

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Tenney led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

PRESENT: Jesse Thompson, Chairman; Percy Deal, Vice-Chairman; J.R. DeSpain, Member; David Tenney, Member; Jerry Brownlow, Member; Mel Bowers, County Attorney; James G. Jayne County Manager, and Darlene Fraley, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Jack Latham 1151 E. Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, brought greetings from Congressman Renzi's office. He advised it is time for Academy nominations and packets must be submitted by October 31. He introduced Alan France who is an NPC intern in Congressman Renzi's office. Supervisor DeSpain expressed appreciation that Mr. Latham had contacted a potential Academy candidate to provide information on the application process. Supervisor Tenney welcomed Alan France and commended his involvement with Congressman Renzi's office.

Hugo Lusten, of Cedar Hills, provided Supervisor DeSpain documentation regarding the open range law, stating he would review documents provided to him by Supervisor DeSpain. Supervisor DeSpain submitted the documentation submitted by Mr. Lusten to Mel Bowers for his review.

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Voucher list for payment; b) Minutes—July 10, July 17, July 18, July 24, July 31, and August 7, 2006; c) Name an existing road in the Show Low area “Vaquero Road” in Section 33 Township 10 North - Range 22 East; d) Department of Economic Security Contract E5706009, Amendment 5; e) Justice Court Reports: Holbrook #1 July: **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to authorize the Chairman to sign the items in the Consent Agenda; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. **Public Hearing:** Consideration and possible approval by **Resolution Number _____ - 06** of the proposed Special Use Permit Extension request by Pearl Maurine Adams for APN 208-12-022 in Township 11 North, Range 19 East, Section 11 in the Clay Springs area: Telford Chapman advised the original special use permit for this parcel was issued in November 2005 and due to contracting issues and the Department of Motor Vehicles timelines it is necessary to request an extension of this permit. Mr. Chapman reviewed the original request and the extension advising that approximately 101 vehicles will be removed from that neighborhood. In response to a question from Supervisor Thompson, Mr. Chapman advised the operation is restricted to daylight hours. Chairman Thompson inquired if there are any public comments and there were none. Supervisor Tenney inquired if any cars have been crushed to date and Mr. Chapman stated they had not as DMV has issues with the original contractor and Mr. Adams has spent a considerable amount of time finding a contractor that would do the work. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve by **Resolution Number 82 - 06** the proposed Special Use Permit Extension request by Pearl Maurine Adams for APN 208-12-022 in Township 11 North, Range 19 East, Section 11 in the Clay Springs area; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous with Supervisor DeSpain absent for the vote.
- b. **Public Hearing:** Consideration and possible approval by **Resolution Number _____ - 06** of the Conceptual Master Site Plan request by Voyager at White Mountain Lake, LLC for the proposed White Mountain Lake Development with recommended stipulations for APN: 304-11-002, 024A, B, C; 304-11-029; 304-16-002E, G, H, J, K, L; 304-16-006, 007A, 008; 304-92-002B, C, D, J, K; 304-92-006, 007, and 007A in Township 11 North, Range 22 East, a portion of Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15 of the Gila and Salt River Meridian in the White Mountain Lakes area: Telford Chapman provided a vicinity map of the area advising that it is approximately 1500 acres total and that Isaac Isaacson is present today to answer any questions. He reviewed the staff report as presented including all staff comments, the Planning and Zoning Commission approval

