

**NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009
SPECIAL MEETING**

3:06 p.m. Call to Order: Chairman Brownlow called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Jerry Brownlow, Chairman; Melissa Buckley, Clerk of the Board; Dusty Parsons, Assistant County Manager; and Jason Moore, Deputy County Attorney were present in the board chambers. Jesse Thompson, Vice-Chairman; Jonathan Nez, Supervisor; J.R. DeSpain, Supervisor; and David Tenney, Supervisor participated by telephone. A speaker telephone was available in the chambers that made all meeting discussion and action audible for participants and audience members.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Consideration and possible appointment of a District Administrator for the White Mountain Lakes Fire District: Deputy County Attorney, Jason Moore advised the Board that the White Mountain Lakes Fire District Governing Board, which is a three member board now has three vacancies. Under Arizona law when that occurs the Board of Supervisors is obligated to either appoint a District Administrator within 30 days or wait and call for a Special District election. Mr. Moore indicated that leaving the district without a governing body during that period of time would not be helpful to the district especially because of the fact that the district is currently facing some fiscal challenges that need to be addressed immediately. It is the recommendation of the County Attorney's office and the County Manager that the Board of Supervisors accepts the resignations submitted by Larry Mullins and Robert Riester and appoint Dusty Parsons, the Assistant County Manger as the Fire District Administrator for the White Mountain Lakes Fire District, to have all powers and duties of the Fire District Board under A.R.S. 48-803(b). Supervisor DeSpain indicated that Sun Valley Fire District was in a similar circumstance and with the help of the Navajo County Finance Director, James Menlove, is now doing well. Supervisor DeSpain further indicated that this is the appropriate thing to do and he would appreciate the Board Members support. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to accept the resignations submitted by Larry Mullins and Robert Riester and appoint Dusty Parsons, the Assistant County Manger as the Fire District Administrator for the White Mountain Lakes Fire District, to have all powers and duties of the Fire District Board pursuant to A.R.S. 48-803(b); motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson; vote unanimous approving the motion.

Dusty Parsons thanked James Menlove and Dirk Gardner for the work they have done so far and advised the Board that Navajo County would continue do all that we can to get White Mountain Lakes Fire District running effectively.

ADJOURN: At 3:12 p.m., **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson; vote unanimous approving the motion.

APPROVED:

DATE:

Jerry Brownlow, Chairman

January 27, 2009

ATTEST:

Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk of the Board