

**NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, March 26, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Sylvia Allen, Supervisor; Dawnafe Whitesinger, Supervisor; David Tenney, Supervisor; and Jesse Thompson, Vice Chairman were present in person. Jonathan Nez, Chairman was absent.

**9:00 a.m. Call To Order:** Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by **Supervisor Tenney**.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** a) Minutes: March 12, 2013 b) Constable Reports: Holbrook Precinct #1, January, 2013 and Pinetop/Lakeside Precinct #6, February, 2013 c) Justice Court Reports: Holbrook Precinct #1, February; Winslow Precinct #2, February; Snowflake/Taylor Precinct #3, February; Kayenta Precinct #4, February; Show Low Precinct #5, February; and Pinetop/Lakeside Precinct #6, February 2013 d) Juvenile Probation Report February 2013 e) Clerk of Superior Court Report February 2013 f) Name an existing road in the Shumway/Taylor area to "Slash Seven Road" in Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 22 East g) Name an existing road in the Snowflake area to "Clear Pass Trail" in Section 12, Township 13 North, Range 22 East h) Letter of Declaration regarding line of credit renewal i) Settlement Agreement in ORC, LLC vs. Navajo County in TX-2011-000979 j) Amendment to the BIA Contract to hold juvenile detainees, Contract #A11PC00015: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

- a. Consideration and possible approval of a proclamation declaring April 21 thru April 27, 2013 as "Navajo County Crime Victims' Rights Week": Melissa Buckley read the proclamation and asked that the proclamation be adopted: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the proclamation declaring April 21 thru April 27, 2013 as "Navajo County Crime Victims' Rights Week"; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Melissa extended an invitation to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Victims' Rights Symposium, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the NPC Performing Arts Center in Snowflake. Brad Carlyon, County Attorney commented on the upcoming program.
- b. Presentation for the 2013 Transforming Local Government Conference/Alliance for Innovation: Rosalva Zimmerman, LaRee Price, Melissa Buckley and James Jayne gave a brief presentation of the Alliance for Innovation presentation that will be given in April at the TLG Conference regarding the Navajo County Leadership Academy.

**FINANCE:** County Finance Update: James Menlove gave a brief update of the County's budget. Mr. Menlove indicated the county is projected to be just over \$20,000 in the black at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Jayne thanked the partnership with the Department Directors and Elected Officials for helping us stay in the black. He indicated that our audits are complete and recognized Mr. Menlove and his team for their excellence and hard work and expressed his appreciation.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- a. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Kimberly Eavenson reviewed the 25 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the personal action report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of an agreement with Consult-A-Doc benefit for Navajo County employees for FY2013-2014: Chase Carlson with Benefit Intelligence, reviewed the Consult-A-Doctor program as a new benefit for Navajo County employees. **Supervisor Thompson** and **Supervisor Allen** indicated that this is a great idea and a cost saving benefit for our employees, especially those in rural areas. Mr. Jayne commented that we have spoken to employees where this benefit has been implemented and it has been very successful. He indicated it will be a partnership with our employees and their households. **Supervisor Whitesinger** asked what data will be collected. Mr. Carlson answered the question indicating his company will do a cost analysis and securely maintain a database of member profile information provided by the customer. **Supervisor Tenney** made a motion to approve the agreement with Consult-A-Doc benefit for Navajo County employees for FY2013-2014; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c. Consideration and possible approval of revised employee benefits package: Kimberly Eavenson reviewed the benefits survey sent out to all employees. She further reviewed the proposed strategy for the employee benefits package. Navajo County health care costs are going to increase 6.5% in the next fiscal year. In an effort to try and find a balance and help mitigate the fiscal impact on both the employee and the employer, staff is proposing a revision to the current employee benefits package for the FY13-14 plan year that would eliminate the Core Plus, and Co-Pay plans and reduce the employer contribution rate to the Health Savings Accounts associated with the High Deductible Plans. The potential cost savings to the employer will be approximately \$400,000 for FY2013-14. Mr. Jayne spoke to the revised employee benefits package which was arrived at with consultation and efforts of the Strategic Planning Team, Personnel Commission and Senior Staff and indicated we will have department meetings during the first week of April with employees regarding the budget and revised benefits package. **Supervisor Whitesinger** expressed appreciation to the staff for their efforts in looking out for the best interests of the employees. Mrs. Eavenson indicated open enrollment begins on April 22, 2013 and will take effect July 1, 2013; however the deduction will come out the month of June for the month of July. **Supervisor Tenney** said he recognizes the economic conditions in the state requires change and indicated this proposal does a good job of the county being fiscally responsible while still providing benefits to the employees. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the revised employee benefits package; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**ELECTIONS:** Consideration and possible approval of Official Canvass of the Special Election conducted March 12, 2013 for the Sun Valley Fire District: Johnathan Roes addressed the item. **Supervisor Allen** asked where to find the election results. Mr. Roes indicated that the elections we conduct as a county are posted on our website and that not all cities utilize the county election services and post their own election results. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the Official Canvass of the Special Election conducted March 12, 2013 for the Sun Valley Fire District; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