recommendation and stipulations as included in the resolution. He advised that previous to this meeting they had received a letter from Charles Wenger regarding access to the lake that he had previously enjoyed. Chairman Thompson inquired if that individual was present at the Planning and Zoning hearing and Mr. Parsons stated that he was, his comments were considered and that individual now has a better understanding of the project. Doug Brimhall of Murphy Engineering addressed the board on behalf of the owner advising this master plan has fewer lots than the original master plan approved many years ago. He discussed the project map advising of progress on individual projects. He advised the first focus of this project will be around the lake and the creek. Supervisor DeSpain stated he appreciates Mr. Isaacson's cooperation with the county and thanked ex-Supervisor Shumway for his assistance. Supervisor Deal inquired how the State land in the middle of the development is used and Mr. Brimhall stated there is no public use of this; there is an easement for the sewer and spillway with a railroad right-of-way. In response to a question from Mel Bowers regarding the total number of units, broken down by multi-family and family, Dusty Parsons reviewed the Conceptual Master Plan specifically outlining these units. Lem Cook of the White Mountain Lake area advised that in 1982 the county required the developer to conceptually master plan White Mountain Lake. He was enthused about the layout then and is more impressed with this new one which is about 80% the density planned in 1982. He expressed support for this project, stating the area has been improved by Mr. Isaacson's project where he has addressed eyesores. John Hagar of White Mountain Lake area stated he is neither for nor against the project but requests that the county closely monitor flood control issues. He stated they used to have landscape where water soaked in but now they have roads. He discussed the recent rains and resulting flood issues. Mr. Parsons advised the flooding area was on two prior approved projects and repairs are being made. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve approval by **Resolution Number 83 - 06** of the Conceptual Master Site Plan request by Voyager at White Mountain Lake, LLC for the proposed White Mountain Lake Development with recommended stipulations for APN: 304-11-002, 024A, B, C; 304-11-029; 304-16-002E, G, H, J, K, L; 304-16-006, 007A, 008; 304-92-002B, C, D, J, K; 304-92-006, 007, and 007A in Township 11 North, Range 22 East, a portion of Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15 of the Gila and Salt River Meridian in the White Mountain Lakes area; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion.

- c. Consideration and possible acceptance of the filing of the petition requesting establishment of Cherry Hills Drive, Meteor Drive, Continental Drive, Mercury Lane, Wellfield Road and South Sagebrush Drive as submitted as county highways and set the public hearing at 9:00 a.m., October 2, 2006: Dusty Parsons advised that in the past asphalt millings were put on these roads and they held up all right but they are now requesting asphalt to minimize maintenance. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to accept the filing of the petition requesting establishment of Cherry Hills Drive, Meteor Drive, Continental Drive, Mercury Lane, Wellfield Road and South Sagebrush Drive as submitted as county highways and set the public hearing at 9:00 a.m., October 2, 2006; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow. Supervisor DeSpain expressed appreciation for this support. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- d. Consideration and possible approval of extinguishing a portion of a 66' Right of Way which underlies 43rd Avenue in the City of Show Low: Dusty Parsons advised this Right of Way was deeded to the county in 1920 by someone who did not have the right to do so and today's action will correct that issue. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to extinguish a portion of a 66' Right of Way which underlies 43rd Avenue in the City of Show Low; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain; vote unanimous approving the motion. Supervisor Tenney made a motion to amend his motion to approve this extinguishment by **Resolution #84-06**; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain; vote unanimous approving the motion.
- e. Scotts Pine Tract A Improvement District: Board of Directors' Session: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to enter into a Scotts Pine Tract A Improvement District Board of Directors' session; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain; vote unanimous approving the motion.
 - i. Consideration and possible approval of Assessment Diagram showing all lots and parcels to be assessed with their assigned assessment numbers: Dusty Parsons advised the assessment diagram is being brought forward for approval and he is pleased that the assessment came in much lower than the assessment estimate. Mr. Terry Myers, 5333 Grey Wolf Drive, stated he came for a public hearing that was advertised

but is not on the agenda but he is interested in the assessment district. Supervisor Thompson advised that the item he was interested in was pulled from the agenda. Mr. Meyers asked questions regarding the paving of Wild Game Trail and Mr. Bowers advised this item would be on a future agenda and could not be discussed in this meeting but he is free to discuss this issue with the Public Works director. **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to approve the Assessment Diagram as presented; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion

- ii. Superintendent of Streets notification of the recording of the Assessment for the District: Dusty Parsons advised that this action has now been taken.
- iii. Consideration and possible approval of Resolution Number _____ - 06 setting hearing on assessment for October 23, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.: Supervisor Brownlow made a motion to approve by **Resolution Number 85 - 06** setting the hearing on the Scotts Pine Tract A Improvement District assessment for October 23, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain. Dusty Parsons advised that the Board approves the assessment diagram with the indicated assessments and following this process, the assessment is mailed to the homeowner and the homeowner can appeal the assessment on October 23rd. Mel Bowers confirmed this is how the statute outlines the process. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

Supervisor Tenney made a motion to return to regular session; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow ; vote unanimous approving the motion.

