

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, January 28, 2014

Present: Sylvia Allen, Supervisor; Dawnafe Whitesinger, Supervisor; Jonathan M. Nez, Supervisor; David Tenney, Supervisor; Jesse Thompson, Chairman.

9:01 a.m. Call To Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by **Chairman Thompson**.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Minutes: January 14, 2014 b) Constable Reports: Snowflake Precinct #3, December 2013 and Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, December 2013 c) Constable Ethics, Standards & Training Board, Grant Award Contract Number CNA14-307 in the amount of \$3,908.40 to attend the National Constables Association Conference d) Two year reappointment for Sadie Lister, Michael Larsen and Brad Rishel to serve on the Navajo County Extension Advisory Board beginning on April 1, 2014 e) Conduct board member elections for Overgaard Townsite DWWID and City of Winslow on May 20, 2014 and City of Show Low on August 26, 2014 f) Approval of Supervisor Sylvia Allen, Charlene Chacon (DES Supervisor – Navajo & Apache County) & Karen Houston (Apache County) as Local Workforce Investment Board Members and the resignation of James Menlove (Navajo County) g) Approval of 21 Back Tax Land parcels sold over the counter in the amount of \$9,195.74: 403-08-119; 403-08-120; 403-08-121; 403-08-123; 403-07-006; 105-38-012; 109-19-032; 105-31-049; 201-08-046J; 105-34-001; 105-51-036; 105-30-025; 403-09-289; 403-09-224; 105-19-042A; 105-27-004; 105-57-141; 105-60-281; 105-62-099; 105-65-196; and 108-15-083: **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to authorize the Chairman to sign the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Navajo County Recognizes **Kimberly McAllester**, Account Specialist; **Teresa Cameron**, Hydrology Technician I; **William Sturgeon**, Road Yard Supervisor I; **Sandra Oberriter**, Child Support Specialist; **Carla Fails**, WIA Coordinator; **Orlando Martinez**, Detention Officer II; and **Jared Golly**, Facilities Maintenance & Construction Tech for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations: Pam Phillips recognized the following employees for their excellence in personal performance and dedication to Navajo County: Jared Golly, Carla Fails, Sandra Oberriter, Bill Sturgeon and Kimberly McAllester. Teresa Cameron and Orlando Martinez were not present. Ms. Phillips thanked each of the employees and honored them with a certificate of recognition, a \$50.00 gift card and a leaf to put on the employee recognition tree. **Chairman Thompson** expressed appreciation to the employees and indicated they are an intricate part of the Navajo County family.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- a. Presentation to Supervisor Jonathan M. Nez for completing the Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon on January 19, 2014: James Jayne presented **Supervisor Nez** a plaque in recognition for completing the Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon. Mr. Jayne indicated this is a part of the Healthy Communities initiative. **Supervisor Nez** thanked Mr. Jayne and staff. He dedicated this race to the Veterans and Servicemen; and spoke of his brother, who he wants to emulate.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of a proclamation declaring January 27th thru February 1st, 2014 as "Hashknife Pony Express Week": **Supervisor Allen** read the proclamation. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to approve the proclamation declaring January 27th thru February 1st, 2014 as "Hashknife Pony Express Week"; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

SUPERIOR COURT/COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES: Presentation regarding the Christmas Idea House fundraiser: Honorable Michala Ruechel and Kirk Grugel discussed the item and presented a slide show of the Christmas Idea House fundraiser. Judge Ruechel thanked Kirk Grugel and all of those who help with the CASA program. She spoke of the friends of CASA who provide services and items to the children in foster care. Kirk Grugel introduced the committee from the Friends of CASA who were in attendance; Liz Turner, Ann Soloman, Ria Radcliffe and Sherry Digiorno. Judge Ruechel and Mr. Grugel presented a wind chime to each of the volunteers. Mr. Grugel discussed the Christmas Idea House fundraiser and indicated Liz Turner came up with the concept of a Christmas House. He stated 30 to 40 volunteers took four days to decorate a house for the event. He indicated the Christmas House was open for three days and that the Salt Restaurant provided the food for the event. He reported nearly \$12,000.00 was raised and indicated these funds will supplement the Foster Care program, to help provide foster children with items needed that are not provided by the system.

