

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
Tuesday, August 25, 2015

PRESENT: Robert K. Black Jr., Supervisor; Steve Williams, Supervisor; Jason E. Whiting, Vice-Chairman; and Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman were present. Jesse Thompson, Supervisor was absent.

9:05 a.m. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by **Supervisor Whiting**.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Joyce Hill, representing the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, indicated that at their convention in July, a vote was passed to allow male members into the VFW Auxiliary, who will meet the same requirements as the ladies. Mrs. Hill stated that there are many female combat veterans, whose spouses and sons were not eligible to be members of the ladies auxiliary. She reported this change went into effect on August 21th. She indicated the name will be changed to the VFW Auxiliary.

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Minutes: August 11, 2015 b) Constable Reports: Snowflake Precinct #3, July; Show Low Precinct #5, July; and Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, July 2015 c) Justice Court Reports: Holbrook Precinct #1, July; Winslow Precinct #2, July; Snowflake Precinct #3, July; Kayenta Precinct #4, July; Show Low Precinct #5, July; and Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, July, 2015 d) Clerk of Superior Court Report July 2015 e) Juvenile Probation July 2015 f) **Resolution Number 30-15**, respectfully requesting the Congress of the United State to immediately provide full mandatory funding for the Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes (PILT) program g) Utility Easement for the Public Works Complex h) FY15 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification report for the Sheriff's Office i) Equipment Lease Agreements for two airplanes for the Sheriff's Office Air Operations Division j) Agreement P10PX76655 between the US Department of the Interior, National Park Service and the Sheriff's Office for dispatch services at Petrified Forest National Park k) Contracts signed by the County Manager per Board of Supervisors Resolution: Modification of Grant for a change of funding with the USDA Forest Service and United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Amended Right of Way Grant l) Letters to Chairman Bill Shuster and Chairman Jim Inhofe requesting reauthorization of the Expanded State Contract Authority for States (Section 1806 of SAFETEA-LU) m) Sympathy letter to Representative Brenda Barton n) Amended Intergovernmental Agreement between the Counties of Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Navajo and Cochise, Arizona to participate in, support and endorse the actions and decisions of the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO) which are in compliance with the adopted bylaws of the organization: **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to authorize the Chairwoman to sign the items in the consent agenda; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Navajo County Recognizes **Tonya Reed** (Adult Probation) for her excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations: Shirley Hunt, Care Committee member recognized Tonya Reed for her excellent service to Navajo County. A short video of the employee recognition was shown. Ms. Hunt thanked Ms. Reed and honored her with a certificate of recognition.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- a. **Personnel Service Awards:** Congratulations to the following employees for their continued service to Navajo County: **Horace Crandell** (Public Works) 25 Years; **Cheryl Harris** (County Attorney) 20 Years; **Anthony Burgan** (Juvenile Detention) 10 Years; **Jonnell Szentgyorgyi** (Health District) 10 Years; **Jeanne Boyce** (Superior Court) 5 Years; **Sandra Peterson** (Jail Operations) 5 Years; **Sandra Reed** (Adult Probation) 5 Years; and **Renee Pinnell** (Public Defender) 5 Years: Kimberly Eavenson recognized Horace Crandell for his 25 years of service to Navajo County; Chery Harris for her 20 years of service to Navajo

County; Anthony Burgan and Jonnel Szentgyorgyi for their 10 years of service to Navajo County; Jeanne Boyce, Sandra Peterson, Sandra Reed and Renee Pinnell for their 5 years of service of Navajo County.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Kimberly Eavenson reviewed the 24 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the Personnel Action Report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Homero Vela introduced Eric Oscarson as the new Public Works Director. Mr. Oscarson addressed the Board.

RISK MANAGEMENT: Consideration and possible approval of a revised post-accident testing policy: Eric Scott, Risk Manager presented the item. **Supervisor Whiting made a motion** to approve the revised post-accident testing policy; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: School Facilities and Equipment Use Request between Navajo County Public Health Services District and Ganado Unified School District effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$729.00 per month: Mary Herring, Public Health Director discussed the item. **Supervisor Whiting made a motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Consideration and possible approval of a new liquor license #10093078 for Lakeside Bell Gas & Minimart located at 3557 White Mountain Blvd, Lakeside, AZ. 85929: Sheila Malone discussed the item. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve of a new liquor license #10093078 for Lakeside Bell Gas & Minimart located at 3557 White Mountain Blvd, Lakeside, AZ. 85929; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

