

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
Tuesday, July 22, 2014

PRESENT: Sylvia Allen, Supervisor; Dawnafe Whitesinger, Supervisor; David Tenney, Supervisor; and Jesse Thompson, Chairman were present. Jonathan M. Nez, Supervisor was absent.

9:06 a.m. Call To Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by **Supervisor Allen**.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Minutes: July 8, 2014 b) Constable Reports: Snowflake Precinct #3, June; Show Low Precinct #5, June; and Pinetop-Lakeside #6, June, 2014 c) FY15 Fill the Gap grant application d) Name an existing road in the Pinedale/Claysprings area to "Sugar Valley Road" in Section 31, Township 11 North, Range 20 East e) Installation of STOP signs on Ladd Avenue at both intersections of 3rd North and 2nd North in Joseph City, Arizona f) Preferred Provider Agreement: Navajo County contracts with the flowing health care providers to provide health care services to eligible enrollees: Retinal Consultants of Arizona, Ltd g) Approval of 1 Back Tax Land Parcel sold over the counter in the amount of \$331.51: APN 403-04-590 h) Letter to the Arizona State Land Department regarding Kinder Morgan St. Johns CO2 Field Plan of Development Lease #56-114413-13: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to authorize the Chairman to sign the items in the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Navajo County Recognizes **Robin McCormick** (Public Works) and **Preston Root** (Finance) for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations: Eric Scott recognized Robin McCormick and Preston Root for their outstanding performance to Navajo County. A short video was played showing those that nominated those individuals. Mr. Scott thanked each of the employees and honored them with a certificate of recognition, a \$50.00 gift card and a leaf to put on the employee recognition tree. **Chairman Thompson** expressed his appreciation to each of the nominees.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Eric Scott reviewed the 35 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to approve the personnel actions as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Personnel Service Awards: Congratulations to the following employees for their continued service to Navajo County: **Debbie Serna** (County Attorney's Office) 15 years and **Gregory Kroeger** (Sheriff's Office) 20 years: Eric Scott recognized Debbie Serna for her 15 years of service to Navajo County and Gregory Kroeger for his 20 years of service to Navajo County.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- a. Recognition of outstanding accomplishment of court employee: Judge Michala Ruechel recognized Marla Randall, Court Administrator who became a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management, after completing the rigorous requirements of ICM's Fellows Master's Program. Judge Ruechel indicated this required four steps which includes becoming a Certified Court Manager; a Certified Court Executive; a Court Project Phase; and the Presentation Phase. Judge Ruechel stated this accomplishment is a huge honor and that Mrs. Randall represents the courts well and is recognized for her hard work and dedication to the county and also statewide. Judge Ruechel reported Mrs. Randall was recognized for her efforts by Chief Justice, John G. Roberts Jr. of the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge

Widmeir spoke of Marla's accomplishments. **Chairman Thompson** thanked Marla Randall and presented her with Navajo County sandstone coasters and a certificate of recognition from the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Randall thanked the Board and Judge Ruechel for the recognition and discussed her service in the Navajo County Judiciary Court system for more than 23 years.

- b. Consideration and review of the proposed Lakeside Fire District, Linden Fire District and Show Low Fire District Merger: **Supervisor Tenney** addressed the merger of the Lakeside, Linden and Show Low Fire Districts. He indicated there has been an interest in this merger for many years and they are working towards its completion. **Supervisor Tenney** indicated the merger will benefit the citizens and taxpayers within the districts with a better fire service and lower tax rates. He indicated the Board has received notification from the fire districts to move forward with the merger pursuant to ARS §48-820. **Supervisor Tenney** stated the Board is here to review and offer written comments on the proposed merger, and to act formally on this issue. Chief Savage indicated this discussion is to notify the Board of Supervisors of the merger for their review and written comments. He indicated that this has been a cooperative effort between the fire districts. Chief Savage stated this has been 10 to 12 years in the making to bring forth a more effective and efficient fire service. Chief Savage discussed the scheduled times for the Public Hearings for Show Low, Lakeside and Linden. **Supervisor Whitesinger** expressed appreciation to Chief Savage for his efforts in the process and the acceptance of the merger. **Supervisor Whitesinger** indicated this merger will better serve the public and support our communities to save money, by serving as one function working together. **Chairman Thompson** indicated that the policies and state laws have been followed in regards to the merger. **Supervisor Tenney** spoke in support of the item and expressed appreciation to Chief Anderson of Linden Fire District. He indicated this merger shares the same concerns for all the people of the areas and thanked the districts for moving forward with good faith for all concerned in Linden, Show Low and Lakeside. **Supervisor Allen** indicated that the consolidation of the districts and the reduction in taxes is a great thing for the three different communities. Chief Savage spoke of the organization of the merger and the employees who have been remarkable in working together to create and an organizational chart that will best serve the public interest. Chief Savage reported that after the public hearings and a unanimous decision to merge, the next move is for the various boards to meet to select a new board with representation from each board. James Jayne spoke from a county perspective and thanked the fire chiefs and those in attendance for being regional leaders and their efforts in the process to become more efficient. **Supervisor Tenney** proposed that he, Hunter Moore, Government Relations Director and Jason Moore, Deputy County Attorney work together to prepare and submit the written comments for the upcoming fire district meetings. The Board was in agreement.

