

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, August 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Special Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the August 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Special Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Duce Minor, Vice-Chairman Holly Irwin, Supervisor David Plunkett, County Administrator Megan Spielman, Chief Deputy County Attorney Ryan Dooley, Assessor Anna Camacho, Golf Professional Steve Benton, Treasurer Leah Castro, School Superintendent Dru Waggoner, Recorder Richard Garcia and Clerk of the Board Diane Green.

Discussion and possible action to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), to obtain legal advice from the public body's attorney regarding the FY2021/2022 budget

VICE-CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38- 431.03(A)(3), to obtain legal advice from the public body's attorney regarding the FY2021/2022 budget. Motion seconded by Supervisor Plunkett, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Convene into Executive Session: 10:01 a.m.
Reconvene to Open Meeting: 12:40 p.m.

Chairman Minor stated that the Board would recess to convene at 1:45 p.m.

Recess: 12:41 p.m.
Reconvene: 1:45 p.m.

Discussion and possible action to direct staff and/or the public body's attorney to take action as directed in executive session

No action taken.

Discussion regarding the FY2021/2022 Board of Supervisors budget and possible action to direct staff where to increase, decrease or leave unchanged projected expenses

Vanessa Burke, Pun Group, went over the County's General Fund budget, noting a reduction of \$36,972 in the budget.

County Administrator Spielman stated that there were a couple of recommendations to consider, namely, a \$30,000 cut for lobbying efforts. She asked what the Dorn Group was doing currently as well as other professional consultants. She added that there could also be consideration of a reduction to the community partners.

Vice-Chairman Irwin stated that the Dorn Group worked on issues relating to 4th Priority water rights, which continues. She stated that she was looking for more of a joint effort made between counties and felt they would be willing to renegotiate their terms. She added that they were also working on the prisoner situation suggesting maybe a 50% cut in their rate or suspending them at this time.

County Administrator Spielman added that she felt that ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund guide would help with tourism contributions.

Chairman Minor concurred that he did not know if the County was using the Dorn Group enough at this time to support their rate and was agreeable to cutting that amount as well as the community contributions.

Discussion ensued regarding various line items, as well as what action to take regarding potential solar revenues.

VICE-CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to discontinue the services of the Dorn Group effective September 1, 2021. Motion seconded by Supervisor Plunkett, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Discussion ensued at length regarding what action to take regarding community contributions.

CHAIRMAN MINOR MOVED to reduce contributions to community partners to \$79,000. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin passed unanimously, including the vote by Supervisor Plunkett.

It was noted that the Buckskin Sanitary District debt service would be taken care of by a reimbursement from the Pirate's Den, the Parks concession.

Adjournment

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Diane Green, Clerk of the Board