

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006

Chairman Jesse Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Jesse Thompson, Chairman; J.R. DeSpain, Member; David Tenney, Member; Jerry Brownlow, Member; Mel Bowers, County Attorney; James G. Jayne County Manager, and Darlene Fraley, Deputy Clerk of the Board. Percy Deal, Vice-Chairman, entered the meeting in progress.

Supervisor DeSpain led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No Response

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Voucher list for payment; b) Minutes – April 3 and April 17, 2006; c) Letter of sympathy for Judge Dale Neilson; d) Letter of appreciation to Congressman Rick Renzi for assistance in securing funding for the engineering and construction of the Lone Pine Dam Bridge project; e) Name an existing road in Section 31, Township 11 North, Range 23 East of the White Mountain Lake area “Papoose Trail”; f) Name an existing road in Section 01, Township 10 North, Range 20 East of the Linden area “Elk Haven Drive”; g) Name an existing road in Section 08, Township 11 North, Range 22 East of the White Mountain Lake area “Marken Ranch Road”; h) Placement of a Stop Sign to stop traffic on Decker Lane and Bourdon Ranch Road; i) County Attorney quarter report for the Bad Check program; j) Clerk of the Court Fee Report—February; k) Justice Court Reports: Winslow #2 January; Snowflake #3 February; Kayenta #4 February; Show Low #5 February; Pinetop #6 February; l) Constable Reports—Holbrook #1 February; Lakeside, Whiteriver, Pinetop, Cibecue, Hondah #6 February; **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to authorize the Chairman to sign the items in the Consent Agenda; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions; Gail Calisen reviewed the 27 items on the Personnel Action report. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the Personnel Actions as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign the actions; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow. Chairman Thompson requested and received clarification that the number of changes includes every personnel change in the County. Vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: **Environmental and economic impact of Cholla Power Plant improvements:** Supervisor DeSpain introduced Conrad Spencer, Cholla Power Plant Manager, who discussed the history of the APS Cholla Power Plant in Navajo County and its current and future impact on the Navajo County economy. Mr. Spencer introduced Rick Taylor of APS. Mr. Spencer reviewed planned plant upgrades, explaining that when the upgrades are complete the plant’s emission control standards will exceed proposed regulatory standards. He reported the plant entered into a long-term coal supply agreement with Peabody Coal with the El Segundo mine as the future primary fuel source. He advised that AMEC and Zachary Construction will be the construction companies with Zachary Construction doing some local hiring. He stated the average construction labor force will be 100, will peak in 2007 to approximately 250, then taper off to a final count of 30 new permanent employees. Chairman Thompson and Supervisor Deal inquired about the possibility of a future coal contract with Peabody at Black Mesa and Mr. Spencer advised that it doesn’t appear to be economically feasible as it would cost about \$400,000,000 to put in a railway to transport the coal. Supervisor DeSpain advised that transportation needs for the plant are being reviewed with Public Works staff especially as related to the freeway interchange at Love’s Travel Center at Joseph City. In discussion of increased rail traffic, Mr. Spencer stated that the rail site will be expanded to accommodate longer trains. Chairman Thompson and Supervisors expressed the Board’s appreciation for this presentation and to APS for their visionary emission control plan.

WHITE MOUNTAIN LAKE RECREATION DISTRICT: Board of Directors Session: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to enter into the White Mountain Lake Recreation District **Board of Directors Session**; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion.

- a) **Consideration and possible approval of amendments to the White Mountain Lake Rule and Regulations Booklet:** John Hager reviewed the amendments to the Rules and Regulation booklet that include: Grammar changes; the revision to Section 22 prohibiting the operation of aircraft on district facilities; and Sections A-16 and A-26 as related to the owner of record designation on an annual basis. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve the White Mountain Lake Rules and Regulations Booklet with the proposed amendments; Supervisor Brownlow seconded the motion. Supervisor Tenney asked for and received clarification that if a person is not designated the owner of record there are guest passes available for their use. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b) **Accept resignation of Bill Wimmer from the committee:** John Hager advised that Mr. Wimmer’s new work schedule interferes with his participation on this committee and he regretfully submits his resignation. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to accept the resignation of Bill Wimmer from the WML Recreation District; motion seconded by Supervisor

