

**NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 19, 2007**

**PRESENT:** Present in the Chambers: Tim Zaremba and Tommy Price of Emergency Management, Darlene Fraley, Clerk of the Board and Lorinda Brown, Deputy Clerk of the Board. David Tenney, Chairman; Percy Deal, Supervisor; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor; and Jerry Brownlow participated by telephone. J. R. DeSpain, Supervisor, was not present and did not participate by telephone. All other Supervisors participated telephonically through a speaker phone in the Board Chambers that made all meeting discussion and action available to participants in the chambers.

**At 4:05 p.m.** Chairman Tenney called the meeting to order and stated it is his preference to match the county's ordinance to the Apache Sitgreaves Forest Service's that deactivates their emergency restrictions.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Consideration and possible approval to deactivate emergency fire restrictions (Section 7) of the Navajo County Open Fire Ordinance 01-06 that were activated on July 5, 2007: Tim Zaremba of Emergency Management reviewed the press release from the Apache Sitgreaves Forest which stated that smoking and campfire restrictions would be lifted in the entire forest as of 8:00 a.m., Friday, July 20, 2007. He stated it would be difficult to keep county restrictions in place when residents could go into the forest and build a fire. He stated Show Low and Pinetop law enforcement are going to lift their restrictions at the same time and he has notified other Navajo County Fire Chiefs. Supervisor Brownlow advised he spoke with Pinetop and Lakeside fire chiefs yesterday and they are comfortable with this. **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to deactivate emergency fire restrictions (Section 7) of the Navajo County Open Fire Ordinance 01-06 to be effective 8:00 a.m., July 20, 2007; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Supervisor Deal inquired about the moisture level in the southern part of the county and Supervisor Tenney responded there has been considerable moisture recently. Tim Zaremba advised that the Forest Service indicated in their press release that the roads are muddy due to the moisture but they still warn campers to take caution with their camp fires. Motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor Deal stated that following the State's issuance of a drought emergency proclamation several years ago, Navajo County adopted a similar resolution and this action still stands. He would like action taken so that whatever resources may come available that residents are eligible for them. In response to a comment from Chairman Tenney, Tim Zaremba stated he is researching this issue and it will be on the August 7, 2007 board meeting. Supervisor Deal reiterated that he wants the residents to be assured the county and state will do all it can for their benefit to be eligible for any emergency assistance.

At 4:13 p.m., **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by Supervisor Deal; vote unanimous approving the motion.

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**David Tenney, Chairman**

ATTEST:

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**Clerk of the Board**