

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, June 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the June 21, 2021, Regular Meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 10:00 a.m. Department Heads and Elected Officials present were: Chairman Duce Minor, Vice-Chairman Holly Irwin, Supervisor David Plunkett, County Administrator Megan Spielman, Chief Deputy County Attorney Ryan Dooley, Parks Director Joe Picotte, Human Resources Director Mary Frantz, Assessor Anna Camacho, Sheriff William Ponce, Public Works Director Don Braska, Recoder Richard Garcia, Emergency Services Director Curtis Bagby, Community Development Director Tonya Hoogerwerf, and Clerk of the Board Diane Green.

Chairman Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Pastor Julian Barbara of Calvary Christian Fellowship.

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)

County Administrator Spielman gave a brief update regarding the work done on FY2021/2022 budget; information retrieved from the various departments to be followed up by a revenue analysis.

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

- a. **Approval of Minutes of the Tuesday, March 3, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Special Meeting; Monday, March 8, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Special Meeting; Monday, March 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Regular Meeting; Monday, March 15, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Special Meeting; and Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 8:00 a.m., Special Meeting – *Clerk of the Board***

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- b. **Approve La Paz County Payroll, from May 1, 2021, through May 30, 2021, in the amount of \$846,489.38, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$268,344.32, for a total of \$1,114,833.70- *Finance***

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- c. **Approve La Paz County Payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$1,102,779.83 - *Finance***

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- d. **Approve transfer of the Account Clerk, Finance, to the position of Office Administrator for the Health Department, a vacant and budgeted position - *Health Department***

Approve to transfer Jackie Kummerle, Account Clerk, Finance, to the position of Office Administrator, effective June 22, 2021, at an annual salary of \$36,379.20, NE004/Step 9, for the Health Department, a vacant and budgeted position.

- e. **Approve Agreement for Tribal Cultural Monitoring Services and Treatment of Prehistoric Cultural Resources as it relates to the Ten West Link transmission line project - *Board of Supervisors***

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- f. **Approve to renew Assessor's consultant contract with Judy Bender, effective July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, using allocated salary from the vacant Chief Deputy Assessor position -*Assessor***

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- g. **Approve to ratify Arizona State Parks and Trails agreement, Project No. 552110, for grant funding in the amount of \$27,331.00 for funding of one (1) Polaris RZR-4 Off Road UTV for Law Enforcement of off-road law violations and incidents; authorizing the Sheriff and the Accounting Operations Manager to sign the agreement -*Sheriff***

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- h. **Approve 2020 HAVA Election Security Sub Grant award in the amount of \$63,469.75 -*Elections***

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- i. **Approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), Contract No. CTR055273, Amendment #1, formerly IGA2020-049, with the Arizona Department of Health Services, providing for Title V Maternal and Child Health Healthy Arizona Families for a total of \$98,318 -*Health***

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- j. **Approve FY 2020/2021 annual leave extension request on behalf of all County employees with 240 hours or more of accrued annual leave -*Human Resources***

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- k. **Approve to award the annual bid for La Paz County FY21/22 Publishing and Advertising to Today's News Herald/Parker Pioneer, as presented - Clerk of the Board**

Approve to award the annual bid for La Paz County FY21/22 Publishing and Advertising to Today's News Herald/Parker Pioneer, as presented.

- l. **Approve to reappoint Mike Penn and Harley Kruidoff to the Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors; terms to expire on June 30, 2028 - Board of Supervisors**

Approve to reappoint Mike Penn and Harley Kruidoff to the Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors; terms to expire on June 30, 2028.

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

1. **Approve La Paz County Jail Payroll from May 1, 2021, through May 30, 2021, in the amount of \$115,078.07, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$20,993.21, for a total of \$136,071.28, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

Approve La Paz County Jail Payroll from May 1, 2021, through May 30, 2021, in the amount of \$115,078.07, plus employer related expenses (ERE), in the amount of \$20,993.21, for a total of \$136,071.28, including handwritten warrants.