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

Consideration and possible approval of Subcontract with Apache County Health Department for the provision of nutrition education classes in the fifth grades under the Navajo County Public Health Services District, Arizona Nutrition Network contract for the contract period of March 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006: Dr. Kartchner introduced Mary Tyler who described the services provided under this subcontract with Apache County, advising there would be no cost to the County. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve this contract as presented; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain. Supervisor Deal inquired if this action would negatively impact future Navajo County funding and Ms. Tyler stated it would not. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain; vote unanimous with Supervisor Tenney absent for the vote.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Consideration and possible approval of sale of the Navajo County tax system software and software maintenance to Santa Cruz County: Robert Heming stated that prior to submitting this request for approval he received the approval of the Navajo County Treasurer as well as the Treasurers of the participating counties. Supervisor DeSpain reported that, when hired, part of Mr. Heming's original direction was to create this package and he is pleased that now seven counties have taken advantage of this system and it generates income for our County, stating that Mr. Heming is to be commended. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve the sale of the Navajo County tax system software and software maintenance to Santa Cruz County; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion.

FINANCE/PURCHASING:

- a) Consideration and possible approval of Notice of Call for Bids for annual advertising publications' contract for FY06-07: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the Notice of Call for Bids for the annual advertising publications' contract for FY06-07; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain. Supervisor Deal requested that the Navajo Times receive a copy of the bid and Ms. Springer advised that five publications including the Navajo Times will receive a copy of the bid. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b) Consideration and possible approval of appointment of Board of Directors for Navajo County's Industrial Development Authority: This agenda item will be brought forward at a later meeting.
- c) Consideration and possible approval of the establishment of a separate and distinct line of credit for Navajo County fire districts and other special districts: James Menlove explained that the registered warrants have not been done by any County for a number of years and therefore a line of credit must be established. He reported there was no response to this call for bids due to the cost of developing a sealed bid so he will negotiate with financial institutions to get the most advantageous interest. Supervisor Deal inquired if there is a financial liability to the County in this process and Mr. Menlove stated that there is not, that the fire districts have the responsibility for any default by the property owners. He stated he will bring this to the Board for action at a later meeting.
- d) Consideration and possible approval:
 - i. For staff to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Show Low for the submission of an application for FY06 Special Project State Community Development Block Grant: James Menlove introduced Sandra Ann Angelo, Grants Administrator for the City of Show Low, who discussed the proposed action. She stated that Show Low received two requests for CDBG grants this year, one for Show Low and the other is the food bank that serves all of southern Navajo County. She said that last year that entity served over 30,000 people, many of them older and/or disabled. She stated the facility is not handicap accessible and making it accessible would be the focus of the grant. She reported she would accept the grant writing and administration responsibility and should the grants be approved, the funds would be channeled through Navajo County with a certain amount allocated to Show Low for their project and a certain amount allocated to Navajo County for the food bank to become handicap accessible. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Show Low for the submission of an application for FY06 Special Project State Community Development Block Grant; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain; vote unanimous approving the motion.
 - ii. Of Resolution Number _____-06 for a Navajo County Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan: Sandra Ann Angelo thanked the Board for approving the agreement to allow Show Low to submit the grant, stating that the Department of Housing is receptive to these types of grants as many handicapped people fall into the low income category. She advised that there is a 15% administration allowance within these grants. **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to approve **Resolution Number 25 -06** for a Navajo County Residential Antidisplacement and

- Relocation Assistance Plan; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion.
- iii. Of Resolution Number - 06 for authorization to submit applications and implement CDBG projects: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve **Resolution Number 26 - 06** for authorization to submit applications and implement CDBG projects; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain; vote unanimous approving the motion.
- e) Consideration and possible approval of letter of invitation to NACOG representatives to participate in a May 15, 2006 Board of Supervisors' workshop: James Menlove stated he is requesting the Board authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to request NACOG's presence at the next meeting. **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to approve the letter as submitted; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney. Supervisors expressed dissatisfaction with the reports that they have received back from NACOG regarding the projects and with the lack of completion of projects for County residents. Mr. Menlove stated that Randy Sullivan has pursued this and has been told that NACOG is two to three years behind on projects. Supervisor Deal inquired if the County is losing any funding through this and Mr. Menlove stated it is not a financial consideration for the County but rather the necessity of completing the planned projects. Mr. Menlove stated they will also invite ADOH to this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF OFFICE EMERGENCY/MANAGEMENT SERVICES: Discussion and possible approval to implement Open Fire Ordinance 01-06 on May 10, 2006: Larry Dunagan discussed the prohibited activities under the ordinance as previously adopted. He advised that this request is for the implementation of Section 6 of the ordinance, exempting Section 7. He reviewed the letter from the Fire Chiefs' Association requesting the enactment of the ordinance on May 10. Chief Mineer addressed the Board on this topic outlining the necessity of having a controlled environment during the upcoming fire season and stating it is the consensus of all fire chiefs to enact the ordinance. Discussion of this topic centered on the five day difference between this implementation and the Apache Sitgreaves May 15 implementation, the necessity for extensive public education, a report of residences that have already been lost or threatened due to increased fire danger, the risk to all zones as the northern parts of the County have dry grasslands and tamarisk, and a no-cost burn permit that can be obtained on a case-by-case basis from the local jurisdiction. Mr. Mineer advised that this was a difficult process because different areas require different strategies yet some areas could have controlled burns year-round with no problem, so the permit allows necessary flexibility. Supervisor Deal advised that during the education process, it would be appropriate to advise adjoining counties of the implementation of the ordinance. Steve Campbell provided information of where County residents can find breaking news regarding fires and an explanation of contributing factors to fire conditions. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to activate the Open Fire Ordinance 01-06 as presented on May 15, 2006 with appropriate public notification and education; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion.