- f. Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Show Low for a lease for Navajo County office facilities: Dusty Parsons advised that by November 1, the county must be out of the Cooley facility. He discussed the lease space that will be provided for Planning and Zoning and the Justice Courts, stating the County will pay the utilities, with the exception of water and sewer, and the rent amount is \$1.00 per year. Supervisor Tenney made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Show Low for a lease for Navajo County office facilities; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion. Supervisor Brownlow thanked Supervisor Tenney for his recent attendance at the Show Low City Council meeting where he explained the county's position.
- g. Consideration and possible authorization for the Public Works Department to do a Design Build Procurement Process and request Statements of Qualifications for the extension of an existing box culvert on Cholla Lake Road and the replacement of culverts on Ski Hi Road: Dusty Parsons discussed the Design Build Procurement process, advising that these two projects would be done as two separate processes. Supervisor DeSpain encouraged the board's support of these projects discussing traffic restrictions at Cholla Lake Road. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to authorize the Public Works Department to do a Design Build Procurement Process and request Statements of Qualifications for the extension of an existing box culvert on Cholla Lake Road and the replacement of culverts on Ski Hi Road, as two separate projects; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion.
- h. Consideration and possible approval to transfer \$45,000 from the General Fund to the Special District Revolving Loan Fund in order to make a \$45,000 loan to the Fawn Brook Domestic Wastewater Improvement District of Navajo County for engineering services, subject to approval of the loan documents by the County Attorney, authorizing the Chairman to sign the loan documents when they have been approved: Dusty Parsons advised that this district is not eligible for Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) and it is at the stage where it must have an engineer's approval to move the project forward. He advised that the loan from the county would be paid back with interest at the assessment stage. Supervisor Tenney inquired how long it would be from the issuance of the loan until payback and Mr. Parsons stated it could be as long as four years. He stated if this district does not go forward, homeowners would still be assessed for all debt incurred including this \$45,000 plus interest, which would be assessed at the rate that the funds would earn if they were being invested. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to transfer \$45,000 from the General Fund to the Special District Revolving Loan Fund in order to make a \$45,000 loan to the Fawn Brook Domestic Wastewater Improvement District of Navajo County for engineering services, subject to approval of the loan documents by the County Attorney, authorizing the Chairman to sign the loan documents when they have been approved; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow. Supervisor Deal inquired if the funds are in the budget and James Jayne

stated that Mr. Menlove has identified the account number and the funds are available. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

ELECTIONS: Consideration and approval of the Official Canvass of the 2006 Primary Election conducted September 12, 2006: Supervisor Thompson announced this item would be continued to a special meeting to be conducted September 21, 2006 and this item would be the only item on the agenda.

