

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, January 24, 2012

PRESENT: David Tenney, Supervisor; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor; Jonathan M. Nez, Supervisor; and J.R. DeSpain, Chairman were present.

9:03 a.m. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was led by Supervisor Tenney.

Chairman DeSpain explained that Supervisor Brownlow was not present. Supervisor Tenney left the meeting around 10:30 a.m. to speak in favor of the Buy Local Bill at the Legislature.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: There are no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Constable Reports: Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, December 2011 b) Modify Immigration and Customs Enforcement contract HSCEDM-11-P-00137 providing \$9,987.66 in incremental funding c) Sympathy letters to Bill Sturgeon, Roxanne Padilla, Steve Peru and the family of Pinal County Supervisor Dean Weatherly: Supervisor Tenney made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- a. RSC Rental Corporation and Navajo County Recognizing Excellence: Cheryl Powell recognized Deputy Brenda Clark and Deputy Don Griffiths. Lt. Powell explained that pursuant to State Statute the Sheriff's Office is responsible for collecting delinquent property taxes and when taxes are unpaid, the property is seized and then sold; the primary duties of these deputies are to serve papers. Lt. Powell stated that through hard work and excellence these deputies have collected \$94,133.51 for calendar year 2011. Sheriff Clark recognized Deputy Brenda Clark and Don Griffiths. The County presented certificates of recognition to Deputy Clark and Deputy Griffiths. Treasurer Hernandez thanked both Deputies. He added that Navajo County is very blessed to have these two individuals and the cooperation from the Sheriff's office. Treasurer Hernandez was pleased saying that this group does a fantastic job of collecting taxes. Sheriff Clark recognized the Sheriff's Auxiliary team as well. Supervisor Thompson made comments.
- b. Presentation of plaque to retiring employee Bill Fraley: Homero Vela recognized retiring employee Bill Fraley after serving two tours. Mr. Vela spoke about Mr. Fraley's accomplishments and leadership with Navajo County. Mr. Vela stated that the organization today is better than it has ever been because of Bill Fraley. He has worked diligently passing his leadership forward. Mr. Vela indicated that Bill Fraley has been his mentor and further extended his appreciation to Bill Fraley and his wife Darlene. Greg Loper thanked Mr. Fraley for his friendship and leadership. Cammy Darris thanked Bill Fraley for his partnership. Bill Fraley indicated that it has been a privilege working for Navajo County and thanked all those that he has worked with. Chairman DeSpain made comments.
- c. United Way Employee Recognition: Supervisor Nez drew the name of Anita Hernandez for the United Way Employee Recognition for the month of February.
- d. Consideration and possible approval of a Proclamation declaring that the week of February 6th – 11th, 2012 is designated as Hashknife Pony Express Week in Navajo County: Hunter Moore read the proclamation declaring that the week of February 6th – 11th, 2012 is designated as Hashknife Pony Express Week in Navajo County. Mark Reynolds addressed the Board regarding the State Centennial and gave each Board member a commemorative coin and pin. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion**

to approve the proclamation declaring the week of February 6th – 11th, 2012 as Hasknife Pony Express Week in Navajo County; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: David Coolidge reviewed the 10 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to authorize the Chairman to sign the personnel action report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

NAVAJO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT Board of Directors Session:

- a. **CONSENT AGENDA:** **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to enter into the Navajo County Public Health Services District Board of Directors Session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
 - i. Agreement between the National Association of County and City Health Officials and Navajo County Public Health Services District Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit
 - ii. Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment #2 of Contract #HG061187 with the Arizona Department of Health Services for Regional Oral Health Coordinator, effective 1/1/2012 in the amount of \$50,550.00
 - iii. Professional Services contract with Tina Muldoon, for Dental Assistant services through the Dental Sealant Program effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$14.00 per hour
 - iv. Professional Services contract with German A. Sierra, DDS, for Dental services through the Dental Sealant Program effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$50.00 per hour
 - v. Professional Services contract with Connie Bain, RDH, AP for Dental Hygiene services through the Dental Sealant Program effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$45.00 per hour
 - vi. Professional Services contract with Regina Rich, RDH, AP for Dental Hygiene services through the Dental Sealant Program effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$45.00 per hour