The Board sang Happy Birthday to **Supervisor Allen** and Sheriff Clark whose birthdays are in April.

**NAVAJO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT Board of Directors Session:** **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to enter into the Navajo County Public Health Services District Board of Directors Session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- a. Consideration and possible approval of Contract Agreement with National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) for \$11,000.00 for provision of Chronic Disease Self-Management Program services form February 1, 2013 to September 29, 2013: Mary Tyler addressed the item and introduced Darcey McKee. Darcey indicated that she wrote this grant through NACCHO and reviewed

the grant information. She hopes to use these funds to have two persons trained to provide services to the tribes in their native language to more accurately convey the information and do services for the Native Americans through workshops in the reservation area, which includes areas of Apache County. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the Agreement with National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) for \$11,000.00 for provision of Chronic Disease Self-Management Program services from February 1, 2013 to September 29, 2013; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of a Professional Services Agreement between Navajo County Public Health Services District and Connie Baine, Registered Dental Hygienist to complete services for the Regional Oral Health Coordinator contract with Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation from March 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014: Mary Tyler addressed the item indicating that this is a new contract for this Dental Hygienist. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the Professional Services Agreement between Navajo County Public Health Services District and Connie Baine, Registered Dental Hygienist to complete services for the Regional Oral Health Coordinator contract with Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation from March 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c. Consideration and possible approval of a Professional Services Agreement between Navajo County Public Health Services District and Around the Mountain Pediatric Dentistry, PLCC to complete services for the Navajo/Apache First Things First Oral Health contract form March 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013: Mary Tyler presented the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the Professional Services Agreement between Navajo County Public Health Services District and Around the Mountain Pediatric Dentistry, PLCC to complete services for the Navajo/Apache First Things First Oral Health contract form March 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- d. Consideration and possible approval of a three (3) year contract with Amazing Charts for electronic medical records management in the amount of \$26,470: Mary Tyler introduced Janelle Linn whom addressed the item. In order to become compliant with the Affordable Care Act by the end of the year 2014 the Navajo County Health Department is required to convert paper records to electronic records. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the three (3) year contract with Amazing Charts for electronic medical records management in the amount of \$26,470; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.  
**Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- a. Consideration and possible acceptance of 0.3 miles of El Dorado Road, south of the intersection San Carlos Road and El Dorado Road, into Navajo County Roadway Maintenance System: Bill Bess addressed the item. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to accept 0.3 miles of El Dorado Road, south of the intersection San Carlos Road and El Dorado Road, into Navajo County Roadway Maintenance System; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of Task Agreement No. 5 to Memorandum of Agreement (AGN00090001) between Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region, Ft. Defiance Agency and Navajo County for an amount not to exceed \$8,418.61 in District II Special Road Funds for the purchase and delivery of 1,800 gallons of diesel fuel: Homero Vela discussed the item. **Supervisor Thompson** asked the support from his fellow Board members. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve Task Agreement No. 5 to Memorandum of Agreement (AGN00090001) between Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region, Ft. Defiance Agency and Navajo County for an amount not to exceed \$8,418.61 in

