

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA**

**January 3, 2006**

Board of Supervisors Chambers, Holbrook, Arizona – Time: 9:03 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Jerry Brownlow, Chairman; Percy Deal, Vice Chairman; Jesse Thompson, Member; J.R. DeSpain, Member; David Tenney, Member; James G. Jayne, County Manager; Mel Bowers, County Attorney; Darlene Fraley, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Supervisor Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

**BOARD BUSINESS:** **Passing of gavel from Chairman Jerry Brownlow to previously elected Chairman Jesse Thompson. Board members wished all those present a Happy New Year and recognized the challenges that this New Year will bring.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Hugo Losten of Snowflake addressed the Board expressing concern that the County is fencing private property and that Concho Road has been paved twice in the past two years when other roads need maintenance. Chairman Thompson advised Mr. Losten he would receive a response.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** a) Voucher list for payment; b) Tax roll corrections; c) Minutes – February 7, 2005 & April 25, 2005; d) Name an existing road in the Linden area "Avanti Way" in Section 20 Township 11N – Range 21 E; e) Back Tax Land Deed: **Mr. Tenney made a motion** to authorize the Chairman to sign the items in the Consent Agenda; motion seconded by Mr. DeSpain; vote unanimous approving the motion.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** Gail Calisen: Discussion and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Ms. Calisen summarized her written report of personnel actions and advised that she has also posted all vacant positions in the County at the Black Mesa operation. **Mr. DeSpain made a motion** to approve the personnel actions as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign the payroll actions; motion seconded by Mr. Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion with Mr. DeSpain absent for the vote.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** Appointment of Board members to represent Navajo County on various committees and organizations for 2006: Mr. Brownlow made a motion to approve the following appointments; motion seconded by Mr. Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion. The appointments included: AZ/NM Coalition of Counties, J.R. DeSpain; NACOG J.R. DeSpain & Percy Deal; CSA Legislative Policy Committee (LPC), Jerry Brownlow; Navajo County Workforce Investment Board, J. R. DeSpain; Natural Resource Working Group, David Tenney (Pete Shumway & Jerry Brownlow); Tri-State County Elected Officials, Jesse Thompson & Percy Deal; Arizona Association of Counties (AACo), J. R. DeSpain; Eastern Arizona Counties (EECo & ECO). David Tenney; White Mountain Regional Development, David Tenney; Little Colorado RC&D, J.R. DeSpain; White Mountain Regional Transportation Committee, Jerry Brownlow; NACOG Economic Development Committee, J.R., DeSpain/ Percy Deal Alt., 4CEC, Percy Deal, Cooperative Extension Board, J.R. DeSpain; CPR, David Tenney; North Region Homeland Security, Gary Butler, Appt. by Governor, Percy Deal; NATC, David Tenney.

**Administration of the Oath of Office to Navajo County Superintendent of Schools**—Judge Dale Nielson administered the Oath of Office to Linda Morrow, Navajo County School Superintendent. Chairman Thompson congratulated Superintendent Morrow and offered the support of all elected officials.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/HOPE SCHOOL:** Linda Morrow, Superintendent: Discussion and possible action to approve IGA between the Arizona Supreme Court (AOC) and the Navajo County School Superintendent's office for funding for Hope School: Superintendent Morrow described the agreement as presented to be between the Arizona Supreme Court and the Navajo County Superintendent of Schools office with the funding representing 60% of the County school budget. **Mr. DeSpain made a motion** to approve the IGA between the Arizona Supreme Court (AOC) and the Navajo County School Superintendent's office for funding for Hope School as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Tenney. In response to a question from Mr. Deal, Ms. Morrow advised that the amount the agreement will fund is \$55,000. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Superintendent Morrow reported that she will meet with Superintendents in the northern part of the County on January 10, 2006. Mr. Deal reported one of the issues being discussed and pursued is the English learners issue mandated by Arizona Courts and requested a report come back to the Board especially as related to Northern Navajo County school districts. He advised that the Black Mesa mine closed a couple of days ago and requested that the impact of that closure on Kayenta School District be reported to the Board.

**HEALTH DISTRICT:** Amy Stradling, Program Manager: Discussion and possible approval of Community Health Injury Prevention Program Contract #HP461323-003 for one year from January 2006 to December 2006: This item was withdrawn until January 17, 2006.

