

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
Tuesday, April 28, 2015

PRESENT: Jonathan M. Nez, Vice-Chairman; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor; Jason E. Whiting, Supervisor; Steve Williams, Supervisor were present. Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman was absent.

9:06 a.m. Call To Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by **Supervisor Williams**.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Terry Hill addressed the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Hill expressed congratulations to Vice-Chairman Nez for being elected as Vice-President of the Navajo Nation. Mr. Hill stated the first Veteran's Court in Navajo County will be held on the 4th Wednesday of May, with Judge Nielson holding the first Veteran's Court hearing. Mr. Hill thanked Brad Carlyon, County Attorney and Ernie Garcia, Jail Commander for their efforts in establishing the Veteran's Court. Skylar Carenga with SEC Power Corporation addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding a hybrid power plant project. Mr. Carenga stated he would like clarification of ARS 48-1502; a petition for organization of a power district. **Vice-Chairman Nez** indicated the staff will provide the information by the next Board meeting. Billy Weldon, the Arizona State Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, spoke to the Board of Supervisors about Navajo County passing the proclamation to become a Purple Heart County. He indicated this recognizes our nation's heroes who have lost their lives or have been wounded in the war. He reported that Navajo County will make the 13th county to pass the proclamation. Mr. Weldon stated that when all the Arizona counties have approved this proclamation, the Governor will declare Arizona a Purple Heart State.

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Minutes: April 14, 2015 b) Constable Report: Snowflake Precinct #3, March 2015 c) Tax exemptions filed pursuant to A.R.S. §42-11153 as a Request for Redemption of Waiver d) Back Tax Land Parcel sold over the counter in the amount \$594.96 APN 403-07-463 e) Bingo License Venue Change f) Proclamation declaring April 13 through April 17 as "National Tele Communicator's Week" g) Professional Service Agreement between Navajo County and Callie Jensen to assist in creating a sustainable wellness program for Navajo County employees h) Temporary closure of Snowflake/Woodruff Road for geotechnical work for Woodruff/Snowflake Bridge i) Addendum to Resolution 08-13 to grant an additional twenty four (24) months to complete the subdivision improvement plans to Perkins Valley Estates, Phase 1, Final Plat j) Addendum to Resolution 09-13 to grant an additional twenty four (24) months to complete the subdivision improvement plans to Mesa Hills Estates, Phase 1, Final Plat k) Appoint Sheila Malone, Executive Secretary, as an alternate Clerk of the Board to perform Clerk of the Board functions while the Clerk is away from the office l) Contracts signed by the County Manager per Board of Supervisors Resolution: E-Rate Contracts for Navajo County Library District m) Sympathy letter to LuAnn Garbini and family n) Updated Intergovernmental Agreement for Navajo-Apache-Gila Counties o) Authorization to submit a request for initial designation of Navajo, Apache and Gila Counties as a local workforce area under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA): **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the items in the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Navajo County Recognizes **Ken Hardy**, Information Technology and **LuAnn Garbini**, Superior Court for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations: Shirley Hunt recognized Ken Hardy, LuAnn Garbini and Brenda Quiroz for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations. A short video of the employee recognition was

shown. Ms. Hunt 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.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- a. Personnel Service Awards: Congratulations to the following employees for their continued service to Navajo County: Dawn Wilson (Public Defender) 5 Years; Donald Griffiths (Sheriff) 5 Years; William Wilbanks (Public Works) 5 Years; Jennifer Rogers (Snowflake Justice Court) 5 Years; Brenda Quiroz (Health District) 5 Years; Sandra Padilla (Clerk of the Superior Court) 5 Years; Steven Winner (Jail) 10 Years; Gerson Diaz (Superior Court) 10 Years; Melissa Maestas (Holbrook Justice Court) 10 Years; Jeanine Carruthers (Public Works) 10 Years; David Antonini (Superior Court) 10 Years; Anna Cruz Ericksen (Assessor) 15 Years; Beth Hakenwerth (County Attorney) 15 Years; Dorothy Smith-Bain (Jail) 15 Years; Lupe Bray (Public Fiduciary) 15 Years; and Darlene Davis (Clerk of Superior Court) 20 Years: Sierra Justman recognized the employees for their continued service to Navajo County. The employees who were present; Dawn Wilson, Brenda Quiroz, Sandra Padilla, Jeanine Carruthers, Anna Ericksen, Beth Hakenwerth, Lupe Bray and Darlene Davis each received a certificate of recognition.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Sierra Justman reviewed the 14 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve the personnel actions as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

PUSH PROGRAM: Presentation of “Weight Loss Winner Challenge” participants and winners: Mercy Beach presented the Weight Loss Winner Challenge participants. Ms. Beach indicated there were 41 participants who together lost a total of 321.2 pounds. Ms. Beach recognized the Weight Loss Winners; Brandt Clark , 1st place in the men’s group, Debra Chapman, 1st place, Ginger Rozak, 2nd place, and Carolyn Sellers, 3rd place in the women’s group. **Supervisor Nez** congratulated all the participants and encouraged everyone to use the Nizhoni Walking Trail. **Supervisor Thompson** congratulated all the participants.