Supervisor Tenney made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of Contract #GRA-RC015-12-0436-01 with Arizona First Things First for the Newborn Follow-up Program, effective 1/1/2012 to 6/30/2012 in the amount of \$104,741.28: Mary Tyler discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve Contract #GRA-RC015-12-0436-01 with Arizona First Things First for the Newborn Follow-up program, effective 1/1/2012 to 6/30/2012 in the amount of \$104,741.28; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Supervisor Nez asked about Winslow Indian Health Services; Mary will work with Winslow IHS to ensure they have the follow up service with the partners listed. Vote unanimous approving the motion. James Jayne indicated that Dr. Kartcher has been appointed to the Bio Medical Research Commission. Mr. Jayne congratulated Dr. Kartcher.

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

SHERIFF:

- a. Consideration and possible approval to enter into contract #2012-PT-059 with Governor's Office of Highway Safety for \$15,000 approved for overtime to enhance the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program: Sheriff Clark and Lieutenant John James gave a brief presentation on the S.T.E.P.

(Selective Traffic Enforcement Program). Sheriff Clark discussed the item further and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve contract #2012-PT-059 with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for \$15,000 approved for overtime to enhance the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of a contract with Summit Healthcare Associates for both inpatient and outpatient services for county inmates at current AHCCCS fee schedule rates: Sheriff Clark discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made comments and made a motion** to approve the contract with Summit Healthcare Associated for inpatient and outpatient services for county inmates at current AHCCCS fee schedule rates ; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Mr. Jayne thanked the team and thanked Sheriff Clark for his leadership in this contract.
- c. Report on pawn program since passage of Resolution #02-10 requiring a transaction fee on pawned items: Hartley Turley, AZ Pawn Man discussed the transaction fee. He spoke of the procedures and indicated that he agrees with the program. Mr. Turley indicated that between all 8 pawn stores there have been over 40,000 transactions and approximately 25 items have been recovered for stolen merchandise. The pawn brokers have spent approximately \$120,000 in two years for the new processes. Mr. Turley further stated that generally speaking pawn brokers are doing a good job; however pawn brokers believe that this \$3.00 charge is not fair to the pawn customers. He further stated that pawn brokers are all making efforts not take stolen merchandise. Mr. Turley indicated that he believes the County has saved money with the Leads Online program. Chairman DeSpain asked if the County helped the pawn brokers with any items. Mr. Turley indicated a person pawning an item pays the \$3.00 fee per pawn; expect renewals, as well as interest fee and possible \$5.00 per month storage fee. He further indicated that there is no \$3.00 pawn fee if the item is less than \$10 dollars. Mr. Turley explained that pawn brokers take the person's picture, copy driver's license, take thumb print, and take a picture of the merchandise. He stated that when a person returns to repawn an item, the pawn shop starts the process again and the person pawning the item is assessed the fees. Mr. Turley answered questions of the Board. Charles Bingham, appraiser for a pawn broker spoke against the item; he does however applaud Leads Online. Mr. Bingham believes the \$3.00 fee is excessive. Sheriff Clark discussed the item and gave a report on the pawn program since passage of **Resolution #02-10**. Sheriff Clark gave a presentation on the program and stated that he has invited all to come and look at the revenues. Sheriff Clark reviewed cases that property has been recovered from pawn items that have been stolen. He stated that the Sheriff's office has recovered 65 items with a value of \$39,100.00 County-wide and further stated that the items have been returned to the original owners. Sheriff Clark indicated that the original set-up fee for the program was paid for by the Sheriff's department costing approximately \$10,000.00. He said the fee for the Leads Program is now paid for out of the pawn fees. Sheriff Clark reported that the total revenue through December 11, 2011, since the inception of the program, is \$83,321.97. He reported a balance for the program now of \$53,210.42 deducts the \$10,000 from initial payments gives the full cost. The monies in the account were spent on items including staffing, equipment and training for the program. The Sheriff's office has given cameras and so forth to pawn brokers. Sheriff Clark indicated a number of statistics regarding the program and stated that he has kept his promises to the citizens. Supervisor Thompson asked about a decrease in the pawn fee as well as how it will impact the Sheriff office from providing services. Sheriff Clark indicated that he is saving for a full time deputy for this position; this will benefit the citizens more. Supervisor Thompson thanked the Sheriff for being transparent on this issue. Supervisor Nez thanked Sheriff for the statistics and asked about

