

NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 26, 2009

PRESENT: J.R. DeSpain, Supervisor; David Tenney, Supervisor; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor; and Jerry Brownlow, Chairman are present. Jonathon Nez, Supervisor is present appearing by video conference.

9:07 a.m. Call To Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: David Shondee, Counsel Delegate for Kayenta Chapter, addressed the Board regarding the new experience of the video conference. Supervisor Nez recognized Daniel Peaches, NPC Governing Board Member, whom addressed the board regarding the new video conference system.

CONSENT AGENDA: a) Constable Reports: Winslow Precinct #1, April; Snowflake Precinct #3, April; Pinetop Precinct #6, April, 2009 b) Annual July 4th fireworks display to be conducted on the southwest corner of the Navajo County Complex c) Sympathy letters for Delford and Charlene Wauneka and Johnathan Roes d) Tax exemptions filed pursuant to A.R.S. §42-11153 as a Request for Redemption of Waiver for 16 properties e) Cell Phone Stipend Changes f) University of Arizona Services Agreement (Cost Reimbursable) for Navajo County Forest Health and Fire Mitigation 2009-2010 not to exceed \$65,000.00 g) Letters of Congratulations to Alex Morgan and Jacob Cluff for receiving the Eagle Scout Award

Supervisor DeSpain made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the items on the Consent Agenda as presented; motion seconded by Supervisor Nez. Vote unanimous approving the motion. David Tenney discussed consent agenda item g. Supervisor Thompson and Chairman Brownlow thanked Supervisor Nez and the Justice of the Peace Susie Nelson for being present by video conference.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Gail Calisen reviewed the 26 item Personnel Action Report. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve the Personnel Action Report as presented; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of a Proclamation Declaring May 26, 2009 the Day of the Lady Mustangs: Supervisor Nez discussed the item. **Supervisor Nez made a motion to** approve Proclamation declaring May 26, 2009 the day of the Lady Mustangs; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Supervisor Nez made a presentation to the Lady Mustangs. Coach Robert Nash and Monument Valley High School Athletic Director Jacob Holiday made comments regarding the season and congratulated the Lady Mustangs. The Lady Mustangs sang Happy Birthday to Supervisor Nez.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of a Proclamation Declaring March 20, 2009 the 100-Year Anniversary of the Navajo National Monument: Supervisor Nez discussed the item. **Supervisor Nez made a motion to** approve Proclamation declaring March 20, 2009 the 100-Year Anniversary of the Navajo National Monument; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Supervisor Nez made a presentation to the staff of the Navajo National Monument. Supervisor Thompson thanked the Superintendent of the Park and congratulated them on their 100-year anniversary.
- c. Recognition of Retiring Chief Deputy Assessor, Lola Sibcy: Lola Sibcy was recognized for her years of dedicated service to Navajo County.
- d. Quality Emulsions and Navajo County Recognizing Excellence: Laura Sanchez was recognized for her outstanding work with the Recorder's Office.
- e. Navajo County Cost Cutting Award: Perry Denton, Larry Ponikvar and Kelly King were recognized for their cost savings ideas totaling \$53,000 to date.
- f. Certificate of Appreciation for Linda Kor, Tribune News, for her time and commitment in covering Navajo County events: Linda Kor from the Holbrook Tribune News was recognized for her diligence in reporting in Navajo County.

ELECTIONS: Consideration and possible approval of the Official Canvass of the May 19, 2009 Spring General Election: Lisa McKee discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. Brad Carlyon indicated that there will be a mandatory recount. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve the official canvass of the May 19, 2009 Spring General Election; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Vote unanimous approving the motion

FINANCE/PURCHASING:

