

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, November 26, 2013

PRESENT: Sylvia Allen, Supervisor; Dawnafe Whitesinger, Supervisor; David Tenney, Supervisor; and Vice-Chairman Jesse Thompson were present. Chairman Jonathan M. Nez was not present due to a death in his family.

9:00 a.m. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by **Supervisor Tenney**.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Minutes: October 22, 2013 and November 12, 2013 b) Constable Reports: Holbrook Precinct #1, September; Snowflake Precinct #3, October; Show Low Precinct #5, October; and Pinetop Precinct #6, October 2013 c) Contract signed by County Manager per Board of Supervisors Resolution: Revised Contract for Professional Services between Navajo County and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. d) Letter to Congresswoman Kirkpatrick regarding Gravel and Road Improvement Project for the Navajo Nation – Red Dog Partnership Team e) Sympathy letters to Judge David Widmaier, Juanita Mann, Laura Sanchez, Paul Saiz, and the family of Charles Youvella f) Letters to Senator Flake and Senator McCain regarding Senate action to restore the health of both our National Forests and the gateway communities adjacent to them g) 2nd Amended Addendum to the June 30, 2010 Memorandum of Understanding for Mexican Wolf Conservation and cover letter h) Navajo County scoping comments on Removing the Gray Wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife and maintain protections for the Mexican Wolf by listing it as endangered; and proposed revision to the nonessential experimental population of the Mexican Wolf i) Tribute to former state lawmaker, Mr. Ben Miranda: **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the items in the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of agreements made by petitioners and County Assessor regarding Petition for Review of Notice of Change: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to enter into the Board of Equalization; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Navajo County Recognizes Charalie Perkins (Sheriff/Jail), Leah Thomas (Superior Court Division III), Tasha Morris (Sheriff/Jail) and Mike Limmpo (Facilities Management) for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations: Pam Phillips recognized Mike Limmpo, Leah Thomas, and Charalie Perkins for their excellence and dedication to Navajo County. Tasha Morris was not present.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- a. Consideration and possible adoption of a prayer and thanksgiving proclamation: **Supervisor Allen** read the proclamation. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to adopt the prayer and thanksgiving proclamation; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of the Board of Supervisors meeting schedule for 2014: Melissa Buckley, Clerk of the Board addressed the Board regarding their meeting schedule for 2014. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to approve the Board of Supervisors meeting schedule for 2014; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- c. Presentation and consideration of a letter of support for the Cherenkov Telescope Array - Arizona proposal: **Supervisor Allen** introduced Mr. Jeff Hall with Lowell Observatory. Mr. Hall gave a presentation regarding the Cherenkov Telescope Array. Mr. Hall reported on the project and its benefits to the region, as well as its operational requirements including dark sky protection. **Supervisor Thompson, Supervisor Allen** and Mr. Jayne made comments in support of the project. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to approve the letter of support for the Cherenkov Telescope Array-Arizona proposal; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

The Board of Supervisors sang Happy Birthday to James Jayne, County Manager; Homero Vela, Assistant County Manager and Public Works Director; Judge Michala Ruechel; Brad Carlyon, County Attorney; Melissa Buckley, Clerk of the Board; Kim Eavenson, Human Resources Director, Eric Descheenie Governmental Affairs Director and Paige Peterson, Accounting Manager.

PUBLIC WORKS: Recognize the Public Works team for their contribution in constructing the access road and building pad for the Public Works Complex: Homero Vela, Public Works Director/Assistant County Manager gave a presentation on the construction of the New Public Works Complex. He stated the access road required the use of 12,000 cubic yards of material. He stated the build-up material was applied and compacted to meet a compaction standard of 95%. Mr. Vela reported the pad required survey work, material testing, project management of course material hauling, application of water and material placement. He reported the team completed this work in 4 weeks allowing for the work to proceed as planned on schedule. Homero Vela recognized Bill Sturgeon for his work on the construction of the new Public Works Complex access road and building pad. Russell McCray, Deputy Director Highways recognized David Clark, Pride Spurlock, Terrance Yazzie, Rodney Stump, Sam Whipple, Shelby Beeler, Bill Wilbanks, Martinez Mike, Rick Beeler, Bob Ripley, Bill Barnard, Dan Lewis, Brett Schmitt, Wilmer Dickson, Lary Griffin, Wilfred John, Tom Puckett, Chester Robinson, Frank Reed and Rick Denton. Bill Bess, County Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director recognized the engineering team Jeremiah Loyd, Rick Denton, James DeSpain, Jason Owens, Glenn Hoskins and Dane Hancock.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Kimberly Eavenson reviewed the 34 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the personnel action report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of a new CARE leave bank policy and procedure: Kim Eavenson reviewed the CARE leave bank policy and procedures. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the CARE leave bank policy and procedures; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

