

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Worksession**

Chairman Minor called the June 8, 2021, Worksession of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 1:30 p.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Duce Minor, Vice-Chairman Holly Irwin, Supervisor Plunkett, County Administrator Megan Spielman, Chief Deputy County Attorney Ryan Dooley, IT Tech Joey Lucas, and Clerk of the Board Diane Green. Others present were: Vanessa Burke, Partner, Pun Group, LLP; Thomas Dorn, Dorn Policy Group; Craig Sullivan, County Supervisors Association (CSA) Executive Director.

Purpose of the Worksession:

County Supervisors Association Legislative Update

Craig Sullivan, County Supervisors Association (CSA) Executive Director, gave his annual PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Supervisors on the organization's legislative report update.

He described the work of CSA as an "intergovernmental engagement to benefit counties", noting their strategic initiatives for the current year regarding its Research & Data Initiative, offering data on behalf of County interests; Public Safety Pensions and the major changes to the repayment plan for existing and future pension debt; and the COVID-19 Response, advocated for and to support counties accessing state and federal resources.

Mr. Sullivan gave a report on the State's budget negotiations, noting the major items addressed by the State and those that would be of interest to counties directly; and the legislative priorities adopted by the CSA. He noted 15 legislative proposals were submitted; nine legislative priorities were approved and two of those priorities were enacted.

He requested input from the Supervisors on what they wanted to see as legislative proposals and asked for those with a deadline of August 8, 2021; noting the CSA Legislative Policy Summit would occur in September 2021.

Chairman Minor expressed appreciation of all the work the CSA does for counties, and inquired about additional "relief" revenues.

Vice-Chairman Irwin commented on what she had learned about prisoners out of Florida, namely, prisoners were being sent out to private prisons. She stated she was working with the Dorn Group to see about these prisoners going to counties.

Mr. Sullivan stated he would look into the prisoner matter mentioned by Vice-Chairman Irwin.

Discussion ensued on prisoners and the State's inability to address that adequately to La Paz County; and the possible funding of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) through a sales tax.

There being no further comment, Chairman Minor adjourned the worksession at 2:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Diane Green