PUBLIC WORKS/PLANNING & ZONING:

- a) Sutter Drive Improvement District: Board of Directors' Session: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to enter into the Sutter Drive Improvement District **Board of Directors' Session**; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion. Accept and order mailing of the Notice of Completion of the Improvements of the streets within the Sutter Drive Improvement District: Carol Fraley advised the Board that the Notice of Completion is ready to be mailed in accordance with Title 48 of A.R.S. Revised Statutes. **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to accept and order mailing of the Notice of Completion of the Improvements of the streets within the Sutter Drive Improvement District; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor DeSpain absent for the vote. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous on the motion with Supervisor DeSpain absent for the vote.
- b) Shumway Road Improvement District: Board of Directors' Session: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to enter into the Shumway Road Improvement District Board of Directors Session; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain; vote unanimous approving the motion.
- i. Open Bids for Contract #B06-02-270 and submit all bids to Public Works Director for tabulation: Mary Springer opened the bids and read them into the record: Surface Contracting \$989,438.00; Combs Construction \$959,600.00; Show Low Construction \$910,408.80; and Hatch Construction \$882,124.00.
 - ii. Recess Board of Directors' session for tabulation: **Supervisor Deal made a motion** to turn the submitted bids over to Public Works staff for tabulation and recess this session; Supervisor Brownlow seconded the motion; vote unanimous approving the motion. Supervisor Tenney made a motion to return to regular session; Supervisor DeSpain seconded the motion; vote unanimous approving the motion.
 - iii. Reconvene Board of Directors' session following tabulation for consideration and possible action regarding: **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to enter into the Shumway Road Improvement District, motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Tenney absent for the vote.
 1. Award of Contract #B06-02-270: Mary Springer advised the bids had been tabulated with a recommendation for the award of the bid to the low bidder, Hatch Construction for \$882,124.00. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to award Contract #B06-02-270 to Hatch Construction; Supervisor Tenney seconded the motion. Supervisor Deal

requested and received clarification that the bid covers all ten areas. Supervisor Deal inquired when additional signage is needed in District 1 if it could come under this cost and Ms. Springer advised this bid only impacts the Shumway Road Improvement District and she and Mr. Parsons will come up with an action plan for additional signage needed around the County. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Dusty Parsons advised this bid came in \$2,000 under the estimate.

2. If no acceptable bid is received, reject all bids received: Action taken as above.

iv. Approve the assessment process: No action taken.

Supervisor Tenney made a motion to return to regular session; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous on the motion.

At this point the Board addressed item h: Consideration and possible approval of Task Agreement # Nine (9) of Memorandum of Understanding AGN00030004 between the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region, and Navajo County:

Dusty Parsons introduced Roland Becenti who requested support of this agreement for the northern part of the County. He stated the agreement would cover a total of 270 road miles of which 213 are dirt roads. He reported that BIA budget limitations kept them from hiring additional employees. Supervisor Deal stated he appreciates Roland's crew and discussed the difficulties in maintaining school bus routes. **Supervisor Deal made a motion** to approve up to \$40,000 out of District 1 Road funds for Task Agreement # Nine (9) of Memorandum of Understanding AGN00030004 between the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region, and Navajo County; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion. Chairman Thompson advised that the Fort Defiance Agency is struggling due to equipment failures and the County will have to address that. Mr. Becenti stated they have six 10-year old motor graders to cover 1400 miles, 1200 of which are dirt roads. He advised they work with four counties in Arizona and New Mexico and discussed decreasing funding. He stated that since the maintenance cost on these graders is high, they hope that future funding may come to them.

