

**NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Present in the Navajo County Board of Supervisors' Conference Room at 100 E. Carter, Holbrook, Arizona: James Jayne, County Manager; Mel Bowers, County Attorney; Lance Payette, Chief Deputy County Attorney; Gary Butler, County Sheriff, Bernard Huser, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Tim Zarembo, Division Commander; Dusty Parsons, Public Works Director; and Lorinda Brown, Deputy Clerk of the Board. Chairman J.R. DeSpain, Supervisor Percy Deal, Supervisor Jesse Thompson, and Supervisor David Tenney participated by telephone through a speaker phone in the Conference Room that made all meeting discussion and action audible for participants and audience members. Not participating: Supervisor Jerry Brownlow

At 4:00 p.m., Chairman DeSpain called the meeting to order.

County Attorney Mel Bowers advised this emergency meeting is authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.02(D) due to welfare-threatening emergency conditions in unincorporated areas of the county caused by recent weather conditions. This is the result of an unusually warm storm that dropped a lot of rain in Navajo County resulting in heavy snow melt and unanticipated run-off. As a result the county has experienced flooding conditions which requires immediate action by the Board as stated in the agenda. The Board was further advised that a resolution of the Navajo Nation was passed yesterday declaring a state of emergency on the Nation due to extreme inclement weather conditions caused by recent heavy snow and rain. There was discussion of similar emergency conditions in other areas of the county including Hopi Tribal lands. Supervisor Deal asked for a clarification of the term "unincorporated areas" which was given by the Chief Deputy County Attorney Lance Payette who then proceeded to read the Resolution.

Consideration of a resolution of the Navajo County Board of Supervisors declaring a flood emergency in the unincorporated areas pursuant to ARS § 26-311: **Supervisor Deal** expressed his appreciation to Mel Bowers and Lance Payette for their efforts in drafting the resolution then **made a motion** to approve **Resolution Number 11-08** declaring a flood emergency in the unincorporated areas of Navajo County affected by the current severe weather; **motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson**; vote unanimous approving the motion.

Supervisor Deal indicated that District I has several areas of concern including broken water lines leaving 28 families without water for three days as well as severe complete washouts on certain roads where assessments are being completed. Supervisor Thompson stated that District II has severe muddy road issues and that the Little Colorado River is being watched for flooding. Supervisor Deal said Kayenta School Superintendent Larry Wallen has asked for a coordination meeting between the government entities and requested the Public Works Director be in attendance.

At 4:20 p.m., **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to adjourn; **motion seconded by Supervisor Deal**; vote unanimous approving the motion.

APPROVED:

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**J.R. DeSpain, Chairman**

DATE:

**April 15, 2008**

ATTEST:

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**Clerk of the Board**