ELECTIONS: Consideration and possible approval of the Official Canvass of the General Election conducted November 5, 2013: Johnathan Roes reviewed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the official canvass of the general election conducted on November 5, 2013; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

FINANCE:

- a. County Finance Update: James Menlove introduced Scott Flake, the new Account Specialist in the finance department. Mr. Menlove gave an update of the county finances.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of a contract with Heinfeld-Meech for Indirect Cost Study in the amount of \$18,250: Mary Springer discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor**

Allen made a motion to approve the contract with Heinfeld-Meech for Indirect Cost Study in the amount of \$18,250; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- c. Consideration and possible approval of the sale of surplus County, WIA and seized property by public online auction to be held in January 2014: Mary Springer discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the sale of surplus County, WIA and seized property by public online auction to be held in January 2014; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Allen** reported she attended a tour of the Novo Power Plant with the Natural Resource Working Group and she attended the Show Low/ Pinetop Legislative Reception. **Supervisor Allen** indicated she has been writing letters in regards to the Mexican Wolf and to the EPA issues. **Supervisor Allen** stated she made a presentation in Graham County; she attended the AZ Game & Fish Department meeting in Alpine; the Small Counties Forum and the CSA Board of Directors meeting. **Supervisor Whitesinger** reported she attended the State Legislators Reception where they heard concerns from the local community and how our State Legislators are supporting our rural communities. **Supervisor Whitesinger** stated that because of **Supervisor Allen's** and **Supervisor Tenney's** efforts we are not being forgotten at the Legislature. **Supervisor Whitesinger** reported on the Fort Apache Agency and their work in transportation. She indicated she attended the Show Low/Pinetop-Lakeside Joint Town Council meeting with Brian Bressel, the new Sunrise Ski Park Manager. **Supervisor Whitesinger** reported she is working on getting GED courses in Cibique for community members to help get high school diplomas. She indicated Sunrise opened over the week-end with approximately 500 guests. **Supervisor Tenney** reported on attending the Show Low Chamber Legislative Reception. **Supervisor Tenney** discussed the Small Counties Forum and reported on his presentation at the Forest Health Workshop hosted in Show Low and also a presentation on 4/Fri and NOVO Power Bio Mass Plant and he discussed the NRWG meeting at the Heber Fire Station. **Supervisor Tenney** indicated he met with the representative of the Campbell Group with Good Earth Power, the company which is going to do the timber contracting. He discussed his meeting with Representative Mesnard regarding HURF funds and the County lottery monies. **Supervisor Tenney** stated he attended the 10th APS Community Partner Academy where they toured the Palo Verde Nuclear Plant generating station. County Manager James Jayne reported on a future meeting with CBIZ on December 2nd & 3rd to look at our Health Benefit Plan for Yr. 2014/2015. He stated CBIZ will make a full presentation to the Board of Supervisors on December 10. Melissa Buckley, Clerk of the Board, made comments regarding the Board of Equalization hearings that will be conducted today at 2:40 and 3:00 p.m. She indicated the reasons for reconvening at 3:15 p.m. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** reported he attended the Albuquerque Chapter Tribal Transportation Summit with Homero Vela and Alberto Peshlakai who made a presentation there. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** discussed his meeting with Representative Peshlakai and Senator Carlyle Begay.

RECESS: At 10:29 a.m.

NAVAJO COUNTY/SUMMIT HEALTH CARE – TOUR AND LUNCH: The Board of Supervisors attended a lunch and tour of the Summit Healthcare facilities at 2200 E. Show Low Lake Road in Show Low Arizona. No official action was taken.

RECONVENE at 3:30 p.m. in the SUMMIT HEALTHCARE 5TH FLOOR BOARD ROOM:
TELEPHONIC: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTING AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Consideration and possible approval of the Board of Equalization Hearing Officer's recommendations on hearings conducted

on November 26, 2013 for Petition for Review of Notice of Change: Hearing Officer Chuck Johnson, Assessor Cammy Darris, **Supervisor Allen**, **Supervisor Whitesinger** and **Vice-Chairman Thompson** were present. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to enter into the Board of Equalization; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to approve the stipulated agreement on APN 205-24-012; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to approve hearing officers recommendation on APN 311-11-007L; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

ADJOURN: At 3:35 p.m. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

APPROVED:

DATE: December 10, 2013

Jonathan M. Nez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa W. Buckley - Clerk of the Board