c) Navajo County Flood Control District: Board of Directors' Session: Consideration and possible approval of funding up to \$150,000 from the FY06 Flood Control District contingency fund for the flood control portion of the Scotts Pine Meadows Improvement District for the Scotts Pine Area Flood Control Project: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to go into the **Navajo County Flood Control District Board of Directors session;** motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion. Dusty Parsons reviewed the discussion held on April 17th regarding the justification for this project to be funded through Flood Control contingency funds. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve funding up to \$150,000 from the FY06 Flood Control District contingency fund for the flood control portion of the Scotts Pine Meadows Improvement District for the Scotts Pine Area Flood Control Project; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow. Supervisor Deal expressed appreciation for staff flexibility in staying within policy on this issue and Supervisor Brownlow expressed appreciation for Supervisor Deal's wisdom at the last meeting. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain; vote unanimous approving the motion.

d) Consideration and possible approval of Resolution Number _____ - 06 accepting West Kaibab Lane, Rainbow Trout Drive, and Bobcat Drive in Silver Lakes Estates into the County Road maintenance system: Carol Fraley advised that these three roads meet the acceptance criteria into the Book of Maintained Roads **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve by **Resolution Number 27 - 06** acceptance of West Kaibab Lane, Rainbow Trout Drive, and Bobcat Drive in Silver Lakes Estates into the County Road maintenance system; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain; vote unanimous approving the motion.

e) Consideration and possible approval of Resolution Number _____ - 06 accepting Colt Road in the Ranch of the Golden Horse Unit 3 into the County road maintenance system: Carol Fraley advised the Board that Colt Road provides access to several properties and the maintenance of this road would benefit emergency vehicles that serve this area. She reviewed the road under consideration as outlined on the map included with the resolution. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve **Resolution Number 28 - 06** accepting Colt Road in the Ranch of the Golden Horse Unit 3 into the County road maintenance system; Supervisor DeSpain seconded the motion; vote unanimous approving the motion.

f) Consideration and possible approval by Resolution Number _____ - 06 of extinguishment of roadway easement in White Cliff Ranches as depicted in supporting documentation and accepting a new easement in exchange: Carol Fraley reviewed the request advising that she has driven the area where the easement is depicted and finds that it does not exist. Dusty Parsons explained this easement is being moved and staff proposes accepting a new easement where traffic travels. Mr. Bowers inquired if there are any utilities in this easement and Ms. Fraley advised there are not. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve by **Resolution Number 29 - 06** the extinguishment of a roadway easement in White Cliff Ranches as depicted in supporting documentation and accepting a new easement in exchange; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote.

g) Consideration and possible approval of Amendment No. 1 of JPA Number 05-041, A.G. Contract Number KR05-00993TRN between the State of Arizona and Navajo County regarding Chevelon Creek Bridge: Dusty Parsons discussed the amendment will provide for the State's removal of lead and asbestos on the bridge that will result in approximately \$50,000 savings to the County. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve Amendment No. 1 of JPA Number 05-041, A.G.

Contract Number KR05-00993TRN between the State of Arizona and Navajo County regarding Chevelon Creek Bridge; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion.

- i) Consideration and possible approval of a professional services contract with TranSystems Corporation for preparing a transportation grant for the Little Colorado River Bridge: Dusty Parsons advised that since the Chevelon Bridge is nearing completion, this is an excellent opportunity to utilize a firm that already has a grasp of factors impacting Navajo County on a second grant application for the Little Colorado Bridge. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve a professional services contract with TranSystems Corporation for preparing a transportation grant for the Little Colorado River Bridge; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion.
- j) Consideration and possible authorization for County Manager and Public Works Director to send equipment out of the County to assist in fire fighting activities when necessary: Dusty Parsons advised that several times a year he gets requests for emergency assistance and while in the past, equipment hasn't been sent without Board approval, the emergency nature sometimes requires an immediate answer. James Jayne advised that neighboring governments may need our immediate assistance just as we may need theirs. He stated decisions would be made by the Public Works Director and County Manager in the best interest of serving the public without impacting the level of service in our County. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to authorize the County Manager and Public Works Director to send equipment out of the County to assist in fire fighting activities when necessary; Supervisor Brownlow seconded the motion with the understanding that equipment must be available for Navajo County emergencies and with a request for notification to the Board when this occurs. Supervisor Deal stated he supports this proposed policy, especially as related to emergencies where Mutual Aid agreements are in place. He requests that the County Manager and Public Works Director give similar consideration on the Navajo Reservation when there is a call from the BIA or Navajo Nation to provide assistance with road conditions during extremely muddy road conditions and snow removal. Mr. Bowers advised that it must be clear that we are only assisting other governmental agencies in emergency situations. Dusty Parsons advised the County currently has contracts with the National Forest Services and State Emergency Management and typically requests come from those two agencies where agreements are already in place. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (AACo): AACo staff presentation of legislative update: Supervisor DeSpain introduced the Executive Director of AACo Nicole Strickler, Michael Jeanes, second vice-president and Public Affairs Officer, and staff member, Jennifer Sweeney. Ms. Strickler provided an overview of AACo and its goals. She discussed educational outreach programs through meetings, conferences, publications and research programs, and the AACo website. She stated they promote collaboration for cost savings and increased employee benefits and act as a source for benchmarking and Best Management practices. She reviewed policy statements that address county authority, preserving quality in County Services, identity theft and public records, methamphetamine abuse and control, and immigration reform and local impact.

