

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
Tuesday, October 25, 2016

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

9:05 a.m. Call To Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by **Supervisor Thompson**.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Terry Hill, Shumway, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9907 in Show Low, advised the Board that his wife is now cancer free. He addressed the Board regarding an opportunity last month to go to the new State Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Bellemont at Camp Navajo to lay to rest a veteran who passed away. He stated that the cemetery is one of the finest in the State. He stated that that cemetery is there for all veterans and their spouses and those Hopi Indians who built Camp Navajo for World War II. He further spoke of Veterans' Day, which is also Armistice Day on November 11. He stated that on November 12, there will be a dinner in Show Low at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks Lodge.

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Minutes: October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting and October 14, 2016 Special Meeting b) Justice Court Report: Holbrook Precinct #1, September; Winslow Precinct #2, September; Snowflake Precinct #3, September; Kayenta Precinct #4, September; Show Low Precinct #5, September; and Pinetop Lakeside Precinct #6, September 2016 c) Constable Reports: Holbrook Precinct #1, September; Winslow Precinct #2, September; and Pinetop Lakeside Precinct #6, September 2016 d) Juvenile Probation Report September 2016 e) Clerk of Superior Court Report September 2016 f) Letter of Agreement for Government Relations and Public Relations Services with Clarus for Navajo County and Eastern Counties Organization g) Intergovernmental Agreement between Navajo County Recorder and the Northland Pioneer College to conduct election for a span of 5 years to expire on January 1, 2021: **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to authorize the Chairman to sign off on the items in the consent agenda; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Navajo County Recognizes **Adam Wolfe** (Administrative Services), **Deborah West** (Assessor), and **Jessica Sok** (Health District) for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations; Lea Petersen recognized Adam Wolfe, Deborah West, and Jessica Sok for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations. **Supervisor Williams** indicated that this is one of his favorite parts of the Board meetings for him and made comments about each employee who was recognized. **Supervisor Thompson** thanked those employees for the work that they do. **Chairman Whiting** thanked those employees for all they do and also those who nominated them.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

