (E047/Step 7), a vacant and budgeted position.

- e. **Approve to appoint the position of Court Clerk; a vacant and budgeted position - *Quartzsite Justice Court***

Approve to appoint Sandra Ramsey to the position of Court Clerk, effective February 17, 2021, at an annual salary of \$29,328 (NE014, Step 1), a vacant and budgeted position.

- f. **Approve Tube Float event on June 12, 2021, and Mitigation Plan from the Parker Chamber of Commerce & Tourism - *Clerk of the Board***

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- g. **Accept resignation of Barbra Cuadras from the Mohave/La Paz Workforce Development Board (WDB) - *Clerk of the Board***

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- h. **Approve the re-appointments of Chonna Marshall, Joseph Salcido III, and Regina Martinez to the Mohave/La Paz Workforce Development Board (WDB); terms to expire on January 7, 2025, January 7, 2023, and January 7, 2023, respectively - *Clerk of the Board***

Approve the re-appointments of Chonna Marshall, Joseph Salcido III, and Regina Martinez to the Mohave/La Paz Workforce Development Board (WDB); terms to expire on January 7, 2025, January 7, 2023, and January 7, 2023, respectively.

- i. **Approve Consent to Assignment of Option to Lease Agreement, dated March 16, 2020, for 2,500 acres, and Option to Lease Agreement, dated May 22, 2020, for 2,000 acres, each between La Paz County and 174 Global Properties, LLC, and authorize the Chairperson to execute the consent letter - *Board of Supervisors***

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- j. **Approve Fourth Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement Professional Services Contract with Marcus G. Faust, P. C. - *Board of Supervisors***

Approve Fourth Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement Professional Services Contract with Marcus G. Faust, P. C. to December 2022.

- k. ***Sitting in as the Jail District Board of Directors:***

- 1. Approve La Paz County Jail Payroll from January 28, 2021, through February 10, 2021, in the amount of \$58,058.42, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$11,555.00, for a total of \$69,613.42, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

Approve La Paz County Jail Payroll from January 28, 2021, through February 10, 2021, in the amount of \$58,058.42, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$11,555.00, for a total of \$69,613.42, including handwritten warrants.

- 2. Approve La Paz County Jail District payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$43,988.09, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

Approve La Paz County Jail District payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$43,988.09, including handwritten warrants.

**CHAIRMAN MINOR MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(k). Motion seconded by Supervisor Plunkett, passed unanimously, including the vote by Vice-Chairman Irwin.

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

Chairman Minor requested that item #10 on the agenda be moved up on behalf of Human Resources Director Frantz.

**Approve a new Voluntary Benefit for Certified Officers through the Fraternal Order of Police and Lake Havasu Police Department Lodge - Human Resources**

Human Resource Director Frantz explained that this item was about a new voluntary deduction that would apply to post-certified employees in law enforcement. She introduced a member present from the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) that would assist to explain the benefit offered.

Justin Thornton, Deputy Director of the Arizona Labor Council, which represents the FOP, explained at length that this benefit is for the convenience of employees as members of the FOP.

Vice-Chairman Irwin asked if this item went before the Board at other counties, to have membership fees deducted from payroll checks; expressing that she felt it would just have been an administrative action. She added that she was not opposed to the action, but felt it took quite some time for it to get to this point.

Mr. Thornton stated that it was common practice throughout the different municipalities, that it did come before their boards.

**SUPERVISOR PLUNKETT MOVED** to approve as presented, (the Arizona Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Arizona Labor Council Legal Plan as a voluntary benefit with post tax payroll deductions by pay period of qualified members, subject to conditions set by "the Plan" and with the completion of the La Paz County deduction form for the associated dues). Motion seconded Vice-Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Approve Emerald Canyon Golf Course Golf Cart Lease Agreement, a budgeted item - Emerald Canyon Golf Course**

Golf Professional Benton presented a golf course cart lease agreement for 90 Yamaha golf carts for a period of five years. He stated that the annual cost would be an annual cost of \$62,461.80, a savings of approximately \$30,000 per year to rent golf carts, which is currently being done. He added that the lease has a "buy back" provision of 40 older golf carts for the amount of \$40,000, using the co-op contract #1020-6 through the City of Casa Grande.

