

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2009

PRESENT: J.R. DeSpain, Supervisor; David Tenney, Supervisor; Jonathan Nez, Supervisor; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor; and Jerry Brownlow, Chairman were present.

9:02 a.m. Call To Order:

Finance Director, James Menlove, reviewed the fiscal year 2009/2010 Budget Guidelines adopted by the Board on February 10, 2009.

BUDGET HEARINGS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY
All proposed budgets available for review through the Finance Department.

Judicial Branch: Judge Ruechel reviewed the Judicial Branch budget which included the Superior Court, Clerk of the Superior Court, Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Detention and all of the Justice Courts (Holbrook, Winslow, Snowflake, Show Low, Pinetop/Lakeside and Kayenta). She outlined the cost increases which included salaries, mental health costs and the triennial audit which are mandatory every three years. She indicated that overall the Judicial Branch had a decrease of \$4,862.00 from fiscal year 2009 budget.

Constables: Finance Director James Menlove and County Manager James Jayne reviewed the Constables budget and indicated that their budget remains the same as last fiscal year.

Treasurer: Treasurer Manny Hernandez reviewed the Treasurer's budget indicated that adjustments were made for temporary wages, postage, duplicating, travel, publishing and advertising. He indicated that by printing the tax bills in state there will be a savings.

Superintendent of Schools: Superintendent of Schools Linda Morrow reviewed the schools budget. She indicated that 96% of her budget covers salary or salary related expenses. County Attorney, Brad Carlyon, thanked Linda Morrow, Jason Moore and Manny Hernandez for ensuring that Show Low School District and Blue Ridge School District were able to make payroll last Friday and the remainder of the fiscal year.

Recorder: Chief Deputy Recorder Barbara Hunt indicated that Recorder Laurie Justman was not present due to illness. She further indicated that the Recorder's budget has remained the same except for the cellular phone which was dropped in the interest of saving money. Supervisor DeSpain extended his appreciation and best of health to the Recorder.

Assessor: Assessor Cammy Darris indicated that the Assessor's budget increased .34 cents; Supervisor DeSpain extended his congratulations on the retirement of Lola Sibcy Chief Deputy Assessor. James Jayne County Manager thanked the Assessor for her partnership in helping us with the software and finding solutions for the Superintendent's Office.

Sheriff/Jail: Sheriff KC Clark reviewed the Sheriff's and the Jail's budget. The Board of Supervisors extended their appreciation to Sheriff Clark. Supervisor Nez advised the Board of the Sheriff's Navajo name "Dirty Mustache".

County Attorney: County Attorney Brad Carlyon reviewed the County Attorney's budget. He indicated that he is still working hard to figure out Special Fund balances. He indicated that there are some systematic problems in the system that we have been using. The Board offered their support to Mr. Carlyon and encouraged an open dialogue for new philosophy.

Board of Supervisors/Administration: Finance Director James Menlove reviewed the budgets for the Board of Supervisors and Administration. He indicated that the revenues are still declining and Finance intends to bring forth an update the first meeting in June.

ADJOURN: At 10:38 a.m. Supervisor Tenney made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Supervisor Nez. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

APPROVED:

DATE: June 9, 2009

Jerry Brownlow, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk of the Board

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