2. **Approve La Paz County Jail District payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$87,073.15, including handwritten warrants - Finance**

Approve La Paz County Jail District payables, as presented, for FY2020/2021, in the amount of \$87,073.15, including handwritten warrants.

VICE-CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(m). Motion seconded by Supervisor Plunkett, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Docket No. Z2021-006, Barsoum and Samuel Inc, APN 310-24-007G, requesting to rezone from Recreational Vehicle Park to Commercial (C-2); approved unanimously (6-0) by the La Paz County Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, June 3, 2021 - Community Development

Community Development Director Hoogerwerf presented Docket No. Z2021-006, Barsoum and Samuel Inc, APN 310-24-007G, requesting to rezone from Recreational Vehicle Park to Commercial (C-2). She stated that fifteen (15) notification letters were mailed and no responses were received; the Review Committee did not respond; and she described the surrounding property zoning.

She added that a 207 Waiver of Rights and Remedies is required to be signed; however, the property owner had not signed one.

Chairman Minor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the rezone request.

There were no comments.

Chairman Minor closed the public hearing.

Discussion and possible action regarding Docket No. Z2021-006, Barsoum and Samuel Inc, APN 310-24-007G, requesting to be rezoned from Recreational Vehicle Park to Commercial (C-2) and was heard before the La Paz County Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, June 3, 2021; approved unanimously (6-0) - Community Development

Chairman Minor stated that the 207 Waiver would need to be signed, explaining that the waiver protected the County over approving what the landowner requested the County to do.

Shahir Barsoum, property owner, expressed that it was not his intention to sue anyone and explained issues he had with the County in the past regarding the zoning issues on this property; it was supposed to be zoned commercial years ago.

Discussion ensued regarding the square footage issues in different parts of the County, noting that Mr. Barsoum would not be subject to those limitations; the property would be zoned commercial; and the 207 Waiver was required from everyone and should not be an issue.

Community Development Hoogerwerf stated that if construction occurred, the item would go back to the Planning & Zoning Commission for setbacks.

SUPERVISOR PLUNKETT MOVED to approve Docket No. Z2021-006, Barsoum and Samuel Inc, APN 310-24-007G, requesting to be rezoned from Recreational Vehicle Park to Commercial (C-2) with the stipulation that a signed 207 Waiver of Rights and Remedies form is required. Motion seconded by Chairman Minor, passed unanimously, including the vote by Vice-Chairman Irwin.

PUBLIC HEARING: Docket No. CUP2021-002, Lone Cactus Solar, APN 307-03-045G (Sections 25 & 36 only) requesting a Conditional Use Permit for solar development on a parcel zoned Rural Agricultural (RA-40); to remain in compliance as it specifies in the La Paz County Zoning Regulations in appendix B, subsection IX (public and semi-public [uses]); approved unanimously (6-0) by the La Paz County Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, June 3, 2021 - Community Development

Community Development Director Hoogerwerf presented Docket No. CUP2021-002, Lone Cactus Solar, APN 307-03-045G (Sections 25 & 36 only) requesting a Conditional Use Permit for solar development on a parcel zoned Rural Agricultural (RA-40).

She stated that the agents on this project were Derhammer and Chapman; six (6) notification letters were mailed and no responses were received; and noted the surrounding zoning and land usage. She added that Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) requested that the developers contact them before moving forward.

Chairman Minor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the request for a Conditional Use Permit.

An unidentified person asked the location of the property.

Community Development Director Hoogerwerf answered that the property was located Southwest of Highway 72, across from the egg farm.

Chairman Minor closed the public hearing.

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SUPERVISOR PLUNKETT MOVED to approve Docket No. CUP2021-002, Lone Cactus Solar, APN 307-03-045G (Sections 25 & 36 only) requesting a Conditional Use Permit for solar development on a parcel zoned Rural Agricultural (RA-40) to remain in compliance as it specifies in the La Paz County Zoning Regulations in appendix B, subsection IX (public and semi-public [uses]). This docket went before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, 6/3/2021 and was approved unanimously (6-0). Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Approve to adopt Proclamation No. 2021-12, proclaiming June 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month - *Board of Supervisors*

Chairman Minor read the proclamation in its entirety.

