

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, March 13, 2012

PRESENT: David Tenney, Supervisor; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor; Jonathan M. Nez, Supervisor; and Jerry Brownlow, Vice-Chairman were present in person. J.R. DeSpain, Chairman was not present.

9:03 a.m. Call To Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was led by **Supervisor Nez.**

Vice-Chairman Brownlow indicated that Chairman DeSpain had an important meeting with NPC this morning.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Minutes: February 28, 2012 and March 6, 2012 b) Clerk of the Superior Court Report February 2012 c) Juvenile Justice System Report February 2012 d) Justice Court Reports: Holbrook Precinct #1, February; Winslow Precinct #2, February; Snowflake Precinct #3, February; Kayenta Precinct #4, February; Show Low Precinct #5, February; and Pinetop Precinct #6, February, 2012 e) Constable Reports: Kayenta Precinct #4, October 2011; Winslow Precinct #2, February and Show Low Precinct #5, February, 2012 f) Name an existing road in the Pinedale/Claysprings area to "Silver Spur Trail" in Section 2, Township 11 North, Range 19 East g) Contract signed by County Manger per Board of Supervisors Resolution: Contract Amendment Number 1, Contract for Professional Services, Web Mapping Improvements with Terra Genesis, Inc. h) Approval to conduct precinct-based elections for Overgaard Townsite Domestic Waste Water Improvement District on May 15, 2012 to elect 3 positions with a 4 year term beginning May 2012 and ending March 2016 i) Sympathy letters to Dave Woods, Aaron Adams, the family of Dave Button, and the family of Joe Yazzie: **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to authorize the Chairman to sign the items in the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney.** Vote unanimous approving the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- a. Introduction of the Honorable Robert J. Higgins, Superior Court Judge, Division II: Judge Michala Ruechel introduced the Honorable Robert J. Higgins, Superior Court Judge, Division II. Judge Higgins is grateful for the appointment and feels that he is a steward of the courtroom that he has been appointed to. The public is invited to the Investiture being held in Division II at 11:00 a.m. today.
- b. RSC Rental Corporation and Navajo County Recognizing Excellence: Sheriff Clark recognized Rob Edwards, Deputy County Attorney for providing firm, fair, equal justice to the Citizens of Navajo County, with the highest degree of ethics. Sgt. Peterson thanked Mr. Edwards for the cases he has prosecuted. Sgt. Christensen thanked Mr. Edwards for his expertise and hard work on all cases. Lt. Clark thanked Mr. Edwards for the convictions he has prosecuted. The Board of Supervisors sang Happy Birthday to Rob Edwards. Mr. Edwards thanked the law enforcement officers for their job as well and said that he is blessed to work in Navajo County and to work with the law enforcement officers that he does. Brad Carlyon thanked Mr. Edwards for his skill that he brings to the courtroom. Mr. Edwards prosecutes child abuse and sex crimes cases.
- c. RSC Rental Corporation and Navajo County Recognizing Excellence: Supervisor Nez and Supervisor Thompson recognized Homero Vela, Hunter Moore, Robin McCormick, Alberto Peshlakai, Brandy Tomhave and Leo Sheppard for their hard work and efforts in preparing compelling documentation for Indian School Bus Routes for our congressional delegation. The Indian School Bus Route amendment will serve to amend the highway authorization bill to provide appropriation for maintenance of School Bus Routes on tribal lands including Navajo Nation routes in Navajo County. Supervisor Nez thanked

each of them for the role they took in getting this information to our congressional delegation in Washington. Supervisor Thompson thanked those individuals who helped getting the information out to our congressional delegation in Washington. He spoke of the meeting with Senators in Washington who have voiced that they will be helping with this project. Supervisor Tenney thanked Hunter Moore for his travels to Washington.

- d. Personnel Service Awards: Bekki Penry, 5 years; Ricky Denton, 5 years; and Kathleen Swietanski, 5 years were all recognized for their years of service to Navajo County.
- e. United Way Employee Recognition: Supervisor Brownlow drew the name of Valarie Hatch of the School Superintendents Office for the United Way Employee Parking spot.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: David Coolidge reviewed the 9 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the personnel action report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

ADMINISTRATION: Update on the Navajo County Five Year Strategic Plan: Mary Tyler gave a short presentation and update on the Navajo County Five Year Strategic Plan. She indicated that the team continues to meet regularly. Supervisor Brownlow and Supervisor Thompson made comments. Mary Tyler indicated that the group is very committed. Mr. Jayne included that this team has vision and thanked each of them for their service. Mr. Menlove indicated that the finance team has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and we will be incorporating the Strategic Plan in the budget book next year.

NAVAJO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT Board of Directors Session: **Supervisor Nez 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.

- a. **CONSENT AGENDA: Amendment 1 of Contract JPA 10-008T with Arizona Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program for an expiration date of August 1, 2012**: **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. **Consideration and possible approval of Contract GRA-RC001-12-0469-01 with Arizona First Things First for Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention services on the Navajo Nation for February 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$210,742.00**: Mary Tyler discussed the item. Supervisor Thompson thanked Mary Tyler and Coconino County. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve** Contract GRA-RC001-12-0469-01 with Arizona First Things First for Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention services on the Navajo Nation for February 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$210,742.00; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Supervisor Brownlow asked if Apache County is involved. Ms. Tyler indicated that Apache County decided not to participate. Discussion was held. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

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

ASSESSOR: Presentation of the AACo 2012 Governmental Directory: Cammy Darris gave a short presentation of the AACo 2012 Governmental Directory.

FINANCE:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of lobbyist contract with Clarus Consulting: Mary Springer discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the lobbyist contract with Clarus Consulting; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of lobbyist contract with R&R Partners: Mary Springer discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the lobbyist contract with R&R Partners; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

NAVAJO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: Board of Directors Session: Supervisor Tenney made a motion to enter into the **Navajo County Flood Control District Board of Directors Session**; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Letter of request for Arizona Game & Fish weed harvester to be used on Rainbow Lake in June 2012
- b. Letter to Congressman Paul Gosar thanking him for his support of the Little Colorado River Winslow Feasibility Study

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

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

COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Tenney** reported on meetings in Washington regarding the Forest Service with six of our congressional delegates. He indicated that we are getting closer to making an award of the 4FRI contract, possibly at the end of March. **Supervisor Thompson** reported on his trip to DC for the NACo Conference and meetings with our legislators. He indicated that he met with Hopi Tribe. They would like to work with Navajo County to lay some gravel in the Spider Mound community and then share with other communities. He further met with BIA and NDOT regarding a request for support for road maintenance services on their machines. **Supervisor Nez** reported on his meetings in Washington with Navajo Nation. **Vice Chairman Brownlow** thanked his colleagues for going to DC. He reported on meetings with the Forest Service and a meeting with the White Mountain Apache Tribe regarding their ski area. County Attorney Carlyon reported on his travel to NACo and the meetings he attended there. He indicated that Navajo County will be hosting AAPAC on June 29 at the White Mountain Facility in Show Low. He further indicated that as the third Vice Chairman for AACo he will be looking into the November conference arrangements. County Manager Jayne reported on the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award that our finance team received for the third year in a row. Mr. Jayne indicated that our finance team has shown a lot of progress under the leadership of Mr. Menlove.

ADJOURN: At 10:32 a.m. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

APPROVED:

DATE: June 26, 2012

J.R. DeSpain, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk of the Board

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