District II Special Road Funds for the purchase and delivery of 1,800 gallons of diesel fuel; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- c. Consideration and possible approval of the County's participation with the White Mountain Regional Transportation Committee in contracting a Transportation Liaison to represent our area in transportation issues: Homero Vela discussed the item and asked the Board to approve the participation with White Mountain Regional Transportation Committee in Contracting GK&J Communications at a cost of \$5,000 as a transportation consultant for Navajo County. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the County's participation with the White Mountain Regional Transportation Committee in contracting a Transportation Liaison to represent our area in transportation issues; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- d. Consideration and possible adoption of **Resolution Number 08-13**, approving the Final Plat for the Perkins Valley Estates, Phase I Subdivision: Trent Larson discussed the item of Phase I Subdivision for the Perkins Valley Estates. He stated that the developer and his engineer are present today in the audience. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to adopt **Resolution Number 08-13**, approving the Final Plat for the Perkins Valley Estates, Phase I Subdivision; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- e. Consideration and possible adoption of **Resolution Number 09-13**, approving the Final Plat for the Mesa Hills Estates, Phase I Subdivision: Trent Larson discussed the item of Phase I Subdivision for the Mesa Hills Estates. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to adopt **Resolution Number 09-13**, approving the Final Plat for the Mesa Hills Estates, Phase I Subdivision; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE:** Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Allen** reported she attended the Snowflake Second Knolls Development Regional Study Public Visioning Workshop where the meeting focused on several areas: ADOT officials were there and addressed the five year plan, discussion of development and needs west of the town happening in the industrial area of Snowflake and Taylor and also where Passport would be building a plant and roads needed to move people into the plant off of Hwy 77. **Supervisor Allen** expressed her appreciation to the County Road Yards for doing a good job on the county roads in supporting our citizens and then read part of the Declaration of Independence regarding our inalienable rights life, liberty and property. **Supervisor Whitesinger** reported on the opportunity to meet with the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council in asking for their support in approving a resolution to extend our library project which they did approve. She thanked all persons and county representatives who are involved in the project and attended the meeting which included **Supervisor Nez**, K.C. Clark, Brad Carlyon, James Jayne and Homero Vela. She reported Sunrise Park Resort is closing for the season on Saturday. She indicated she worked with the community of Pinedale and the Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District regarding the septic issues that Pinedale is having. **Supervisor Tenney** reported on the budget talks at the State legislature regarding Medicaid, TPT, HURF funding and county assistance funds. He indicated 4FRI continues to wait on the contractor to see if they get their financing. Brad Carlyon reported on the meeting with the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council with Sheriff K.C. Clark speaking to extending the Cross Commissioning Agreement with the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Tribal Attorney Jim Palmer requested the Tribal Council vote to give him authority to enter into negotiations with that agreement, which the Tribal Council did do, so we are also moving forward with cross commissioning on the reservation. Mr. Carlyon has been attending meetings with Rotary and others promoting the Victim Rights Symposium coming up at the end of April. He reported Dr. Neil Websdale from NAU, a National leader on the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board trainings came to Navajo County to help us move forward with setting up our Domestic Violence Fatality Review Boards. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Jayne for his agreeing to participate on the Board and hopes to get **Supervisor Whitesinger** to also serve. Also a National Group that is working with Drug Courts came to observe, meet with

and evaluate the Navajo County Drug Court team members and some of our participants separately. They also sent in as a member of this team, a Hopi woman who is involved with the Criminal Justice Service to observe and prepare a report which will help better serve the Native American population in our county with their drug courts. The new head of the Child Support Investigative Unit met with the leaders of Navajo County Sheriff's office and himself to discuss how to provide those services in rural counties. Since most of the investigators work in Maricopa County, out of the 13 rural counties, Navajo County has been asked to do a pilot project to see if we can assist them in providing these services to those children that are abused physically and sexually in our county. The goal is to have the process done in a timelier and cost effective way, rather from bringing someone from the valley to do those investigations. Hunter Moore addressed the Board regarding the Groundbreaking for the new County Jail Facility immediately following the Board meeting. All members of the audience were invited to attend. **Supervisor Thompson** addressed the Board regarding his meetings with the Hopi Tribal Council, Hopi Transportation Task Team, the Jeddito Strategic Plan meeting and discussed the meeting in Washington D.C. with Congresswoman Kirkpatrick regarding support of the Winslow Levee. **Supervisor Tenney** reported on his testifying on the Bill which Senator Chester Crandall proposed to change state statue regarding forest roads and the Travel Management plan.

**ADJOURN:** At 10:59 a.m. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**APPROVED:**

**DATE:** *April 9, 2013*

**Jonathan M. Nez, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

**Melissa W. Buckley - Clerk of the Board**