Supervisor Nez left the Board meeting at 9:51 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution Number 03-14, requesting Congress to immediately provide full funding for the Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes program: Hunter Moore presented the item. Mr. Moore indicated the resolution is seeking congress to provide full funding to the PILT program for the Fiscal Year 2014. Mr. Moore stated the loss of PILT would mean over \$1.4 million to Navajo County in the current Fiscal Year. Hunter Moore stated he and **Supervisor Tenney** met with Senator McCain and other legislators to help restore PILT and to include a renewal of the PILT program for FY 2014 in the final Farm Bill conference report and to advocate for sustainable funding in the future. Mr. Moore indicated the farm bill must be passed by the House and the Senate and he stated we need to continue lobbying for this in years to come. **Supervisor Allen** stated she appreciates the efforts' of the County to help restore PILT funding. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to adopt **Resolution Number 03-14**, requesting Congress to immediately provide full funding for the Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes program; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Kimberly Eavenson indicated that Tasha Morris was a recipient of the Employee Recognition from last month. Ms. Eavenson recognized Tasha Morris from the jail and presented her with a leaf, a \$50.00 gift card and a certificate.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Kimberly Eavenson reviewed the 15 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the personnel action report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of changes to the personnel policy 1.31; adding part (E), to remove the probationary requirement for unclassified employees: Kimberly Eavenson discussed the changes. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the changes to the personnel policy 1.31; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c. Consideration and possible approval of changes to the personnel policy 1.55; changing how a part-time employee is defined and their benefits eligibility: Kimberly Eavenson discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the changes to the personnel policy 1.55; changing how a part-time employee is defined and their benefits eligibility; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- d. Consideration and possible approval of changes to the personnel policy 3.1 Annual Leave 3.11 (A) (2), changing the hours per year to 1560 hours per year from 1040 hours per year: Kimberly Eavenson discussed the item. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to approve the changes to the personnel

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- e. Consideration and possible approval of changes to the personnel policy 3.14 Annual Leave Accrual and Usage, changing the annual accrual eligibility and the amount of annual leave allowed to carry over each calendar year: Kimberly Eavenson discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the changes to the personnel policy 3.14 Annual Leave Accrual and Usage, changing the annual accrual eligibility and the amount of annual leave allowed to carry over each calendar year; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Mr. Jayne indicated this is in the personnel policy, buyback program.
 - f. Consideration and possible approval of changes to the personnel policy 3.15 Annual Leave Payment, changing the maximum annual leave payout: Kimberly Eavenson discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the changes to the personnel policy 3.15 Annual Leave Payment, changing the maximum annual leave payout; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
 - g. Consideration and possible approval of changes to the personnel policy 3.23 (A) (2) Sick Leave Eligibility, changing the hours per year to 1560 hours per year: Kimberly Eavenson discussed the item. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to approve the changes to the personnel policy 3.23 (A) (2) Sick Leave Eligibility, changing the hours per year to 1560 hours per year; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
 - h. Consideration and possible approval of changes to the personnel policy 3.27 Sick Leave Payment upon retirement or death, changing the rate of reimbursement to comply with A.R.S. §38-615: Kimberly Eavenson discussed the item. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to approve the changes to the personnel policy 3.27 Sick Leave Payment upon retirement or death, changing the rate of reimbursement to comply with A.R.S. §38-615; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

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 Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

a. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- i) Renewal of a Professional Services Agreement with Debra Smalley for Family Planning Program:
- ii) Renewal of a Professional Services Agreement with Mauriah Walker for Nursing Services:
- iii) Renewal of a Professional Services Agreement with Kristi Wahl for Nursing Services:
- iv) Renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services for Tuberculosis Control Program Grant:

Dr. Wade Kartchner presented the items. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of a contract with Maricopa County Health Care for the Homeless to deputize the Navajo County Public Health Services District to be able to order Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccines for underinsured children: Dr. Wade Kartchner discussed the item. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to approve the contract with Maricopa County Health Care for the Homeless to deputize the Navajo County Public Health Services District to be able to order Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccines for underinsured children; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

Supervisor Tenney made a motion to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY: Consideration and possible acceptance of the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project Subgrant Award Agreement in the amount of \$4,984.00: Brad Carlyon, County Attorney presented the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project Subgrant Award Agreement in the amount of \$4,984.00; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Consideration and possible approval of two Homeland Security Grant Awards; one in the amount of \$45,483 for Navajo County Sheriff's Office Mobile Data Computers and one in the amount of \$10,000 for Navajo County Emergency Operation Center Upgrade: Mary Springer presented the item. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to approve the two Homeland Security Grant Awards; one in the amount of \$45,483 for Navajo County Sheriff's Office Mobile Data Computers and one in the amount of \$10,000 for Navajo County Emergency Operation Center Upgrade; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

PUBLIC WORKS: Consideration and possible award of Contract Number B13-12-023 Purchase of Spreader Racks to Norfab Steel and Fabrication: Homero Vela presented the item and described the spreader boxes and their use. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the award of Contract Number B13-12-023 Purchase of Spreader Racks to Norfab Steel and Fabrication; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

FINANCE: Finance Update: Paige Peterson presented the item. Mrs. Peterson indicated we are \$498,000.00 in the black. Mr. Jayne reported that this is the standard we have seen for several months, assuming the PILT payment is included.

COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Allen** indicated she attended a meeting where the focus was on creating a central government, the preamble, the Bill of Rights and our liberties. She indicated she attended the wolf meeting in Albuquerque and was able to meet Cal Joyner, the Regional Forester of the SW Region (Region 3). **Supervisor Whitesinger** reported that the Sunrise Ski Resort's Board is assessing how they are doing this season and the organization of Sunrise. She indicated she attended the Domestic Fatality Review Board's meeting where they discussed different resources for the victims. **Supervisor Whitesinger** congratulated the SAFE House who raised money to support women and families in transition. **Supervisor Tenney** indicated he attended an EECO meeting in Globe. He stated he and Hunter Moore were on the KBSL radio station program. **Supervisor Tenney** reported he attended the first LPC meeting of the year and also met with Senator John McCain regarding support of PILT. He stated he attended the CSA Legislators Reception which was well attended. **Supervisor Tenney** congratulated Mr. Jayne on his son, Skyler who took 3rd in the State at the wrestling meet. Homero Vela spoke about today's Chevelon Bridge Ribbon Cutting on Territorial Road, 12.4 miles west of Obed Road & McLaws Road intersection. Mr. Vela reported it is a historic bridge and that it is the 3rd bridge out of 4 bridges that we have restored in Navajo County. Mr. Jayne expressed appreciation to Mr. Vela. **Supervisor Tenney** indicated he testified before the legislative committee regarding HURF and reported he has had good responses from the House and the Senate and hopes to get support from Governor Brewer. **Chairman Thompson** reported he attended the Hope Tribe's Chairman and Vice-Chairman swearing in ceremony. He indicated he spoke at the Navajo Code Talkers association and also met with Coconino County officials, Mandy Metzger and others in regards to road issues in Coconino and Navajo County. He stated at the Tribal Legislative Day, law enforcement and reservation officials had discussions regarding partnerships to help the children by providing more recreational activities.

ADJOURN: At 10:48 a.m. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

APPROVED:

DATE: February 11, 2014

Jesse Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa W. Buckley - Clerk of the Board