He added that these golf carts would also be of better quality, having hubcaps, windshields, and equipped with coolers. He further stated that Emerald Canyon Golf Course has had a long-standing relationship with Desert Golf Carts and the salesman expressed that there was also the potential offer of a trade out the cart for new carts during the five-year lease agreement.

Chairman Minor asked what warranties were in place.

Golf Professional Benton stated everything is under warranty for two years; with some parts at three and four years, depending on the part. He added that the County would not be liable for charges at the end of the lease unless the cart is so damaged that it cannot run.

Discussion ensued, noting that 30 carts are currently owned by the golf course; carts have about a five-year "life-expectancy"; the agreement is a "straight lease" agreement; and this agreement would be a "new plan" and a savings over the budgeted plan.

Golf Professional Benton added that this would also provide a fleet of 90 carts all year instead of the usual leasing during the summer weekends, which has not been adequate.

Finance Director Krukemyer confirmed that this agreement was not increasing costs and gained a significant amount of usage.

**SUPERVISOR PLUNKETT MOVED** to approve a presented (Emerald Canyon Golf Course Golf Cart Lease Agreement with Desert Golf Carts, leasing 90 golf carts for five years, at a monthly rate of \$10,410.30 for six months per year, for an annual total of \$62,461.8; a budgeted item). Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Vice-Chairman Irwin.

Chairman Minor announced that item #8 would be considered in order to give time for setting up a PowerPoint for item #7.

***PUBLIC HEARING - Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control application #131965 for class 12 (restaurant) license submitted by Ramona Louise Heschke dba Black Rock Cafe, located at 46751 Highway 60, in Salome - Clerk of the Board***

Clerk of the Board Green reported that a public hearing is required for Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control application #131965 for class 12 (restaurant) license submitted by Ramona Louise Heschke dba Black Rock Cafe, located at 46751 Highway 60, in Salome.

She stated that the application was posted for the required 20 days by the Sheriff's Department and no comments were received for or against the application, and this is provided for public comments.

She further stated that the Board of Supervisors does not "approve" a liquor license application; instead, it gives recommendation the Arizona Liquor License & Control.

Chairman Minor opened the public hearing for comment on the liquor license application.

Mark Goldberg, Secretary of La Paz Regional Tourism team, and patron of the restaurant described the restaurant as a "beam of light out in the wilderness", providing a service to winter visitors in the area, and this application would provide them a better ability to survive out there.

Terry Sexson, stated he wished to "echo" the previous speaker and wanted to reiterate Supervisor D. L. Wilson's comments about the economic multiplier effect of small business in a local community, which is much greater than brand names. He gave the restaurant credit for surviving the COVID time with its restrictions; and added that although the address is in Salome, it is located in Brenda.

There being no further comments, Chairman Minor closed the public hearing.

***Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for application #131965 for class 12 (restaurant) license submitted by Ramona Louise Heschke dba Black Rock Cafe, located at 46751 Highway 60, in Salome - Clerk of the Board***

There were no other comments.

**CHAIRMAN MINOR MOVED** to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for application #131965 for class 12 (restaurant) license submitted by Ramona Louise Heschke dba Black Rock Cafe, located at 46751 Highway 60, in Salome. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Supervisor Plunkett.

**Approve Consent Judgment in TX 2020-001122 Southwest Gas Corp v. La Paz County  
- County Attorney**

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley explained that La Paz County, along with other counties anywhere that have Southwest Gas Corp lines going through them, has received a negotiated valuation reduction on behalf of the counties for the 2020-2021 tax year from the Attorney General. He stated that since La Paz County has some of these parcels, La Paz County is asked to weigh in on the judgement.