Jennifer Sweeney reviewed this session's legislative package that impact Counties. Extending the Canvass deadline; Independent and Youth Poll Workers; Election law revisions (at Department of Justice); GIS Development surcharge; creating flexible schedules for Deputies (unsuccessful); Securing funding for Constable Ethics and Training (still going through the process); raising maximum salary for Constables (still going through process); competitive bidding for County Bank selection; County Treasury procedural improvements; Adjust County Equalization for Jail program (unsuccessful). She reported there is no budget yet but there seems to be agreement on projected revenues. AACo has not heard anything on the tax cut issue. She discussed SB 1557 that requires hand counts for state-wide elections if the margin of error is greater than the allowable, stating that AACo proposed that political parties provide three people to assist in this process and requiring the Superior Court to appoint a Master of Review of source code on the electronic tabulating machine. She reported strike everything amendments have resurfaced and this strike everything brought back the misdemeanour charge for being in Arizona illegally, which shifts the issue to local jails.

Nicole Strickler reported both CSA and AACo are actively lobbying the legislature on the danger of tinkering with tax cuts involving the property tax rate and/or valuation freezes. She stated the county equalization rate elimination would impact supplemental funding for jail education, juvenile detention, and small schools.

Nicole Strickler advised that at the June conference AACo will present a wrap up of all legislation. Michael Jeanes, Maricopa County Clerk of the Superior Court, discussed future issues that will include Counties submitting endorsed legislative issues by September 1st; the AACo membership survey to identify desirable future services, research, training; new cost-savings programs; updated and new publications; and continued legislative advocacy.

Supervisor Deal advised that in northern Arizona, the Constable resided 60-70 miles away from the Justice Court in Kayenta and requested that reimbursement be addressed. Ms. Strickler stated that during negotiations they are reviewing reimbursement and compensation statutes. Supervisor Deal encouraged further communication regarding Native American issues.

The Supervisors expressed the Board’s appreciation to the AACo staff for their services and invited them to lunch with the elected officials and department directors.

BOARD BUSINESS: Supervisor DeSpain recognized Judge Kolomitz in the audience. Supervisor Deal thanked Mr. Bowers for a representative from the County Attorney office, Dusty Parsons and Jimmy Jayne’s attendance at the meeting concerning road maintenance where they met with Pinon, Kayenta and Cedar Unified School District Superintendents. He said frustration was expressed there regarding the lack of road maintenance with children going through knee deep mud to get to the buses. He advised it was pointed out that Apache County exhibits a higher degree of cooperation on the road maintenance. He said a similar meeting was held a few days later with the Hopi Chairman and staff and similar references were made to the two counties being so far apart in providing those services. He said the Hopi Chairman talked about the lack of services from Sheriff’s department and other County programs. He invited other members of the Board to attend meetings such as these to understand the services that should be provided. He said in a similar meeting with the Navajo Transportation and Community Development Committees of the Navajo Nation that involved three states, similar concerns were expressed ranking Navajo County the lowest in providing services that the County should provide. He said the Tribes are communicating concerns about this lack of services to members of Congress. Chairman Thompson agreed with Supervisor Deal’s comments.

Supervisor Deal thanked this Board and the County Manager for understanding the need for and for supporting prevention programs that Hardrock community embarked on in the past that resulted in the receipt of a grant from the US Department of Health for \$375,000 over the next three years for counsellors for the community.

James Jayne reported that Jack Latham is sorry he could not be here and wanted everyone to be advised that the deadline for sign-up on the new Medicare prescription drug program is May 15. He and his staff will do sign up for these services in Holbrook on May 3rd.

Chairman Thompson acknowledged Judge Pro Tem Dale Patton’s presence.

ADJOURN: At 12:35 p.m., Supervisor Brownlow made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion.

APPROVED:

DATE:

Jesse Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Board