VICE-CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to adopt Proclamation No. 2021-12, proclaiming June 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Motion seconded by Supervisor Plunkett, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Approve the La Paz County "Alertsense" Procedures - *Emergency Services*

Emergency Services Director Bagby explained that these procedures are for the already existing alert system previously purchased through a grant by Homeland Security; currently funded by a grant; and an application has been submitted for a second year. In the future, there will be discussion to share this expense with the Town of Parker and Quartzsite.

SUPERVISOR PLUNKETT MOVED to approve the La Paz County "Alertsense" Procedures. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Discussion and possible action to appoint citizens to the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) Local Board (4 year term) - *County Attorney*

Chairman Minor stated that he had not received any nominations for this board. He added that he met with Craig Sullivan with the County Supervisors Association, who informed him of the possibility of the State combining the Public Safety Retirement System (PSRS) and Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) boards; however, it would not be until after the first of the year for it to take effect.

Vice-Chairman Irwin stated that, since the CORP board has been formed, not one officer has retired that needed the Board. She noted that there were questions about the power of the board as there were some that had the impression it had more power than it does; however, the board purpose was to facilitate officer retirement.

Chairman Minor stated that he would follow up with the Chief Deputy County Attorney to see what could be done in the meantime.

CHAIRMAN MINOR MOVED to continue discussion regarding the appointment of citizens to the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) Local Board (4 year term) to the July 12, 2021, regular meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Supervisor Plunkett.

Adjournment

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

APPROVED:

Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

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: 11150593, ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES, \$5,952.00; 11150599, AT&T MOBILITY, \$6,951.07; 11150615, FEDEX, \$3,181.01; 11150616, FRONTIER CITIZENS UTILITIES RURAL CO, \$1,067.88; 11150622, GROWERS OIL COMPANY, \$6,580.75; 11150624, HAVASU EMBROIDERY, \$4,472.40; 11150629, JP MORGAN ONE CARD, \$32,875.24; 11150630, JUDITH A. BENDER, \$6,840.00; 11150631, KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, \$4,796.61; 11150635, LA PAZ SOLAR, \$3,492.76; 11150640, OASIS FLOORS & DESIGN CENTER, \$5,824.13; 11150644, PARKER OIL PRODUCTS, \$18,038.08; 11150650, REDBURN TIRE COMPANY, \$5,786.79; 11150653, RIVER MEDICAL, \$1,123.32; 11150655, RUFFNER LAW, \$15,978.75; 11150662, T&C SEAL COATING, \$378,719.79; 11150664, THOMSON REUTERS-WEST, \$1,148.64; 11150666, TRI-STATE REPORTING, \$7,151.80; 11150667, TRINITY SERVICES GROUP, \$19,950.45; 11150668, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, \$2,560.00; 11150670, WELCH, FRED, \$19,240.00; 11150672, WEX BANK, \$7,750.95; 11150673, WHITE SHEET FREE SHOPPING, \$2,789.19; 11150674, WHITNEY & WHITNEY, \$8,630.00; 11150677, AZLGEBT, \$200,105.09; 11150691, ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, \$3,887.45; 11150694, FRONTIER, \$9,500.89; 11150695, FULTON DISTRIBUTING, \$4,647.89; 11150698, GLEN M. BURLEY, \$1,026.68; 11150703, HELM, LIVESAY & WORTHINGTON, \$6,718.00; 11150706, JENNA MCDANIEL, \$3,150.00; 11150712, KENZ & LESLIE OF ARIZONA, \$1,664.86; 11150728, QUAIL CONSTRUCTION, \$3,400.32; 11150735, SUDDENLINK, \$4,825.67; 11150742, UNITED STATES TREASURY, \$21,475.48; 11150743, UNIVERSAL POLICE SUPPLY CO, \$10,140.68; 11150748, WALKER & ARMSTRONG, \$8,299.00; 11150751, KAREN ZIEGLER, \$24,272.50; 11150752, ABBEY STUBBS & FORD, \$7,500.00; 11150753, ALL COVERED, \$8,245.03; 11150756, APS, \$31,344.11; 11150757, ARIZONA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION, \$2,500.00; 11150760, CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF FISH & WILDLIFE, \$4,698.25; 11150762, CDW GOVERNMENT, \$1,067.65; 11150763, CINTAS FIRE, \$2,454.97; 11150764, COLORADO RIVER JOINT VENTURE, \$1,561.04; 11150766, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY, \$1,620.00; 11150768, DENNIS SHREWSBERRY, \$1,752.00; 11150770, EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESOURCES, \$1,600.00; 11150774, FRUTH GROUP, \$4,973.88; 11150776, GLORIA EAGLE PA-C, \$2,125.00; 11150785, NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY SUPPLY, \$1,107.30; 11150791, PRINTING PLUS, \$1,370.00; 11150796, REDW, \$3,400.00; 11150809, US CORRECTIONS, \$4,514.00; 11150811, WEST PAYMENT CENTER, \$1,788.76; ARIZONA DEPT OF REVENUE, \$17,247.26; 11150814, ACUSHNET COMPANY, \$4,311.54; 11150815, AHCCCS STATE TREASURER, \$17,675.00; 11150817, ALLIED WASTE SERVICES #527, \$1,099.28; 11150820, ARIZONA SUPREME COURT, \$8,970.00; 11150822, ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, \$18,675.62; 11150824, ACIP, \$2,696.00; 11150828, BOB BARKER COMPANY, \$2,269.13; 11150832, BULLETPROOF SYSTEMS, \$1,671.82; 11150835, CARR, SANDRA, \$1,510.00; 11150841, CONCRETE CONNECTION, \$2,400.00; 11150846, DAVES COMMERCIAL SERVICE, \$1,040.00; 11150847, DAVIS BUILDING SUPPLY, \$1,546.00; 11150848, DESERT GOLF CARS, \$10,656.75; 11150852, EMPIRE SOUTHWEST, \$1,518.94; 11150865, JP MORGAN CHASE, \$2,857.22; 11150867, KAITLYN SARAI PADILLA, \$1,550.00; 11150869, KATHERINE DEVINE, \$1,035.00; 11150873, LA PAZ REGIONAL HOSPITAL, \$4,230.79; 11150879, MCI, \$1,733.66; 11150881, NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOC, \$1,216.40; 11150883, NEWMAN, MATTHEW G, \$4,522.03; 11150887, PARKER AUTO & MARINE, \$2,522.25; 11150888, PARKER MOTOR CO, \$1,059.82; 11150891, PARKER, THE TOWN OF, \$15,804.51; 11150896, QUADIENT LEASING USA, \$1,666.94; 11150898, REDDY ICE, \$1,904.74; 11150899, RIDEOUT LAW, \$2,123.00; 11150900, RIVER CITY NEWSPAPERS, \$1,464.49; 11150901, RIVER IMPACT CONSTRUCTION, \$4,060.11; 11150903, RIVER SEPTIC, \$2,134.00; 11150910, SCHIFF, LAURENCE M.D., \$3,000.00; 11150912, SHAMROCK FOOD CO, \$2,466.50; 11150913, SIMPSON NORTON CORP, \$9,272.79; 11150917, SUDDENLINK B2B, \$6,582.00; 11150918, SUNEDISON C/O DG SOLAR LEASE, \$4,940.15; 11150919, SWAGIT PRODUCTIONS, \$5,870.00; 11150923, TANYA LARIOS, \$2,360.00; VEDERMAN LAW OFFICE, \$11,270