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 Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **CONSENT AGENDA: Amendment #2 of Contract #ADHS 12-030681 with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the Arizona Nutrition Network Program effective through September 30, 2015**: Mary Tyler discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

WE ARE NAVAJO COUNTY: Presentation regarding new Electronic Poll-book election equipment: Johnathan Roes, Election Director gave a presentation regarding the new Electronic Poll-book election equipment, which will be a help to the voters. Mr. Roes answered questions of the Board. Mr. Jayne indicated that Mr. Roes serves as the President of the Elections and congratulated Mr. Roes and the Recorder's office.

ELECTIONS:

- a. Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution Number 16-14, cancelling the elections for precinct committeeman positions: Johnathan Roes discussed the item. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to adopt **Resolution Number 16-14**, cancelling the elections for precinct committeeman positions; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution Number 17-14, approving designation of polling places; and further approval of Poll Workers for the Primary Election: Johnathan Roes discussed the item. Mr. Roes answered questions of the Board. Mr. Roes indicated they will broadcast the new polling places through the media. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to adopt **Resolution Number 17-14**, approving designation of polling places; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the Poll Workers for the Primary Election; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Tenney** suggested that we recognize those poll workers who have been with us and served our communities for many years. Mr. Roes publicly thanked the poll workers.

TREASURER: Consideration and possible approval of Personal Property Tax Abatement per A.R.S. §42-19118: Manny Hernandez discussed the personal property tax abatement item the list is from April until present. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the Personal Property Tax Abatement per A.R.S. §42-19118; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

JUVENILE PROBATION: Consideration and possible approval of a county match of \$4,041 to the Juvenile Probation Department to receive the Family Counseling Grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts of \$16,163 for a total of \$20,204 for the 14/15 Fiscal Year: Arno Hall discussed the item. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to approve a county match of \$4,041 to the Juvenile Probation Department to receive the Family Counseling Grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts of \$16,163 for a total of \$20,204 for the 14/15 Fiscal Year; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

RISK MANAGEMENT: Consideration and possible approval of the revised Accident Review Policy: Allison Hephner, Risk Manager discussed the item and the revisions to the Accident Review Policy. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion to approve** the revised Accident Review Policy; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. Consideration and possible approval to award Contract #B14-06-002 Pavement Markings to the lowest responsible bidder, Roadside Traffic Systems, Inc.: Homero Vela discussed the item. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to approve the Contract #B14-06-002 Pavement Markings to the lowest responsible bidder, Roadside Traffic Systems, Inc.; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
Homero Vela recognized Robin McCormick. Mr. Vela spoke of the support that Robin McCormick offers the Public Works team as well as many other organizations in the County. Mr. Vela indicated that he will personally miss Mrs. McCormick. **Chairman Thompson** thanked Robin.
- b. Consideration and possible approval to award Contract #B14-05-028 Excavate and crush Red Rock Material at the Peabody Western Coal Company to Fann Contracting, Inc.: Homero Vela discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the Contract #B14-05-028 Excavate and crush Red Rock Material at the Peabody Western Coal Company to Fann Contracting, Inc.; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

FINANCE:

