

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
Tuesday, July 28, 2015

PRESENT: Robert K. Black, Jr., Supervisor; Steve Williams, Supervisor; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor; Jason Whiting, Vice Chairman; and Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman were present.

9:08 a.m. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by **Supervisor Williams**.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Brad Carlyon, addressed the Board regarding the loss of employees due to job stress and no money to fund vacant positions. Mr. Carlyon reported on the hardships county departments are encountering, by having to do more with less money. He stated that employees are unable to give more. Mr. Carlyon indicated that we need to support other counties when they go before the state and federal governments in support of counties. He asked the Board to support Pinal County and Mohave County on their federal impact issues. He stressed the need for all of us to work with AACo and CSA, in partnering with the 15 Counties for support from our legislators. Mr. Carlyon asked the Board to invite our legislators here, write to them, and to contact Senate President, Andy Biggs and Speaker of the House, David M. Gowan Sr. to ask for a joint appropriations hearing about what is happening to our counties and employees. Mr. Carlyon asked the Board to show our employees that we do care personally and to thank them individually. He asked all the elected officials to thank an employee today, because they are giving their all. Mr. Terry Hill, 2677 AZ Highway 77 in Shumway, addressed the Board regarding the priority goals for 2015 for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Hill indicted he brought these goals back from the Veterans of Foreign War's National Convention in Pittsburg, and he asked the Board to review these goals, to see where we stand on the national, state, county and local levels. Mr. Hill stated he is on the Department of Arizona's Veterans of Foreign Wars legislative committee and indicated he attends the legislative hearings the first three months of the year.

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes: a) July 14, 2015 Regular and July 16, 2015 Special b) Constable Reports: Winslow Precinct #2, May and June 2015 c) Tax exemptions filed pursuant to A.R.S. §42-11153 as a Request for Redemption of Waiver d) Resolution Number 27-15 accepting funds from the Gila River Indian Community for law enforcement vehicles e) Amended FY16 Fill the Gap grant application f) Contracts signed by County Manager pursuant to Board of Supervisors Resolution: Contract for Professional Service with Woodson Engineering & Surveying, Inc. and Contract for Professional Services with Roman Bitsuie: Supervisor Whiting made a motion to authorize the Chairwoman to sign the items in the consent agenda; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Navajo County Recognizes Sheila Malone (Board of Supervisors); Myrtle Pizell (Finance); Randall Keith (Sheriff); and Wylie Williams (Sheriff) for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations: Shirley Hunt, Care Committee member recognized Sheila Malone, Myrtle Pizell, Randall Keith and Wylie Williams for their excellent service to Navajo County. A short video of the employee recognition was shown. Ms. Hunt thanked each of the employees and honored them with a certificate of recognition. Randall Keith and Wylie Williams were not present.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Consideration and possible adoption of a Proclamation designating September 2015 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month": Chairwoman Whitesinger read the proclamation. Supervisor Williams made a motion to adopt the Proclamation designating September 2015 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- a. Personnel Service Awards: Congratulations to the following employees for their continued service to Navajo County: Dale Nielson (Superior Court) 5 Years; David Slocum (Assessor) 10 Years; Mary Springer (Finance) 10 Years; Tanya McCabe (Adult Probation) 20 Years; Darcey McKee (Health District) 25 Years; Keith Caldwell (Adult Probation) 25 Years; Donavon Rodriguez (Jail Operations) 5 Years; Tyson Bochinlonny (Jail Operations) 5 Years; Ernest Neff (Jail Operations) 5 Years; Arcenia Pacheco (Superior Court) 5 Years; Shirley Hunt (Public Defender) 10 Years; and Vincent Spurlock (Public Works) 20 Years: Kimberly Eavenson recognized Darcey McKee and Keith Caldwell for their 25 years of service to Navajo County; Tanya McCabe and Vincent Spurlock for their 20 years of service to Navajo County; David Slocum, Mary Springer and Shirley Hunt for their 10 years of service to Navajo County; Dale Nielson, Donavon Rodriguez, Tyson Bochinlonny, Ernest Neff and Arcenia Pacheco for their 5 years of service to Navajo County.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Kimberly Eavenson reviewed the 26 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the Personnel Action Report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Bill Bess, Interim Public Works Director introduced David Whitaker, the new Planning and Zoning Manager. Mr. Whitaker addressed the Board. **Supervisor Thompson** thanked Mr. Whitaker for joining the Navajo County team.

NAVAJO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT: Board of Directors Session: **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to enter into the Navajo County Public Health Services District **Board of Directors Session**; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA: Intergovernmental Rental Agreement between Navajo County Public Health Services District and the Kayenta Unified School District for classroom space for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$774.20 per month: Mary Herring discussed the item. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Consideration and possible approval of the distribution of Secure Rural Schools Act funding for FY2015 and any future funding (Linda Morrow): Item Pulled

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Consideration and possible approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Navajo County and Eve's Place: Roxanne Padilla, Victim Services Manager presented the item. Ms. Padilla spoke of the current safe houses in Navajo County and their funding. Ms. Padilla reported on the Victim Compensation Board which she chairs. Brad Carlyon, County Attorney spoke about some of the services provided and goals for this office. **Supervisor Whiting made a motion** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Navajo County and Eve's Place; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Consideration and possible acceptance of the FY2015 Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) Award: Catrina Jenkins and Mary Springer discussed the item. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** made comments. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to accept the FY2015 Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) Award; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. James Jayne spoke about Mrs. Springer's presentation to the LEAD team and in notifying our employees. Mrs. Jenkins reported on an emergency response exercise, which will be a joint effort for all emergency departments.