a. **Personnel Service Awards:** Congratulations to the following employees for their continued service to Navajo County: **Guy Willis** (County Attorney) 30 years; **Glenda Walters** (Superior Court) 25 years; **Darlene McDaniel** (Adult Detention) 10 years; **Alicia Hunter** (Superior Court) 5 years; **Ashley Craig** (Clerk of Superior Court) 5 years; **Bryan Sepulveda** (Adult Detention) 5 years; **Ernie Garcia** (Adult Detention) 5 years; **Lacy Serna** (County Attorney) 5 years; and **Lora Romo** (Juvenile Detention) 5 years; Eric Scott recognized Guy Willis, Glenda Walters, Darlene McDaniel, Alicia Hunter, Ashley Craig, Bryan Sepulveda, Ernie Garcia, Lacy Serna, and Lora Romo for their years of service to Navajo County.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Eric Scott reviewed the 23-item Personnel Action Report. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the personnel action report; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c. Recognition of parade volunteers: Adam Wolfe showed a short video of the parades going on in Navajo County. Special recognition was given to Sergeant Scott Badger for most miles traveled and Geoff Mullen for innovation. **Chairman Whiting** and **Vice-Chairman Thompson** thanked those individuals who organized and volunteered for the parades in Navajo County. James Jayne, County Manager, thanked Adam Wolfe, Joyce Alexander, Sheriff Clark, Geoff Mullen, Sergeant Badger, and the Sheriff's Office for their participation and coordination of all of these parades. **Supervisor Black** thanked Sergeant Badger, Sheriff Clark, Alberto Peshlakai, Mr. Jayne and Glenn Kephart for their participation in the parades. Mr. Jayne further thanked the Public Works team and all of the Elected Officials who participated in the parades.
- d. Presentation honoring Sheriff Clark and County Attorney Brad Carlyon for receiving the 2016 Arizona Capitol Times Leader of the Year in Public Safety Award: Adam Wolfe showed a short video of the presentation honoring Sheriff Clark and County Attorney Brad Carlyon for receiving the 2016 Arizona Capitol Times Leader of the Year in Public Safety Award. Mr. Wolfe indicated that this is the 10th annual Capitol Times Leader of the Year in Public Safety. Adam read a letter from Commander Gary Phelps from DPS. Sheriff Clark thanked Supervisor Williams and Mr. Jayne for attending and for Chairman Whiting for the phone call that day. **Supervisor Williams** stated that this award was well deserved and indicated that it was his privilege to be at the ceremony on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. He expressed appreciation for their interaction with the Board of Supervisors. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** congratulated both Sheriff Clark and Mr. Carlyon. **Supervisor Whitesinger** stated that this is a testament to the quality of services that Sheriff Clark and Mr. Carlyon provide. She also thanked them both for the work that they do for the citizens in our communities. **Supervisor Black** stated that he was impressed by Sheriff Clark's and Mr. Carlyon's participation at the Navajo Nation and is grateful for their presence. **Chairman Whiting** spoke of the partnership that Sheriff Clark and Mr. Carlyon have within the County. He thanked them for their leadership.
- e. Presentation of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Navajo County Finance Team: **Chairman Whiting** recognized the Finance Team on their Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Paige Peterson introduced members of her team that are present today: Jackie Walker, Joyce Alexander, Erik Jackson, and Scott Flake. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** thanked James Menlove for his work at Navajo County. **Supervisor Whitesinger** thanked the Finance Team for their work on the budget and for helping her and the organization in a positive way and congratulated them on the recognition.
- f. County Financial Update: Bryan Layton expressed his gratitude to the Finance Team. Mr. Layton indicated that there is a two-page sheet which was provided to members of the Board, which indicates County sales tax and State shared sales tax and shows that we are trending better but remain about \$163,000.00 below where we should be at this point. He indicated that this may be a new revenue normal. He spoke about finding ways in this new revenue normal to invest in ourselves. **Supervisor Williams** thanked the Finance Team's efforts and keeping the Board updated. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** stated that it seems that we are better off than we were and expressed hope that we can improve and go forward. **Chairman Whiting** echoed his fellow supervisors. He thanked Mr. Layton for paying attention to the red flags as they come up and looking at creative ways to invest back in the infrastructure.
- g. Consideration and possible approval of a new Liquor License #12093111 for Mr. Earl's Pizza Time located at 2767 Hwy 260 in Overgaard Arizona: Donna Hurstrom discussed the item. **Supervisor Williams** made a motion to approve a new Liquor License #12093111 for Mr. Earl's Pizza Time located at 2767 Hwy 260 in Overgaard, Arizona; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. **NAVAJO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT Board of Directors Session: Supervisor Williams made a motion** to enter into the Flood Control District Board of Directors Session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Consideration and possible approval supporting the United States Army Corps of Engineers' Waiver Request to revise the schedule and increase the cost for completion of the Little Colorado River Feasibility Study and signed Chief's Report for the Winslow Levee project: Glenn Kephart discussed the item. He stated that for several years, the Board of Supervisors, our communities, the City of Winslow and staff have been working in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers to redesign and rebuild a new levee. He spoke about the project being well received at the public hearing. He stated that additional time needs to be added to the project and additional money needs to be spent to get to the Chief's Report. He asked for the Board's support of the item. He recognized community members and members of the Advisory Committee: John McCauley; Winslow City Manager, Steve Pauken; Chad Meunier, State Parks Representative; and Homero Vela, who has dedicated so much to this project. He further introduced Colonel Gibbs from the Army Corps of Engineers and his team. He stated that Colonel Gibbs has indicated his support to this project. **Supervisor Thompson** thanked Mr. Pauken and Bob Schlesinger, Winslow Council member for being here. Colonel Gibbs introduced his Planning chief Ed Demesa; and the new project manager, Priyanka Wadhawan. Colonel Gibbs stated that the partnership with Navajo County and the City of Winslow throughout this project is the best partnership that the Army Corps of Engineers has. He spoke about the necessity for the waiver for more time and funding. He stated that he expects to resume work as early as December if the waiver is granted. He stated that this project is important to our district and our region and to him. He stated that this project is the Army Corps of Engineers's number one priority. He indicated that he is excited, because the project is supported all the way through headquarters. He spoke about his new project manager, Priyanka Wadhawan. Ms. Wadhawan indicated her excitement to be a part of the team and to take the study to completion. She presented a Power Point presentation regarding the path to complete, schedule and cost. She spoke about the importance of the Chief's Report. Colonel Gibbs spoke about the funding and timing of this project. He spoke about the cost share and the ways that the Army Corps can work with the County. He stated that additional funding and more time is needed and the support of this Board is necessary to complete the study. He indicated that this project will compete well. He stated that this is about a \$60 million project once it gets to construction, and the federal government will provide about two-thirds of that cost. He indicated that the Board has his commitment and that he will get the project to the Chief's Report before he leaves. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** thanked Colonel Gibbs and his team for being present today. He indicated that their presence shows their commitment to the project. He further stated that Navajo County would request that the Army Corps minimize the cost to Navajo County where possible. He thanked Mr. Pauken and Mr. Schlesinger for being present. **Supervisor Williams** asked James Jayne regarding Flood Control monies and if there are monies available. Mr. Jayne indicated that the local cost share for construction would be a partnership between Navajo County and the City of Winslow. He stated that, likely, the Flood Control District will have to borrow a portion of the money for Navajo County's share and then be repaid through Flood Control District revenues. **Supervisor Williams** inquired as to when the money is expected. Mr. Jayne stated that any borrowing by the Flood Control District for Navajo County's 50% share of the local match would be encumbered at that time. In the meantime, the dollars are in Flood Control and have been planned for between now and when we initiate construction. Mr. Jayne thanked Colonel Gibbs and his team for being present today, which shows a clear indication of their commitment to us. He further thanked the State Parks, City of Winslow, and the Public Works team for their commitment to this project, and Mr. Vela. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** indicated that this project is a safety issue and protection of property. Winslow City Manager, Steve Pauken, addressed the Board reiterating the commitment from the Mayor, members of Council and the community to this project. He indicated that safety

is the number one priority. **Vice-Chairman Thompson made a motion** to approve supporting the United States Army Corps of Engineers' Waiver Request to revise the schedule and increase the cost for completion of the Little Colorado River Feasibility Study and signed Chief's Report for the Winslow Levee project; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