- a. Consideration and possible adoption of the fiscal year 2010 Special District Fee Schedule: James Menlove and Cris Parisot discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to adopt the fiscal year 2010 Special District Fee Schedule; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible adoption of the fiscal year 2009/2010 fee schedule for the Navajo County Recorder's Office: Cris Parisot discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to adopt the fiscal year 2009/2010 fee schedule for the Navajo County Recorder's Office; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c. Consideration and possible adoption of the fiscal year 2009/2010 fee schedule for the Navajo County Election's Office: Cris Parisot discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to adopt the fiscal year 2009/2010 fee schedule for the Navajo County Election's Office; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- d. Consideration and possible authorization for Mary Springer to be the point of contact for Navajo County for the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG): Mary Springer discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve authorization for Mary Springer to be the point of contact for Navajo County for the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- e. Consideration and possible approval of funding in the amount not to exceed \$27,055 from District II Local Transportation Assistance Fund II (LTAF II) for the purchase of a minivan for the Southwest Veterans Organization: Mary Springer discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve funding in the amount not to exceed \$27,055 from District II Local Transportation Assistance Fund II (LTAF II) for the purchase of a minivan for the Southwest Veterans Organization; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- f. Consideration and possible approval of technical assistance contract for Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) to provide administration for Owner Occupied Housing Project for a portion of the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) administration costs not to exceed \$28,800: Mary Springer discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to approve the technical assistance contract for Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) to provide administration for Owner Occupied Housing Project for a portion of the Community Development Block Grants administration costs not to exceed \$28,800; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of a policy for the Secure Rural Schools Funding administered by the Navajo County Finance Department: Dusty Parsons discussed the item and answered question of the Board. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve a policy for the Secure Rural Schools Funding administered by the Navajo County Finance Department; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of the request from Heber-Overgaard Schools for assistance in the construction of a multi-purpose room at the Mogollon High School in the amount of \$100,000 from District IV Secure Rural Schools Funding: Dusty Parsons discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the request from Heber-Overgaard Schools for assistance in the construction of a multi-purpose room at the Mogollon High School in the amount of \$100,000 from

District IV Secure Rural Schools Funding; motion seconded by Supervisor Nez. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- c. Presentation on the Sitgreaves Communities Wildfire Protection Plan and information on the future prescribed fire planning and implementation in the Rodeo-Chediski burn area: Lloyd Wilmes made a presentation on the Sitgreaves Communities Wildfire Protection Plan and answered questions of the Board. Steve Campbell gave the Board information on the future prescribed fire planning and implementation in the Rodeo-Chediski burn area and answered questions of the Board.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Consideration and possible approval of the Navajo County Emergency Response and Recovery Plan: Tommy Price discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion to** approve the Navajo County Emergency Response and Recovery Plan; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution Number _____-09 authorizing an application the Greater Arizona Development Authority (GADA) for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$2,710,000.00, pursuant to Title 41, Chapter 10, Article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes: Homero Vela discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 41-09** authorizing an application to the Greater Arizona Development Authority for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$2,710,000.00 pursuant to Title 41, Chapter 10, Article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of Amendment Number 3 to the Supplying & Delivering Liquid Asphalt Products, Contract #B07-06-025 with Hawker & Evans Asphalt, Co. which would allow automatic price adjustments based on the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) publications "Price Adjustment for Bituminous Material" for that particular month: Homero Vela discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion to** approve Amendment Number 3 to the Supplying & Delivering Liquid Asphalt Products, Contract #B07-06-025 with Hawker & Evans Asphalt, Company which would allow automatic price adjustments based on the Arizona Department of Transportation publications "Price Adjustment for Bituminous Material" for that particular month; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c. Consideration and possible approval of funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,403.18 from District III Local Transportation Assistance Fund II (LTAF II) for vehicle repair expenses for Holbrook First Step: Homero Vela discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion to** approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,403.18 from District III Local Transportation Assistance Fund II (LTAF II) for vehicle repair expenses for Holbrook First Step; motion seconded by Supervisor Tenney. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- d. Consideration and possible approval of funding in an amount not to exceed \$14,500 from District IV Local Transportation Assistance Fund II (LTAF II) for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, White Mountain Area Post 9907 cost share for the purchase of a new van: Homero Vela discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion to** approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$14,500 from District IV Local Transportation Assistance Fund II (LTAF II) for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, White Mountain Area Post 9907 cost share for the purchase of a new van; motion seconded by Supervisor Nez . Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- e. *Consideration and possible approval of funding in an amount not to exceed \$38,789.40 from District I Local Transportation Assistance Fund II (LTAF II) for the purchase of a Suburban for the Kayenta Chapter County Attorney Brad Carlyon indicated that the Board cannot do a motion because it was not properly placed on the agenda. Supervisor Nez indicated that he wanted the Suburban to go to the Kayenta Township and the letter received was from the Kayenta Chapter. Mr. Carlyon indicated that Supervisor Nez would need to submit a new agenda item.

