

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2008
NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS

2:07 p.m. Call to Order

PRESENT: J.R. DeSpain, Chairman, Dusty Parsons, Assistant County Manager, and Darlene Fraley, Clerk, were present in the board chambers. David Tenney, Supervisor, Jerry Brownlow, Vice Chairman, and Percy Deal, Supervisor, participated by telephone. Supervisor Jesse Thompson was not present. A speaker telephone was available in the chambers that made all meeting discussion and action audible for participants and audience members.

Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution Number _____ - 08 of the Navajo County Board of Supervisors declaring a flood emergency in the unincorporated areas of Navajo County pursuant to ARS § 26-311: The Clerk of the Board read the proposed resolution into the record. Dusty Parsons discussed emergency conditions that had already arisen related to public safety as a result of washed out non-county-maintained roads. In response to Supervisor Tenney, Mr. Parsons stated that at this time there are about 30-40 miles of roads in Concho, 3-4 miles in Sun Valley and several reservation roads needing emergency maintenance, estimating that approximately 200 miles could meet the criteria for emergency maintenance through the end of August.

Supervisor Deal expressed appreciation for administration addressing the problem on the reservation, describing collapsing roads that include bus routes, stating there are six to seven different roads on the Hopi and Navajo reservations that need emergency maintenance. He advised that the BIA is not equipped to respond. Stating that he supports this declaration, **Supervisor Deal made a motion** to approve **Resolution Number 49-08** declaring a flood emergency in unincorporated areas of Navajo County pursuant to ARS §26-311; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow.

Nell Wijnaendts of the Sun Valley area stated that she lives on the Sun Valley road that is washed out and a 90 year old woman also lives down that road. She stated that neither of them could get out initially and they were out of potable water, that Chairman DeSpain was able to come in and provide water. She said that today she rode a 4-wheeler down the still impassable road to the front of the trading post, walked past the wash out and came into town with Donna Lineberry.

Al House stated he lives in Chevelon Canyon Ranch that is 18 miles from SR 377. He said there was an old bridge across the wash that has been condemned so the county blades off to the side of that bridge. H said this works during good weather but when water floods the road this crossing becomes impassable. He suggested throwing in some culverts and covering them with concrete. Dusty Parsons discussed impact studies that would have to be done and that the road would have to be built up to county standards before the road could be accepted for permanent maintenance. Chairman DeSpain further explained that only action can be taken on a non-county road for emergency measures when safety and welfare are threatened.

Chairman DeSpain called for the vote that was 4-0 in favor of the resolution.

At 2:21 p.m., **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion.

APPROVED:

DATE:

J. R. DeSpain, Chairman

August 5, 2008

ATTEST:

Darlene Fraley, Clerk of the Board