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

- b. Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Navajo County and Gila County regarding Route 12 Pavement Repairs: Glenn Kephart discussed items b and c. **Supervisor Whitesinger** indicated that this project has been discussed for about two years now. She indicated that this roadway is hazardous and spoke of the responsibility to our local communities. She stated that she is hopeful that this will lead to future partnerships regarding roadways in our communities. She thanked the Public Works team for their efforts in this partnership. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to approve items b and c to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Navajo County and Gila County regarding Route 12 Pavement Repairs and to approve Task Agreement 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, (BIA), Fort Apache Agency Transportation Department and Navajo County regarding Route 12 Pavement Repairs; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c. Consideration and possible approval of Task Agreement 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Fort Apache Agency Transportation Department and Navajo County regarding Route 12 Pavement Repairs: **Approved** with b.
- d. Consideration and possible approval of a modified Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with The Navajo Nation for minor modification of the existing Memorandum of Understanding: Glenn Kephart spoke about the minor modifications of the existing Memorandum of Understanding. **Supervisor Thompson** spoke about the Navajo Nation taking a closer look at the roads. He indicated that this fits into our joint effort with them and is something that has been needed. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve a modified Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with The Navajo Nation for minor modification of the existing Memorandum of Understanding; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. 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 **Vice-Chairman Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Consideration and possible approval of a Professional Services contract with Susan Dutton, RDH, for Dental Hygiene services through the Navajo Nation Oral Health Program effective October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$40.00 per hour: Mary Herring discussed the item and asked for approval. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** requested that Ms. Herring connect with Cecilia Jackson with Indian Health Services and advise her of the contract. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve a Professional Services Contract with Susan Dutton, RDH, for Dental Hygiene services through the Navajo Nation Oral Health Program effective October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$40.00 per hour; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

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

COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Whitesinger** gave a report from District V. She spoke about the Conservation Legacy Board on which she serves, which serves students from Virginia to the southwest. She stated that more students are able to

work and get experience in land stewardship and eco stewardship and impact in local communities. She indicated that she attended, along with Sheriff Clark, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council meeting where they talked about the services that we have been able to provide to the White Mountain Apache Tribe. She spoke about a conversation within local communities regarding safer streets and shared roadways. **Supervisor Black** gave a report from District I. He spoke about the parades of which he has been a part to promote the County and provide information. He expressed his gratitude to the Recorder for the early voting site in his district. He spoke about a donated vehicle from the County to the Kayenta Volunteer Fire Department. He spoke about meeting with partners in the gravel project. **Supervisor Williams** gave a report from District IV. He spoke about attending the Arizona Capitol Times Leaders of the Year award ceremony. He indicated he went to the Rim Country Senior Center Board meeting last week. He expressed appreciation for the meeting he had with the Public Works team. He spoke about the Community Fast in Show Low during the week of November 13 through November 19, and stated that the Mayor and City Council will issue the proclamation on November 1st, and they will then have an event on November 27th. He spoke about the CSA Legislative Summit this week and uniting with other supervisors throughout the State on issues to bring to the legislature. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** gave a report from District II. He spoke about some community meetings regarding the intersection of 87 and N15. He spoke about the Winslow meetings of the Mayors and City Council Members. He indicated the need to work more closely with business people on the Reservation to turn things around. He spoke of the Navajo Nation Southwest Veterans Appreciation Celebration at Indian Wells Chapter on November 11. He spoke about early voting on Wednesday in Dilkon at 11:00 a.m. He stated that Little Colorado Community Development Corporation in Winslow has received their tax ID number and are now a non-profit organization and are very thankful for our help we have given them over the years. Mr. Jayne stated that he will be a grandpa. **Chairman Whiting** gave a report from District III. He thanked Adam for the work he is doing with the soccer team in Snowflake. He further thanked his fellow supervisors for their efforts with the Legislature and stated that the issues which they will be addressing the Legislature are eliminating the ADJC cost sharing which was shifted to the counties, restoring the HURF funding, continuing the flexibility language, continuing the lottery distributions. He thanked Public Works staff for the meeting held in Woodruff regarding some of the areas in Woodruff. **Supervisor Whitesinger** spoke about the 5k Color Run in Holbrook on October 22nd. She stated that it was so uplifting and shows what Navajo County is about, neighbor helping neighbor. She thanked all who helped organize the event and all of the volunteers. Mr. Jayne thanked Melissa Buckley and the PUSH Program for the work that they did on the 5k Color Run and the work that they do.

ADJOURN: 11:01 a.m. **Supervisor Black** made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

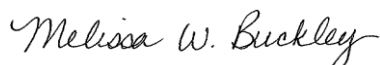
APPROVED:

DATED: November 8, 2016



Jason E. Whiting, Chairman
Navajo County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



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Navajo County Board of Supervisors