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING: TRUTH IN TAXATION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §42-17104:** Consideration and possible approval of property tax levy as presented with tax rates to be set at the August 12, 2014 Board of Supervisors' meeting – Roll Call Vote: James Menlove discussed the item. **Chairman Thompson** opened the public hearing. Terry Hill spoke in opposition of the item. Mr. Menlove indicated that this notice was published in our newspaper of record. **Chairman Thompson** closed the public hearing. **Supervisor Allen** indicated that she supports the raises for our employees however she feels that we can still cut our budget or count the Payment in Lieu of Taxes so that we do not have to raise taxes. She also raised a concern about the effect upon our small business owners. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the property tax levy as presented with tax rates to be set at the August 12, 2014 Board of Supervisors' meeting; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. **Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Allen** voted Nay; **Supervisor Whitesinger, Supervisor Tenney and Chairman Thompson** voted Aye. Motion carries.
- b. **PUBLIC HEARING: FINAL 2014-15 BUDGET PURSUANT TO § 42-17104:**
- i) **Convene Special Meeting of Board of Supervisors for final budget adoption:** **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to enter into a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for final budget adoption; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Mr. Menlove addressed the board.
- ii) **Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution Number 18-14, approving the proposed final budget for fiscal year 2014-15 for Navajo County:** James Menlove discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to adopt **Resolution Number 18-14**, approving the proposed final budget for fiscal year 2014-15 for Navajo County; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- iii) **Board of Directors Sessions for consideration and possible adoption of final fiscal year 2014-15 budgets:** James Menlove answered questions of the Board. Brandt Clark indicated that state statute will allow to do all at the same time. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to enter into a Special Board of Directors Session for all 15 Special Districts; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the adoption of the final budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 budgets for all 15 Special Districts; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- (1) Navajo County Public Health Services District
 - (2) Navajo County Library District
 - (3) Navajo County Flood Control District
 - (4) White Mountain Lakes Recreation District
 - (5) Silver Creek County Road Improvement District
 - (6) Victory Heights Road Maintenance District
 - (7) Fawnbrook County Road Improvement District
 - (8) Sutter Drive County Road Improvement District
 - (9) Madison Lane County Road Improvement District
 - (10) Scott's Pine Meadow County Road Improvement District
 - (11) Shumway Road County Road Improvement District
 - (12) Bucking Horse County Road Improvement District
 - (13) Hilltop Drive County Road Improvement District
 - (14) Mountain View County Road Improvement District
 - (15) North Whistle Stop Loop County Road Improvement District

Supervisor Tenney made a motion to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. James Menlove and James Jayne expressed their appreciation to the department directors, elected officials, the Board of Supervisors, the finance staff and Paige Peterson for their work with the budget.

COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Allen** indicated she attended a tour of San Carlos Apache Fire with representatives from Senator John McCain's office and the representatives of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, which has contributed to the National Forest Service for a healthy habitat with their help of the thinning projects. She spoke of the August 11th public hearing on the Wolf Expansion in Pinetop at the Hon-dah Resort. **Supervisor Allen** spoke of the success of the WIA training she attended with Susan Tegmeyer, Carla Fails and the WIA Board. **Supervisor Whitesinger** thanked Alberto Peshlakai, Tribal Government Relations Director for his assistance with the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Future Generations Youth Conference, July 22nd through July 24th. **Supervisor Whitesinger** spoke of a recent site visit with Homero Vela and Trent Larson in supporting a community member's needs. Supervisor Whitesinger spoke about the efforts of partnership to present a summit around alcoholism. **Supervisor Tenney** spoke of recent meetings at the NACo WIR conference, which was held in New Orleans. He indicated he attended the Public Land meetings regarding payment in lieu of taxes. **Supervisor Tenney** thanked Hunter Moore for his assistance with his meeting to Washington DC to testify at the U.S. Senate's Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing on Wildfire Preparedness and the Forest Service 2015 Fiscal Year Budget. He indicated he was asked by Senator McCain and Congressman Jeff Flake to testify. James Jayne indicated that **Supervisor Nez** tried to call into the meeting. **Chairman Thompson** indicated he attended the Hardrock Chapter meeting and visited with past Supervisor, Percy Deal.

ADJOURN: At 11:30 a.m. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

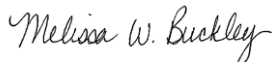
APPROVED:



DATE: August 12, 2014

Jesse Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:



Melissa W. Buckley - Clerk of the Board