**PUBLIC WORKS/PLANNING & ZONING:** Dusty Parsons, Director: Discussion and possible approval of lease, as presented, with the City of Show Low for 5039.5 square feet at the old City Hall Complex located at 200 West Cooley, Show Low, AZ 85901: Mr. Parsons discussed the terms of the lease with the City of Show Low which will be known as the Show Low Cooley location. He reported he is not yet aware of the insurance costs. Mr. Parsons advised the lease is for 12 months with an option for two 6 month renewals and the facility will house Planning and Zoning, the Assessor's staff, the justice courts and engineering staff, several on limited days per week. Mr. Jayne confirmed the Justice Court will move in February and at that time they will bring a recommendation for the disposal of the Deuce of Clubs facility. **Mr. Tenney made a motion** to approve the lease with the City of Show Low for 5039.5 square feet at the old City Hall Complex located at 200 West Cooley, Show Low, AZ 85901; motion seconded by Mr. Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion.

**FINANCE/PURCHASING:** James Menlove; Mary Springer: Mr. Menlove reported the finance department is now fully staffed and introduced Ryan Patterson as the senior accountant. Mr. Patterson provided his background information to the Board.

- a) **FM Solutions Update**—Ms. Springer reported representatives from FM Solutions have met with the steering committee and have looked at all real estate that the county owns. They have set up interviews with all department directors for input and intend to arrive at long term and short term facility solutions. Mr. Deal requested a copy of the contract to review the scope of work and time table. Ms. Springer stated that in addition to the Board's monthly update, a periodic update will be included in the Communicator.
- b) **Discussion and possible approval of Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Holbrook for Cooperative Purchasing:** Ms. Springer reported the Holbrook City Council has already approved this agreement. **Mr. DeSpain made a motion** to approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Holbrook for Cooperative Purchasing; motion seconded by Mr. Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c) **Discussion and possible approval of Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Tempe for Cooperative Purchasing:** **Mr. Brownlow made a motion** to authorize this agreement as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion.
- d) **Discussion and possible approval to authorize Finance/Purchasing to award contract with MGM Associates, Inc. to purchase and install new jail doors and frames per IFB B05-011-071:** **Mr. Tenney made a motion** to award a contract to MGM Associates, Inc. to purchase and install new jail doors and

frames per IFB B05-011-071; motion seconded by Mr. DeSpain. Discussion followed regarding the history of the jail improvements and the condition of the jail facility. Mr. Jayne advised he also had questions similar to those that had been raised and had conducted a visual inspection of the jail, stating that the jail is in need of repair. In response to a question regarding funding, Ms. Springer and Mr. Menlove advised this item had not been budgeted and 50% would come from the general fund and 50% would come from jail funds. Vote unanimous approving the funding.

At 10:05 a.m., the Board took a recess until 10:28 a.m.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Senator Albert A. Hale:** Chairman Thompson introduced Senator Hale and Senator Hale introduced himself in Navajo. He thanked all attending staff wishing everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. He outlined his educational background and discussed his responsibilities at the legislature. He discussed bills he will introduce or support for the benefit of his constituents. Mr. Deal requested that Senator Hale address communications to the Superintendents of Schools regarding the Federal Court mandated plan to better address English Learners; consider ways to soften the impact of the closure of the Black Mesa Mine on the Kayenta Unified School district; and assist in the research process of executing tribal agreements and contracts with State entities for Homeland Security funding.

Mr. Thompson reported he had talked to the Senator about the difficulty Navajo County is experiencing related to the expenditure limitation. He advised the Senator that almost every department in the County has north-eastern Native Americans working in it and that the newest Deputy County Attorney is Native American.

Mr. Bowers inquired if there are plans for the budget surplus and Senator Hale stated he does support having a rainy day fund and would also be comfortable funding for English Learners. He stated he also was successful in passing legislation to incorporate Native American history and culture into existing public school curricula.

Supervisors expressed appreciation to Senator Hale for his attendance and Rosie Bingham for her role in facilitating this visit.

At 11:40 a.m. Mr. Tenney made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion.

**APPROVED:**

**DATE:**

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**Jesse Thompson, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Board**