RECORDER: Presentation of Voter Registration and Early Voting information: Recorder Laurette Justman distributed information regarding voter registration and advised the board of deadlines related to registration, early ballot requests, and early voting. She discussed the process to request an early ballot including phone calls and on-line requests and the voter registration process that includes on-line registration. Supervisor DeSpain inquired how many early ballots were cast in the Primary and Ms. Justman advised there was a very low turnout in the Primary and only about 680 early ballots were cast. Ms. Justman encouraged all to exercise their right to vote and encouraged early voting. In response to a question from Supervisor Brownlow, Ms. Justman stated that if a voter requested an early ballot for the primary, they must also request an early ballot for the general election if they wish to vote early. Supervisor Deal inquired if there were problems resulting from the ID requirements during the Primary and Ms. Justman stated she believes that most voters are aware of the ID requirement.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Consideration and possible action related to emergency response to BIA route issues: Chairman Thompson advised that the recent major rainfall caught the reservation off-guard. Supervisor Deal expressed appreciation to Dusty Parsons and James Jayne regarding their response to the emergencies in Blue Gap, Low Mountain; and Whippoorwill areas and in the Pinon Unified School District. He advised that some roads have gone beyond repair. He stated the purpose of the discussion is to immediately re-open these roads so emergency responses can be made for public safety, so that school and public travel will not be interrupted. He said it is hard to justify what has occurred as an emergency since it might not fit the definition yet people in the situation do see it as an emergency. He stated he would like the board to authorize the county manager and public works director to consider these requests without having to enter into emergency sessions of the board. He advised that the BIA, who has primary responsibility, has expended this fiscal year's resources and they are now utilizing next fiscal year personnel account to pay for maintenance in these areas. He stated he is not looking for a resolution today but is looking for direction of how to resolve this issue without violating a State statute. Supervisor Deal expressed appreciation to Pinon Unified School District for accommodating county staff through use of equipment, housing, meals, and guides and also expressed appreciation to Jack Latham of Congressman Renzi's office. He introduced Evelyn Meadows of Pinon Unified School District and invited her to address the board. Ms. Meadows conducted a power point presentation that depicted resulting damage from recent storms to the roads, washes, culverts and land erosion and discussed the related costs including manpower and diesel. She displayed pictures of buses stuck in the mud resulting in children not returning home until late in the night. She advised that when the roads become impassable there is no school. She displayed pictures of equipment that needs repair and the lack of appropriate equipment. Supervisor Thompson discussed the past agreement with the schools to maintain their roads and how they can no longer do so and inquired if the county has a couple of graders available that can be taken to a problem area for immediate maintenance. Mr. Bowers advised that discussion would be limited to those roads that are BIA maintained and those that are not and compared this situation to the south end of the county where similar restrictions would exist unless there is an immediate danger to life. Mr. Bowers stated that only this body can declare an emergency and that authority can not be delegated. In response to a question from Supervisor Deal about the school bus route roads, Mr. Bowers advised the county can only expend funds on non-BIA routes in the event of a true public emergency. He stated that numbered roads are eligible for the expenditure of county funds but the county can not maintain others except in an emergency to go in and address serious public safety issues. Chapter Officials, Bessie Allen, Leo Shepherd, and Ms. Meadows reviewed pictures of all the bus routes for Pinon Unified School District. Supervisor Deal advised most culverts pictured are culverts the county has purchased in the past. Ms. Meadows spoke on behalf of the students, Pinon superintendent, and the chapter, expressing appreciation to

Navajo County, supervisors, county manager and the county road department. Chairman Thompson advised that during the first emergency the county went up to offer assistance and he is still receiving calls of request for assistance and technical advice to address road problems. He advised that in several areas, graders did work on those roads and with the next rain the same situation occurred.

Eddie Arthur stated he is representing Pinon and Hardrock Chapter and Navajo Nation Council, discussing the school bus route conditions around Pinon, Chinle, Black Mesa, Low Mountain and Blue Gap. He advised the BIA has done maintenance all these years but is now unable to maintain these roads because of budget cuts. He stated the BIA has only 4 graders and 4 operators to take care of the entire Chinle Agency which is a huge area resulting in them being unable to maintain all these roads. He reported the poorly maintained bus routes have resulted in no choice but to let students walk home when buses get stuck. He advised that many culverts are covered with silt and when the bridge is down there is no way for students to get across. He expressed appreciation to Navajo County for the recent equipment usage. He reported that an agreement is in place in the Shiprock area for county roads that extend into Apache County for the county to work on those roads and he is hopeful that a similar agreement can be reached with Navajo County. He reported he has been working on surveys to clear an area for a Navajo County road yard and hopes to make a future presentation on this to the board.

Bessie Allen thanked the board for the recent assistance and advised that it is still difficult to deliver education in northern districts during inclement weather. She said the districts are charged by the Federal and State government to deliver education yet transportation is taking a toll on the school districts. She said she would appreciate Navajo County reaching out to come to an agreement with the BIA and Navajo Nation to complete more paved roads.

Chairman Thompson expressed appreciation for these comments and advised the County Manager and Public Works Director are working with legal counsel to come to an agreement. He said that during the emergency, every effort was put forward to provide assistance to these communities. He stated he and county staff meet periodically with the BIA Chinle, Ft Defiance and Tuba City and Navajo Nation Department of Transportation officials in an effort to reach out to as many organizations as possible to improve the transportation system. He commended Jack Latham for carrying the pleas from Low Mountain to Congressman Renzi to fund the re-design of roads.