FINANCE: Consideration and possible approval of a change order to FCI Contract for additional scope of work to original project in the amount of \$109,404.00; Mary Springer presented the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve of a change order to FCI Contract for additional scope of work to original project in the amount of \$109,404.00; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. **Discussion and possible action regarding comments of the proposed annexation of Crimson Oak SLE #15-3 (proposed boundary change for the Pinetop Lakeside Sanitary District):** Bill Bess discussed the item. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the proposed annexation of Crimson Oak SLE #15-3 (proposed boundary change for the Pinetop Lakeside Sanitary District); motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. **NAVAJO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT Board of Directors Session:** **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to enter into the Navajo County Flood Control District **Board of Directors Session**; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Consideration and possible approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Navajo County Flood Control District and the Town of Snowflake for the Snowflake Industrial Park Flood Improvement Project:** Bill Bess discussed the item. **Supervisor Whiting made a motion** to approve the Amendment No. 3 to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Navajo County Flood Control District and the Town of Snowflake for the Snowflake Industrial Park Flood Improvement Project; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Thompson**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

SHERIFF: Consideration and possible approval of Department of Corrections Emergency Contract #16-0009-16 for housing of DOC inmates; Sheriff K.C. Clark discussed the contract with the Department of Corrections. He indicated that the contract is for a 6 month time period, and he indicated we will house up to 50 inmates, which will bring in additional funds. James Jayne thanked Sheriff Clark for his partnership. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve the Department of Corrections Emergency Contract #160009-16 for housing of DOC inmates; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Black** indicated he attended events which are promoting improved health in his district. He reported on the progress of the Red Dog graveling projects. **Supervisor Williams** thanked Paul Watson, Assistant County Manager and expressed appreciation to his fellow Board members. **Supervisor Williams** reported on the funeral service for Marlin Gillespie and on Mr. Gillespie's service to his fellowman and to his family. **Supervisor Thompson** spoke about his appreciation to Marlin Gillespie for being his mentor, and in serving together as Supervisors for the Board. **Supervisor Thompson** reported he met with Vice-President Jonathan M. Nez, of the Navajo Nation regarding funding for Navajo Nation roads, which include the Indian School Bus Routes. **Supervisor Thompson** reported that he and Homero Vela will attend the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles Division's Change of Command Ceremony, in which Colonel Kimberly M. Colloton will relinquish command to Colonel Kirk E. Gibbs, at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro, California. He indicated that the Army Corps is essential in supporting the Winslow Levee project. **Supervisor Whiting** spoke about the Board having a united voice at the state legislature, and indicated that he would like to work with staff and other elected officials on preparing meaningful talking points. **Supervisor Whiting** stated that working with and growing existing businesses, along with bringing new industries into our area, will generate additional jobs and revenues to Navajo County. He thanked all the Navajo County staff who assisted with the 24th of July Parade and those who attended

the Pioneer Days in Snowflake. **Supervisor Whiting** spoke about Mr. Gillespie and his service to Navajo County. He indicated that this Board stands on the shoulders of giants, like Mr. Gillespie and others who have served before us. James Jayne, County Manager, introduced the International County Managers Association's Capstone Group, who have made 3 visits to assist Navajo County, in becoming a more sustainable organization: Joe Grainger the group's leader, and Assistant Fire & EMS Chief for Stafford County, Virginia; Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant to the City Manager/Neighborhood & Community Services Director, City of Tacoma, Washington; and Heather Geyer, Administrative Services Director/PIO, City of Wheatridge, Colorado. The team is helping to look at the County's structure and to help reset the organization in support of long term planning to meet the county's future challenges. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** and the Board welcomed the ICMA team. Brad Carlyon, County Attorney reported that on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Hon-Dah Resort, the Family Advocacy Center is having its 3rd Annual Fashion Show, where the proceeds will go to help fund the center. He spoke about the State taking the HURF Funds allotted to the county. He indicated that the DPS is getting different vehicles and uniforms. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** reported on a fundraiser which raised over \$25,000 in scholarships to local Native American women. She expressed appreciation to the Navajo County staff for their support in painting the Headstart building and placing new tile inside the building. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** reported she attended the Cibecue Community Development Committee meeting, and she indicated that Cibecue is the 8th poorest community in the country. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** stated the Community Development Committee is looking for ways to revitalize their irrigation system, through grants and finding what is the most sustainable economic growth for their community; such as agriculture farming, alfalfa, livestock, and cattle ranching. **Supervisor Thompson** invited everyone to attend the upcoming tribal fairs.

ADJOURN: At 10:46 a.m. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

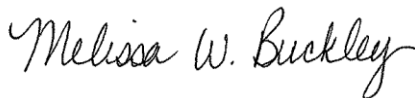
APPROVED:

DATED: August 11, 2015



**Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman
Navajo County Board of Supervisors**

ATTEST:



**Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk
Navajo County Board of Supervisors**