the salary for the deputy. Sheriff Clark discussed the salary for the deputy and the duties of that deputy. Supervisor Nez appreciates the program and would like more information on the program statistics. He would also like a report on monthly data as to where the fees are coming from as well as information as to the locations where the stolen properties are coming from. Chairman DeSpain indicated that he as well as the rest of the Board made a commitment to review the program in a year. Chairman DeSpain opened the floor for additional comments from the public. Mike Sattinger, manager of a local pawn shop addressed the Board. Mr. Sattinger believes this is a great program; he does feel for his customers regarding the \$3.00 fee. In some cases, Mr. Sattinger stated that he has paid the \$3.00 fee out of his pocket. He would like to see a sliding scale for the fees of the program. Chairman DeSpain asked if he waived his \$5.00 fee on small loans; Mr. Sattinger indicated that sometimes he does what he can for his customers; depending on the circumstances. He does believe in the Leads Online program but disagrees with the \$3.00 fee. Supervisor Thompson made comments. Chairman DeSpain asked about the percentage of items that fall below \$15 per purchase. Mr. Sattinger stated less than half of the items fall in this category. Chairman DeSpain stated that he appreciates the time that has been put in the program and the feedback from the pawn brokers in the community.

ELECTIONS:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of Precincts & Polling Places and Poll Workers for the upcoming Presidential Preference Election: Johnathan Roes discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Nez made a motion** to approve Precincts & Polling Places and Poll Workers for the upcoming Presidential Preference Election; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible adoption of **Resolution Number 04-12**, temporarily moving the Kayenta #1, Kayenta #2 and Cibecue polling sites to new locations: Johnathan Roes discussed the item. **Supervisor Nez made a motion** to approve temporarily moving the Kayenta #1, Kayenta #2 and Cibecue polling sites to new locations; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

FINANCE:

- a. Consideration and possible award of contract #F12-10-01 for Voluntary Employee Benefits to AFLAC: Mary Springer discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Nez made a motion** to award contract #F12-10-01 for Voluntary Employee Benefits to AFLAC; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible award of solar service agreement to selected solar provider which is contingent upon successful application and award of Production Based Incentive from Arizona Public Service which is acceptable to Navajo County: Mary Springer discussed the item. Mr. Jayne thanked Mary Springer for taking the leadership role along with the team members. Mrs. Springer indicated that this contract is contingent upon our award from APS. Mr. Meerchman discussed the item. Mrs. Springer explained that the finance department will know more information about the award in March. Discussion was held. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to award the solar service contract to Solar City; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c. County Finance Update/State Legislative Update: James Menlove gave the County Finance Update. **Supervisor Nez asked that we continue this item to the next meeting.** James Menlove gave a brief update. Mr. Menlove indicated we are in the black.

- d. ~~Navajo County recognizes the Arizona Office of the Auditor General (James Menlove/Chairman DeSpain/James Jayne)~~ The Chairman has advised that this item has been pulled.

COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Thompson** reported on the Navajo Nation Council Session opening day. **Supervisor Nez** thanked Hunter Moore for the press release regarding roads. James Jayne, County Manager, indicated that our prayers are with Supervisor Thompson and his family for their recent loss. **Chairman DeSpain** thanked the Board of Supervisor's staff for their hard work. He also thanked the newspapers and the deputy for their attendance at the Board of Supervisor meetings.

ADJOURN: At 11:25 a.m. **Supervisor Nez** made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

APPROVED:

DATE: February 14, 2012

J.R. DeSpain, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa W. Buckley - Clerk of the Board

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