

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
Tuesday, February 23, 2016

PRESENT: Jesse Thompson, Vice Chairman; Steve Williams, Supervisor; and Dawnafe Whitesinger, Supervisor, were present in person. Jason Whiting, Chairman, and Robert Black, Supervisor were not present as they are attending the National Association of Counties Conference in Washington DC.

9:07 a.m. Call To Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was led by **Supervisor Williams**.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Minutes: February 9, 2016 and February 9, 2016 Executive Session b) Constable Reports: Holbrook Precinct #1, January; Winslow Precinct #2, January; Snowflake Precinct #3, December 2015 and January; and Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, January 2016 c) Justice Court Reports: Holbrook Precinct #1, January; Winslow Precinct #2, January; Snowflake Precinct #3, January; Kayenta Precinct #4, January; Show Low Precinct #5, January; and Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, January 2016 d) Clerk of Superior Court Report January 2016 e) Juvenile Probation Report January 2016 f) Approval of 7 Back Tax Land Parcels sold over the counter in the amount of \$7,288.70 g) Thank you letter to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise regarding FY2016 funding h) Reappointment for Michael Larsen & Robinson Honani beginning on April 1, 2016 and expiring on April 1, 2018 i) Letter of Support for the TRACKS and WOMOTA grant submission j) **Adopt Resolution Number 01-16**, approving Poll Workers for the 2016 Presidential Preference Election and May 17, 2016 Special Election k) City of Holbrook IGA with the Arizona Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety, Office of Manufactured Housing and Navajo County l) Town of Snowflake IGA with the Arizona Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety, Office of Manufactured Housing and Navajo County m) Re-appointment of Robert VanWyck as Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore to be effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 n) Sympathy letter to the family of Pete Shumway o) Letter to Legislators regarding Navajo County Budget Mobilization p) Letter of Support for Submission of Navajo Nation Promise Zone Application by Navajo Technical University (NTU) on behalf of the Navajo Nation: **Supervisor Williams 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 SUPERVISORS: Consideration and possible approval of a Proclamation declaring February 23, 2016 "Day of the Cougars": **Supervisor Williams** introduced the Show Low Jr. High School Wrestling Team and read the proclamation declaring February 23, 2016 "Day of the Cougars". **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the proclamation declaring February 23, 2016 "Day of the Cougars; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Williams** spoke about the young men on the Show Low Junior High Wrestling Team. Coach Clark thanked the Board for inviting the team to today's meeting and spoke about the season and the young men. **Supervisor Williams** presented each young man with a medal as they shared their name, weight class and their favorite takedown. **Vice Chairman Thompson** thanked the Show Low Junior High Wrestling Team for attending today.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Navajo County Recognizes **Catherine Solomon** (Health District); **Cindy Allen** (Assessor); **Denise Yazzie** (Facilities Management); and **Mary Terracina** (Clerk of the Superior Court) for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations; Shirley Hunt recognized Catherine Solomon, Cindy Allen, Denise Yazzie and Mary Terracina for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations. A short video of the employee recognitions were shown. Ms. Hunt

thanked the employees and honored them with a certificate of recognition. **Vice Chairman Thompson** thanked the employees for their service to Navajo County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