**SUPERVISOR PLUNKETT MOVED** to approve as presented (to approve the Consent Judgment in TX2020-001122, Southwest Gas Corp v. La Paz County, reducing parcel value by \$47,856). Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Adopt La Paz County Public Works Design and Construction Manual - Public Works**

Chief Deputy Public Works Director Braska requested approval to adopt the La Paz County Public Works Design and Construction Manual, and stated that Linda Potter, engineering consultant, would discuss the reason for the update.

Linda Potter, Atkins Global Project Director, explained that the existing manual was adopted 20 years ago and since that time, technological advances and engineering statistics have been improved. She explained the methodology of its revision, referring to other agencies procedures, revising primarily its policy. She expressed that she felt it gave clarity and more information for developers.

A brief discussion arose regarding water retention and how the manual addressed those issues, as well as other portions of the manual.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED** to approve as presented (to adopt the La Paz County Public Works Design and Construction Manual, Final, February 2021. Motion seconded by Supervisor Plunkett, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Diane Green, Clerk of the Board



**The following La Paz County Board demands were audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors:** 11149373, AT&T Mobility, \$3,898.06; 11149378, Empire Southwest, \$2,516.45; 11149379, Havasu Embroidery, \$3,141.55; 11149381, Jeffery S. Berg, \$2,243.33; 11149383, Parker Auto & Marine, \$1,117.61; 11149384, Parker Oil Products, \$15,034.66; 11149385, Reeves, Joy M, \$1,400.00; 11149386, River Septic, \$1,720.00; 11149387, Shamrock Food Co, \$1,554.36; 11149388, Simpson Norton Corp, \$1,918.11; 11149389, Sudden Link, \$4,367.02; 11149390, Sunedison c/o DG Solar Lease, \$2,746.37; 11149396, White Sheet Free Shopping, \$2,191.98; 11149398, AHCCCS, \$17,675.00; 11149399, All Covered, \$58,362.43; 11149410, Carmen Gonzalez-Ulloa, \$1,375.00; 11149414, Colorado River Joint Venture, \$1,582.53; 11149417, Desert Golf Cars, \$24,865.75; 11149420, Dorn Policy Group, \$3,000.00; 11149426, Gloria Eagle PA-C, \$1,437.50; 11149428, Growers Oil Co, \$1,379.14; 11149431, Jenna McDaniel, \$1,350.00; 11149432, Jenna J. Thorn, \$1,468.75; 11149433, JP Morgan One Card, \$14,452.81; 11149434, Kaitlyn Sarai Padilla, \$1,087.50; 11149442, LR Anderson, \$1,600.00; 11149448, Pavement Sealants & Supply, \$3,397.86; 11149451, Redburn Tire Co, \$6,243.84; 11149457, Sandra L. Kohl, \$2,319.00; 11149462, Staples Credit Plan, \$1,283.00; 11149463, Stephanie Lea McDowell, \$1,590.00; 11149464, Tanya Larios, \$1,200.00; 11149466, Todd Minkey, \$1,025.00; 11149467, Trinity Services Group, \$11,140.56; 11149471, Vigilant Solutions, \$20,304.76; 11149474, Nationwide Retirement Solutions, \$69,453.20; 11149475, Standard Insurance, \$10,248.00; 11149476, Abbey Stubbs & Ford, \$7,500.00; 11149490, Judith A. Bender, \$11,640.00; 11149493, La Paz Regional Hospital, \$2,912.64; 11149495, Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender, \$1,239.39; 11149500, Rideout Law, \$2,118.00; 11149501, Ruffner Law, \$16,983.75; 11149505, Tri-State Reporting, \$8,271.40; 11149507, Welch, Fred, \$23,463.33; 11149514, Central Arizona Project, \$3,000.00; 11149526, Frontier, \$2,943.26; 11149535, Konica Minolta Business Solutions, \$20,472.47; 11149547, Pro-Vision Video Systems, \$2,870.37; 11149548, Quadient Finance, \$1,038.04; 11149551, Rosenfeld, Gust, \$7,950.00; 11149555, Superior Supply, \$25,547.04; 11149559, Tyler Technologies, \$26,439.17; 11149562, Walker & Armstrong, \$9,335.00.