Supervisor Deal stated that in those instances where roads are washed out and culverts are floating away, the solution is to replace culverts and despite the seriousness of the need to repair roads, sometimes culverts may be available immediately. He advised that Federal regulations prohibit detouring around a washout so that buses and public safety vehicles can move along; therefore there must be changes to allow quick emergency repairs. He advised that the Navajo Nation Council has formed a committee to address that by asking the Federal government to give a waiver of repair requirements in a situation where an emergency declaration has been issued to permit a temporary by-pass, stating the matter will soon come before Congress and the Navajo Nation needs help addressing those concerns. He cited one emergency repair where a drop was 6-7 feet deep and Dusty Parsons had to wait for a BIA crew to make a slight by-pass. rns.

Supervisor Deal advised the reason for this presentation was to provide a visual of the conditions that exist during an emergency, stating he would never request an emergency session unless there are major safety issues. He said if statute mandates that declaring an emergency can not be delegated, he understands that. He expressed appreciation to the board for consideration of this issue and to those who traveled to present. Supervisor Tenney thanked Supervisor Deal for this presentation, stating it gave him a better understanding of these emergencies. He and Supervisor DeSpain expressed appreciation for Mr. Bowers' counsel on this issue. In response to a question from Supervisor DeSpain, Supervisor Deal reported that he does not know if the Nation has a five-year transportation plan but understands they do have a plan that reflects what the BIA should do for five or ten years with BIA money and there is a policy to collect a fuel tax and 100% of that money is used for road-related purposes with a lot of these roads being public yet are not as Mel described. Supervisor Brownlow requested that Jack Latham carry the

message to Congressman Renzi that the federal government is not living up to its responsibility; that these are not county roads and never were and the federal government was responsible to maintain those roads. Jack Latham stated that Congressman Renzi is very interested in this issue and has made numerous trips to investigate this, advising there has been a 37% reduction in funding this year and they are facing future cuts. He requested a copy of the pictures.

Bessie Allen advised she is also on the Chinle Agency Roads Committee and a school bus route in the Four Corners area was on a bill presented in Congress and in that bill the Arizona Congressional district did not get funds, yet New Mexico and Utah did. She discussed measures this committee is taking to improve roads to help schools throughout the school year.

The supervisors thanked Supervisor Deal and Chairman Thompson and those who came from the north to present.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions including annual leave accrual changes for 2006-2007: Karen Bray reviewed the items contained on the personnel action report. **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to approve Personnel Actions including annual leave accrual changes for 2006-2007 and authorize the Chairman to sign the report; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote. Karen Bray presented the changes in the annual leave accrual rates that include 87 changes and Supervisor Brownlow clarified that report was included in the motion; Supervisor Tenney advised his second included that report.

NAVAJO COUNTY WIA: Consideration and possible approval of proposed IGA with Gila County allowing Navajo County to utilize \$10,000 in Rapid Response monies to provide business services in Navajo and Apache County: Gail Sadler stated that the funds from this proposed IGA would support staff providing these services. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve the Intergovernmental agreement with Gila County allowing Navajo County to utilize \$10,000 in Rapid Response monies to provide business services in Navajo and Apache County; seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote.

PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT: BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SESSION: Supervisor Tenney made a motion to enter into the Public Health District **Board of Directors' session**; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote. **Consideration and possible approval of Amendment #7 of Contract #HG354355 with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the Tobacco Education /Prevention Program for 7/31/06 to 6/30/08:** Dr. Wade Kartchner introduced Darcey McKee who presented the amendment stating the changes are related to what the contractor provides; advising the changes are in media presentation with no further outside contracts for media on this issue as it will be handled by an in-house employee. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve Amendment #7 of Contract #HG354355 with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the Tobacco Education /Prevention Program for 7/31/06 to 6/30/08; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote. **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

a. **Discussion and possible approval of Designation of Applicant's Agent, "Official Authorized to Sign" for State Homeland Security Grant Program:** Larry Dunagan advised this request is to authorize him to be the official signer for all Homeland Security Grant paperwork, that previous to this year this had not been a requirement. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve **Resolution Number 86-06** designating Larry Dunagan as Applicant's Agent, "Official Authorized to Sign" for State Homeland Security Grant Program; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote.