- a. **Personnel Service Awards:** Congratulations to the following employees for their continued service to Navajo County: **Bonita Chase** (Adult Probation) 15 Years; **Amber Jones** (Superintendent of Schools) 15 Years; **Robert Van Wyck** (Superior Court) 15 Years; **Anna Ash** (Pinetop Justice Court) 10 Years; **Alonna Larson** (Treasurer) 10 Years; **Katelin Lerma** (Clerk of Superior Court) 5 Years; **Ruth Hawk** (Treasurer) 5 Years; **Robin Simpson** (Public Works) 5 Years; **Vicky Solomon** (Health District) 5 Years; **Dustin Whipple** (Public Works) 5 Years; and **Scott Self** (Health District) 5 Years: Laura Carrell recognized those employees for their continued service to Navajo County. **Vice Chairman Thompson** thanked those employees for their continued service.
- b. **Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions:** Laura Carrell reviewed the 24-item personnel action report. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to approve the Personnel Action Report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Presentation regarding USDOJ initiative for Indian Country: **Supervisor Thompson** introduced Hope MacDonald Lone Tree, the Tribal Relations Advisory at the U.S. Attorney's Office, who gave a brief presentation regarding United States Department of Justice initiative for Indian Country. Ms. Lone Tree indicated that on this day, during World War II, the flag was raised on Iwo Jima and the Navajo communications that were flawlessly sent during that time. She spoke about a number of initiatives, including sexual assault response, violence against women and Reentry. She thanked Shanda Breed, Chief Probation Officer, for joining the United States Department of Justice on the Reentry initiative, specifically, on the Navajo Nation. She spoke about the number one reason for the Reentry initiative is public safety. She addressed the information in the packets that were handed out to each Board member. She indicated that the Reentry within Indian Country is proceeding, and she indicated that she is really excited about the work that is being done. Shanda Breed, Chief Probation Officer, Navajo County Probation Department, spoke about the partnership with the USDOJ and Community Corrections and the work being done in Navajo County. She spoke about a gap in Reentry when it comes to those offenders who are not on probation or parole who are going back into the community with no supervision or services. She further spoke about the Navajo County Criminal Justice Collaborative Committee. Ms. McDonald Lone Tree spoke about initiatives going on right now trying to help individuals reintegrate and be successful and about the work with three federal judges trying to push the effort with all of the federal agencies. She asked that she be invited back for a possible work session to discuss this information further. **Vice Chairman Thompson** made comments regarding Code Talkers and the needs of veterans. **Supervisor Williams** spoke about a story about a prison warden and the efforts he made to rehabilitate his prisoners. He thanked Ms. McDonald Lone Tree for her efforts. **Supervisor Whitesinger** had some questions about recidivism, which Ms. McDonald Lone Tree addressed. She indicated that the halfway houses are all in Phoenix and Tucson in Arizona, yet, the majority of the individuals returning home are in Northern Arizona. She spoke about a pilot project in the Concho area which began late last year. She talked about the work with the tribal governments to transition the individuals back to tribal land. **Vice Chairman Thompson** made comments about an activity coming up on April 1 for Navajo Nation Day. Ms. McDonald Lone Tree thanked the Board for inviting her here today.

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

- a. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Professional Services contract with Connie Baine, RDH, AP for Dental Hygiene services through the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation effective March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017 in the amount of \$45.00 per hour: **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented by the Navajo County Health District; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of a Professional Services contract with Menith Mackenzie, RDH, for Dental Hygiene services through the Navajo Nation Oral Health Program effective February 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$45.00 per hour: Mary Herring discussed the item. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve a Professional Services contract with Menith Mackenzie, RDH, for Dental Hygiene services through the Navajo Nation Oral Health Program effective February 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$45.00 per hour; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c. Consideration and possible approval of a Professional Services contract with Candice Marissa Matthews-Penrod, RDH, for Dental Hygiene services through the Navajo Nation Oral Health Program effective February 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$45.00 per hour: Mary Herring discussed the item. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve a Professional Services contract with Candice Marissa Matthews-Penrod, RDH, for Dental Hygiene services through the Navajo Nation Oral Health Program effective February 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$45.00 per hour; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
Supervisor Williams made a motion to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