SHERIFF: Consideration and possible approval of a proclamation declaring May 3 through May 9, 2015 as “Correctional Officers Week”; Sheriff K.C. Clark read the proclamation and asked the Board of Supervisors to approve the proclamation. **Supervisor Williams** thanked the Navajo County correctional officers for their professionalism and compassionate service. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve a proclamation declaring May 3 through May 9, 2015 as “Correctional Officers Week”; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of a Proclamation declaring Navajo County as a “Purple Heart County”: **Supervisor Thompson** read the proclamation and asked the Board of Supervisors to approve the proclamation declaring Navajo County as “Purple Heart County”. **Supervisor Williams** indicated that Navajo County is proud to be a Purple Heart County. Billy Weldon made comments and thanked the Board of Supervisors and Melissa Buckley, Clerk of the Board for their assistance. **Supervisor Whiting** thanked Mr. Weldon for his service and the opportunity to make Navajo County a Purple Heart County. **Vice-Chairman Nez** asked those persons that are veterans or have family in the military to stand and be recognized, and asked a blessing over all the men and women for their sacrifice. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve a Proclamation declaring Navajo County as a “Purple Heart County”; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of a Proclamation declaring May 1 through May 7 as “Arizona Youth Week”: **Supervisor Whiting** read the proclamation. Cindy Allen, with the Holbrook Elks Lodge thanked the Board of Supervisors for the proclamation. She reported on the Holbrook Elks Lodge youth programs, which includes a scholarship program. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve a Proclamation declaring May 1 through May 7 as “Arizona Youth Week”; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c. Consideration and possible changes to the Board of Supervisors meeting schedule for May and June 2015: Melissa Buckley, Clerk of the Board discussed the item and requested approval. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve the changes to the Board of Supervisors meeting schedule for May and June 2015; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

NAVAJO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT: Board of Directors Session: Supervisor Thompson made a motion to enter into the Navajo County Public Health Service District **Board of Directors Session**; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

a. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- i) Contract between Navajo County Public Health Services District and Public Health Partners, LLC, Wade Kartchner, M.D., MPH, Director for Public Health Medical Consultation and Alternative Medical Examiner Services for May 4, 2015 to June 30, 2016:
 - ii) Modification of Agreement for the National Association of County and City Health Officials: Medical Reserve Corps amending the funding source:
Supervisor Whiting made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible approval to pursue the Aetna Foundations GoLocal: Cultivating Healthy Communities 2015 Grant Program: Mary Herring, Health Director and Allison Hephner discussed the item. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve to pursue the Aetna Foundations GoLocal: Cultivating Healthy Communities 2015 Grant Program; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

JUVENILE PROBATION: Consideration and possible approval of a county match of \$3,027 to the Juvenile Probation Department to receive the Family Counseling Grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts of \$15,748 for a total of \$18,775 for the 15/16 Fiscal Year: Arno Hall discussed the item. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve of a county match of \$3,027 to the Juvenile Probation Department to receive the Family Counseling Grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts of \$15,748 for a total of \$18,775 for the 15/16 Fiscal Year; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

PUBLIC WORKS: Consideration and possible approval to hire temporary summer help positions: Bill Bess discussed the item. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve** to hire temporary summer help positions; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

ADMINISTRATION: Recognition of Mr. James Menlove and the Finance Department for receiving the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States & Canada for the Fiscal Year 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Book: Homero Vela recognized James Menlove and the Finance Department for their excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished

Budget Award. Mr. Vela indicated this is the 5th consecutive award given to the Navajo County Finance Department and stated this is a commendable accomplishment. James Menlove, Finance Director recognized Paige Peterson and the finance team for all of their efforts in receiving this award. **Supervisor Thompson, Supervisor Williams and Supervisor Whiting** expressed their appreciation.

FINANCE: Budget Update: James Menlove, Finance Director congratulated **Vice-Chairman Nez** on his election as Vice-President of the Navajo Nation and indicated he looks forward to working with him in the future. James Menlove presented the budget update. **Supervisor Thompson** expressed the importance of the Board educating our State Legislators on the effects of the state budget upon the counties.

COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Williams** reported he attended the Small Counties Forum, the CSA Board meeting and the NRWG meeting. **Supervisor Thompson** congratulated **Vice-Chairman Nez** on his election and his future success. **Supervisor Thompson** reported he did a radio interview with the Hopi High School students. **Supervisor Thompson** reported on a tele-conference meeting with the NACo Transportation Committee, regarding increasing the fuel tax to raise the HURF funds. He indicated he attended the CSA Board of Directors meeting and reported on the community clean ups. **Supervisor Whiting** stated he attended the Winslow Levee Tour and the Snowflake Town Council meeting. **Supervisor Whiting** spoke of Paul Watson joining the Navajo County team as Assistant County Manager. **Supervisor Whiting** reported on employment opportunities with SRP and APS. He expressed congratulations to **Vice-Chairman Nez** for his election as the Navajo Nation Vice-President. **Vice-Chairman Nez** reported on District I and the Navajo Nation Election. He thanked the Board, the staff and all the Navajo County employees for their hard work. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Jayne, Mr. Vela and Mr. Menlove for their direction and partnership with road repairs and financial advice. **Vice-Chairman Nez** indicated we will continue to work together. He spoke of the Navajo Nation Sovereignty Day and thanked the Board and the citizens of Navajo County for their partnership. He invited everyone to the Navajo Nation Presidential Inauguration on May 12th. He reported it will be held at Fort Defiance, 10 miles north of Window Rock. He thanked everyone for their prayers during the election and stated the vote margin of 10,000 is very humbling. **Vice-Chairman Nez** stated he learned a lot in the past 6 years, as a Navajo County Supervisor.

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

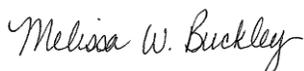
APPROVED:

DATED: May 11, 2015



Jason Whiting, Vice-Chairman
Navajo County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk
Navajo County Board of Supervisors