

**NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2006**

6:07 p.m. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Brownlow led the invocation.

PRESENT: Chairman Jesse Thompson, Supervisors DeSpain, Tenney and Brownlow, James G. Jayne, and Darlene Fraley. Supervisor Deal was not present.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: There was no response to the Call to the Public.

FINANCE: PUBLIC HEARING for comments as related to the possible increase in the Navajo County expenditure (spending) limit: James Menlove announced that this is the second public hearing to hear comments related to the possible increase of the Navajo County expenditure limitation. Mr. Menlove conducted a power point presentation that outlined current expenditures; current revenues; Constitutional constraints on county finances; what the expenditure limit is and the requirement of a vote of the public to increase the base limit; that taxes will not be increased; and the services that should be expanded to meet the needs of the constituents.

Supervisor Tenney clarified that the county is collecting approximately \$3,000,000 per year that it is not authorized to spend. All Supervisors, James Jayne, James Menlove, and Dusty Parsons responded to questions and comments from Joe Pace, Jack Latham, Commander Ebert, and Scott Higginson. Discussion centered on the fact that this is a restatement of the 1980 base year limitation; the need to expend shrinking dollars on basic services; the county is fiscally frugal and will continue to operate in a fiscally responsible way; the four priorities are public safety, transportation infrastructure, access to services and retaining a quality work force. Mr. Menlove reported that if the measure passed the first year it would be effective would be 2007-2008.

Kelly Dastrup discussed the election process stating the deadline for the call for arguments is August 9, 2006 and must be 300 words or less. She advised that if the measure is not successful it can not be addressed again until the next general election in 2008.

Supervisor Brownlow inquired if ATRA had taken a position on this and Mr. Jayne advised that they have indicated that since this will not have an impact on taxes they will not take a position. Mr. Menlove advised he had also met with representative from APS and SRP and they have no concerns.

In response to questions, Mr. Jayne reported it takes a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors to put this measure on the ballot and that item is on the Monday, July 24th agenda.

Commander Ebert stated he believes this action is important as deputies are covering larger population areas with the same number of deputies. Jack Latham stated that he is in favor of this action as the existing tax limitation prevents the tax payer from getting the best return on their money for government services.

Chairman Thompson announced that the Board of Supervisor' vote on the following will take place at the Holbrook Complex at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 24th: "Possible call for an election on November 7, 2006 to request a permanent increase in the Navajo County constitutional base limit in the amount of \$1,873,732.00 and call for arguments (no more than 300 words) for or against the proposed increase to be submitted to the Navajo County Clerk of the Board by August 9, 2006 to be included in the publicity pamphlet to be distributed before the election."

At 6:54 p.m., **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion.

APPROVED:

DATE:

Jesse Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board