TREASURER: Consideration and possible approval of abatements per A.R.S. §42-19118: Treasurer Manny Hernandez discussed the item regarding clearing six personal properties that have been moved or demolished. He spoke of the work that has been done with this program in conjunction with the Sheriff's office and the Assessor's office in cleaning up the tax rolls. **Vice Chairman Thompson and Supervisor Williams** thanked the Treasurer for the information and education. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to approve the items on the abatements per A.R.S. §42-19118; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Consideration and possible approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between Navajo County and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Open Platform for Emergency Networks (IPAWS-OPEN): Mary Springer discussed the use of IPAWS which will allow the use of radio, television and ADOT message boards in emergency situations. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Navajo County and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Open Platform for Emergency Networks (IPAWS-OPEN); motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. **Vice Chairman Thompson** thanked Ms. Springer for her work on this program. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Ms. Springer spoke about an event on March 5 at Cibecue Commercial Center from 10 – 2, signing people up for Ready Navajo County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement between Arizona Department of Housing and Navajo County: Olivia Todd indicated that the Arizona Department of Housing approved the FY15 funding in the amount of \$468,825.00 for 911 equipment upgrade project, which will be used to replace obsolete equipment and add two additional dispatch stations and necessary upgrades to the communications tower. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement between Arizona Department of Housing and Navajo County; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. County Financial Update: Bryan Layton gave a brief financial update. **Vice Chairman Thompson** made comments about the managing of the County budget and finding ways to partner with all departments. **Supervisor Williams** thanked Mr. Layton for providing regular updates to the Board.

PUBLIC WORKS: Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution Number 02-16, extinguishing a roadway easement as Sawmill Way across Tax Parcel Number 212-06-095A: Bill Bess discussed the extinguishment of the roadway easement at Sawmill Way and the work completed for the item. He indicated that there has been no opposition. Mr. Bess indicated that this extinguishment does not affect any existing utility easements. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to adopt **Resolution Number 02-16**, extinguishing a roadway easement at Sawmill Way across Tax Parcel Number 212-06-095A; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Whitesinger** reported on the National Board for Youth Conservation Legacy regarding providing core programs. She spoke about the strategic plan that they are currently working on with regard to measuring how students leave the program, including their stewardship of land and community and how to get young people to participate in these conversations. She reported on the County Supervisors' Association Board meeting. She reported on her meeting with the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council introducing the new voting equipment and the work Sunrise is doing. She also reported on the Sunrise Board of Directors meeting anticipating to have the zip line open for Memorial Day. There will be a contest on what to name the zip line open to the entire community. Check with Supervisor Whitesinger for more information. She reported on the First Things First meeting and the opening of a facility in Cibecue for early childcare services. **Supervisor Williams** reported on the Pinedale Clay Springs Library in Heber-Overgaard area and expressed his appreciation for the volunteers who make the libraries run. He reported on his meeting with the leaders in the Heber-Overgaard community and with the Chambers of Commerce at Tall Timbers Park and thanked Mr. Bess for being there. He attended the Heber-Overgaard Chamber meeting and the Small Counties Dinner at CSA, along with some legislators. He spoke of the bill for JTED funding which the Governor signed. He spoke of the good relationship Navajo County has with fellow supervisors and legislators to make that happen. He spent a day touring Forest Energy and spent time with leaders from the City of Show Low addressing economic development and also healthy forest and natural resources. He reported on a meeting with Regional Forester with **Chairman Whiting** and Paul Watson regarding ways to open up the forest more to industry. He reported that his son, Beau, who ran for Student Body President, did get elected. He reported that Kevin Brackney, former Superintendent of Show Low School District, passed away. He asked that the Board send a sympathy letter to Mr. Brackney's wife. **Vice Chairman Thompson** reported on the passing of former Navajo County Supervisor, Pete Shumway. He spoke of Mr. Shumway's life and his work within Navajo County. He further reported on school bus routes and the bill going through the state legislature for funding for that program to allow children to get to school. He further spoke of the fatalities and the need to fix those roads.

ADJOURN at 10:38 Supervisor Williams made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Supervisor Whitesinger. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

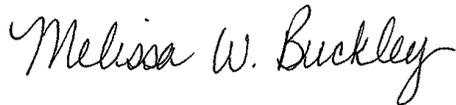
APPROVED:

DATED: February 23, 2016

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**Jason E. Whiting, Chairman
Navajo County Board of Supervisors**

ATTEST:

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