- b. Discussion and possible approval of the Navajo County Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP): Larry Dunagan reviewed the need for the COOP plan stating that six departments still must submit their plans. **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to approve the Navajo County Continuity of Operations Plan; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain. Supervisor DeSpain expressed appreciation for the work that went into this effort. He requested and received clarification that changes will be made on a continuing basis as personnel and circumstances change. Vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote.
- c. Report on the Full Scale Exercise scheduled September 22, 2006: Larry Dunagan advised the North Region Full Scale Exercise, a highway based terrorism incident, is scheduled at the Fair Grounds this Friday. He reported there are over 400 responders and outlined the participating agencies. He stated the scenario begins at 9:00 and ends at 2:00 and anyone wishing to observe should contact him or Ms. Hill at their office.

NAVAJO COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT: BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SESSION: Consideration and possible acceptance of the Library District's 2006 Library Services and Technology Grant, "Local Newspapers Online" for \$11,000; **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to enter into the **Navajo County Library District Board of Directors' session**; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote. Geneva Durkee reported that the library receives requests from all over the nation for newspaper articles from several years back and this application will allow creation of approximately 30 years of newspapers on-line in a pdf format to allow people to research documents on their own. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to accept this grant as presented; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by Supervisor Brownlow; vote unanimous approving the motion with Supervisor Deal absent for the vote

PUBLIC WORKS: : Lone Pine Dam Bridge Design Concept Report, project update and consultant presentation to hear public comments: Dusty Parsons introduced the consultants Karl Obergh, Josh Nies of Ritoch Powell, Dan Heller of T.Y.-Lin International, David Phelps of J2 Engineering, and Mike Langley of EcoPlan & Associates. Karl Obergh reported they have been involved in the Lone Pine Dam Bridge project and the Arizona Department of Water Resources indicated that another 100 year event could washout the dam and classified it unsafe. He stated that Southwest Traffic is conducting the traffic impact analysis and upon completion of all studies, a 400' bridge will be constructed to the south over Show Low Creek in addition to approximately 0.6 miles of new roadway with a total budget of \$5.5 million. He stated they are currently in Design Concept Report and Environmental Design Report stage and reviewed the Design Concept Report process advising the goal is to minimize the length and width of bridge to minimize expense. He displayed a digital rendering of the project, discussing criteria used to arrive at this rendering. He reported they are ahead of the original DCR schedule with the original contract time 300 days. He stated that two public meetings are required by FHWA; one prior to the initial design concept report and another prior to final design concept report. In response to a question from Supervisor DeSpain, Dusty Parsons advised they are still working on the traffic impact analysis but his estimate would be over 500 vehicles per day use the bridge. Karl Obergh stated they must look at 25 years down the road when this could be used as a bypass form SR 77. Supervisor Tenney inquired when three alignments would become the recommended choice. Karl Obergh stated they designed alignments according to ADOT requirements and in the DCR process they need a minimum of three considering feasibility, constructability and the ability to be maintained. Supervisor Tenney inquired if an alignment chosen is the one Pete Shumway wanted and was told that was correct. Supervisor Tenney requested that gratitude be conveyed to Congressman Renzi for his help on this project as it would not have happened without his support. Dusty Parsons advised they will have a ground breaking and dedication ceremony and will invite the Congressman to the ceremonies. Chairman Thompson invited public comment and there was none.

BOARD BUSINESS: Supervisors discussed projects, activities, and issues impacting their districts including meeting with Under Secretary of Agriculture Mark Rey about the White Mountain Stewardship project and Woodland Park, the largest attendance crowd in the history of the fair, building renovations at the fairgrounds,

appreciation for board support, staff response and equipment use for emergency situations in the northern part of the county, appreciation for Congressman Renzi’s support in many areas, supervisors’ future attendance at the CSA Legislative Summit in Prescott, and 9-11 memorial activities in different districts. James Jayne expressed appreciation for board support of his attendance at Penn State, presenting an article about the Penn State Way that could be adapted to become the Navajo County Way.

At 1:55 p.m., **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor DeSpain and carrying unanimously.

APPROVED:

DATE:

Jesse Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board