FINANCE: Consideration and possible approval of the donation of a vehicle to Hopi Elections: Paige Peterson discussed the item. Homero Vela, Assistant County Manager indicated that the vehicle donation is for the Hopi Tribe's Elections Department, for their use in assisting people to vote in elections. **Supervisor Black made a motion** to approve of the donation of a vehicle to Hopi Elections; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (1) for the Board to receive legal advice from its attorney regarding discussion of Medical Procedures for the Navajo County Sheriff's Office jail: At 9:31 a.m. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to enter into executive session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Brandt Clark, County Attorney met with the Board. At 10:12 a.m. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION: Presentation in regard to the activities of the County Supervisors Association, including a discussion of the recent legislative session: Craig Sullivan, Executive Director of the County Supervisors Association and Clint Hickman, President of CSA's Board of Directors and a Maricopa County Supervisor addressed the Board. Mr. Sullivan gave a presentation in regards to the purpose and goals of the County Supervisors Association. He spoke of the organization and leadership of CSA. He reported on CSA's services to the counties, of advocacy and policy development, the 2014 CSA Summit's directives to counties. Mr.

Sullivan reported on the recent legislative session, including the executive budget and how the State's Budget will impact counties. The Board and James Jayne expressed their appreciation to Mr. Sullivan.

COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Black** reported that on August 9, Jonathan and Ophelia Nez had a baby boy who weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces. **Supervisor Black** thanked the county staff and the Tomhave's for preparing him to meet with Governor Doug Ducey, Senator John McCain and the Navajo Nation Vice-President Johnathan Nez. He indicated the meeting was regarding a letter to legislators, for obtaining funding sources for the Indian school bus routes. He expressed his appreciation to Vice-President Nez for extending the invitation for him to meet with Governor Ducey. **Supervisor Black** reported he attended a meeting with **Supervisor Thompson** at the Spider Mound community, on the Hopi Reservation. He indicated that he will be stepping down from his role as the Shonto Chapter Manager. **Supervisor Williams** reported he attended the Hangar Dance which was a White Mountain salute to veterans. **Supervisor Williams** indicated that he, Paul Watson and **Supervisor Whiting** met with Senator McCain's Chief of Staff regarding county and health issues. **Supervisor Williams** thanked Paige Peterson, Lynda Young, James Menlove, Paul Watson, James Jayne, Brad Carlyon, **Chairwoman Whitesinger** and **Supervisor Whiting** for the CSA Budget presentation. **Supervisor Williams** spoke of attending the City of Show Low's Council meeting and the Heber Chamber meeting, where he and Mary Springer, will present "Ready Navajo County". **Supervisor Williams** indicated he and his wife celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary. **Supervisor Whiting** thanked the Navajo County team for the CSA Budget Presentation. He gave updates on the Apache Railway, its supporters, and the court hearing to help fund the railway. **Supervisor Whiting** indicated he and **Chairwoman Whitesinger** met with Governor Doug Ducey, Senator Carlyle Begay and Senator John McCain during their tour in Round Valley. He gave an update on the NRWG meeting and those involved with the 4-FRI project. He reported on a meeting with Senator McCain's staff on forest issues and the economic importance of the Apache Railway for this area. He stated he spoke at a Town Hall in Snowflake with Senator Sylvia Allen. James Jayne, County Manager reported that Seth, his oldest son became engaged to Susan Padilla. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** spoke about the Arrowhead Café's grand opening, on the Apache Reservation at Fort Apache. She indicated it was located in a 200 year old historic building. She stated that John Hopkins partnered with the Apache Tribe for the grand opening. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** reported that the café is in a beautiful setting, which provides delicious foods and is helping tribal youth to earn their own way. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** spoke of meeting with Senator Carlyle Begay, Senator John McCain, and Governor Doug Ducey regarding the challenges and limitations of the tribe, the Hopi Nation and the County. She indicated she attended the First Things First grantee coordination meeting. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** spoke of the Sunrise Board's upcoming zip-line improvement to the Ski Resort.

ADJOURN: At 11:02 a.m. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

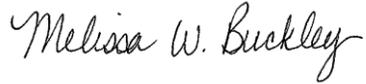
APPROVED:

DATED: September 8, 2015



**Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman
Navajo County Board of Supervisors**

ATTEST:



**Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk
Navajo County Board of Supervisors**