BOARD BUSINESS: Report from Board Members: Supervisor DeSpain gave a report from District III. Supervisor DeSpain indicated that he was grateful for the rain and reported on the CSA meeting. Supervisor Tenney gave a report from District IV. Supervisor Tenney gave a brief report on the State budget. Supervisor Thompson gave a report from District II. Supervisor Thompson indicated his support of the Southwest Veterans Organization. Supervisor Nez gave a report from District I. Supervisor Nez indicated that he is thankful for the rain and for the opportunity to appear by video conference. Susie Nelson, Justice of the Peace, thanked the Board for the video conference. Chairman Brownlow gave a report from District V. James Jayne gave a report from the County and thanked Supervisor Tenney and Rod Ross for telling our story given the budget problems.

Recessed at 11: 15 for lunch.

Reconvened at 1:05 for Budget Hearings

BUDGET HEARINGS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

All proposed budgets available for review through the Finance Department.

James Menlove thanked Supervisor Tenney and Rod Ross for the continuing information of the State Budget. James reviewed the fiscal year 2009/2010 Budget Guidelines adopted by the Board on February 10, 2009. He indicated that the budget presentation is presented up on the projector so that each department can view. Mr. Menlove reviewed the budget worksheet report.

Facilities Management: Dan Hinz acknowledged his team for their efforts. Mr. Hinz reviewed the Facilities Management budget. He reviewed the savings and indicated an overall decrease in their budget

Elections: Elections Director Lisa McKee reviewed the Elections budget and advised that the fee schedule approved today would affect the 2010 primary and general elections.

Navajo County Public Health: Board of Directors' Session: Supervisor Thompson made a motion to enter into the Navajo County Public Health Board of Directors' Session; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Dr. Wade Kartchner highlighted the significant impacts on the budget for this fiscal year. He further reviewed the two new grants for the Public Health District. He further reviewed the cuts that the District sustained. Dr. Kartchner indicated that the Winslow Department is now finished and was done with the help of inmates. James Menlove discussed the tax rate. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion to return to regular session;** motion seconded by supervisor DeSpain. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

Information Technology: IT Director Robert Heming reviewed the Information Technology budget and indicated that it is 10% below last year.

Legal Defender: Legal Defender Alan LoBue indicated that his office continues to push cases through. Mr. LoBue reviewed the Legal Defender's budget.

Navajo County Library District: Board of Directors' Session: Supervisor DeSpain made a motion to enter into the Navajo County Library District; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Geneva Durkee indicated that she will continue to provide more services online for staff and the public. She reviewed the Library District's budget and answered questions of the Board. James Menlove recommended that the tax rate should remain at five cents. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion to return to regular session;** motion seconded by Supervisor Nez. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

Public Defender: Public Defender Leonard Brown indicated a decrease of staff. He further reviewed the budget for the Public Defender's office. Mr. Brown thanked Laree Saline.

Public Fiduciary: Public Fiduciary Sherry Reed indicated that the Public Fiduciary budget stayed the same. She thanked the Board for the approval of the increase in indigent burial fees.

Workforce Investment Act: Workforce Investment Act Director Judy Bratcher spoke about her program and what they do. She indicated the addition of the stimulus money and further reviewed the budget.

Public Works: Public Works Director Homero Vela discussed the items of Planning and Zoning and included discussion of the revenue.

Navajo County Flood Control District: Board of Directors' Session: Supervisor DeSpain made a motion to enter into the Navajo County Flood Control District Board of Directors' Session; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Mr. Vela discussed the Flood Control District budget. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by Supervisor Nez. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

Supervisor DeSpain made a motion to enter into Little Colorado Flood Control District; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Homero discussed the budget for the Little Colorado Flood Control district. **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by Supervisor DeSpain. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

Public Works Director Homero Vela discussed the budget for Public Works. He proceeded to itemize and explain the total revenue line items in the Public Works budget. He then explained the expenses. Mr. Vela indicated that there are 76 employees in Public Works.

ADJOURN: At 3:55 p.m. **Supervisor DeSpain made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

APPROVED:

DATE: June 9, 2009

Jerry Brownlow, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk of the Board

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