

**NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, February 14, 2012**

**PRESENT:** David Tenney, Supervisor; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor; Jonathan M. Nez, Supervisor; Jerry Brownlow, Supervisor; and J.R. DeSpain, Chairman were present.

**9:07 a.m. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** The Navajo County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard posted the colors and Chairman DeSpain led the Pledge of Allegiance. Former Supervisor Lewis Tenney gave the Invocation.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** a) Minutes: January 10 and January 24, 2012 b) Justice Court Reports: Holbrook #1, January; Winslow #3, January; Snowflake #3, January; Kayenta #4, January; Show Low #5, January; and Pinetop #6, January, 2012 c) Clerk of the Superior Court Report, January 2012 d) Juvenile Justice System Report, January, 2012 e) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Sheriff's office for \$74,000 in funding for overtime for watercraft details or patrols f) Renewal of the First Knolls Cinder Pit lease with the USFS, located along SR60 and First Knoll Drive (USFS Road 9710), renewal for 5 years to 2016 g) Appointment to the Navajo County Republican Committee of the following as Precinct Committeemen to fill existing vacancies in their respective precincts: Clayton Jack Howard h) Letters to Senator John McCain and Senator Jon Kyl regarding support of Senate Bill 885 – Indian School Bus Route Safety Reauthorization Act of 2011 i) Sympathy letters to Maxine Rose, Andi Hill and Linda Morrow j) Letter to Governor Brewer regarding Arizona's Centennial: **Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to authorize the chairman to sign the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Brownlow**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

- a. **RSC Rental Corporation and Navajo County Recognizing Excellence:** Linda Morrow recognized Amber Jones for her contributions to the Superintendent of Schools Office and the schools in Navajo County. Amber was not present. Linda Morrow will present Amber with a certificate of appreciation.
- b. **Navajo County recognizes George Rockwell:** Chairman DeSpain and Supervisor Thompson recognized George Rockwell with a certificate and Navajo County pottery for touching the lives of many high school students for the past 50 years. Mr. Chris Gilmore, principal of Winslow High School spoke about Mr. Rockwell and his accomplishments at Winslow High School. Mr. Rockwell spoke about his time teaching at Winslow and indicated that Supervisor Jesse Thompson was a former student of his. He spoke of his former students, his family and his friends. Mr. Rockwell thanked the Board of Supervisors for this event. Chairman DeSpain recognized the School Superintendent of Winslow, Mr. Watson and Mr. Rockwell's children for attending the ceremony. Supervisor Thompson spoke of his education, teachers and former students from Winslow High School. He further thanked Mr. Rockwell for the caring and thought he gave for teaching each of the students at Winslow High School. Supervisor Thompson wished Mr. Rockwell well.

The Board then recognized James Menlove of the Finance Department as February 15 is his birthday. Mary Springer of the Finance Department thanked James Menlove for his leadership. The Board sang Happy Birthday to Mr. Menlove.

**Personnel Service Awards:** The following individuals were recognized for their years of service to Navajo County; Madeline Hernandez 5 years; Michala Ruechel 5 years; Daniel Deets 5 years; David

Burke 5 years; Alysia James 5 years; Corban Davis 5 years; Brett Johnson 5 years; Garrett Williams 5 years; Patricia Fenex 10 years; and Robert Price 10 years. The employees were unable to attend the awards ceremony. Each individual will receive a certificate of appreciation and a Navajo County pin.

- c. History of Navajo County-Presentation of Statehood Day: Hunter Moore gave a brief presentation of the History of Navajo County and Presentation of Statehood Day. Mr. Moore thanked the Honor Guard and former Supervisor Lewis Tenney for the opening ceremony. The presentation highlighted the beauties of Navajo County, benefits of living in the area, and the primary industries in the County. Hunter discussed the contribution of the Native American tribes to Navajo County as well as how each of the Cities within Navajo County were named and the meaning of the City names. Hunter discussed the ways Navajo County has contributed to making Arizona the State that it is today. Navajo County is happy to celebrate Arizona's Centennial. Mr. Moore thanked the Board and the opportunity to be a part of Navajo County. He also stated that there are many families who took part in making Navajo County what it is today and thanked those families for their contributions to the County.
- d. Introduction of former Navajo County Elected Officials: Chairman DeSpain introduced John Dalton a former Supervisor and he was also with the Planning & Zoning Commission; former Supervisor Dalton spoke of his tenure with the County. Former Supervisor Lewis Tenney spoke of his service and the privilege to do work for the people of Navajo County. He also served as the CSA President and the National Board of the Association of Counties. Former Supervisor and former Sheriff Marlin Gillespie was with Navajo County since 1957. He spoke of his tenure with the County. Mr. Gillespie retired as Sheriff as 1985 and served as a criminal investigator with the Public Defender's office before running for office of Board of Supervisors. Former Navajo County Recorder Jay Turley who started in 1969 spoke of the old machines used to record documents and discussed his retirement in 1999. Mr. Turley stated that Navajo County has treated him and his family very well. Supervisor Jesse Thompson spoke in appreciation of the former Elected Officials, the presentation of the History of Navajo County and the presentation of Statehood Day. Chairman DeSpain further recognized the current Elected Officials, Manny Hernandez, Treasurer; Cammy Darris, Assessor; Laurette Justman, Recorder; Linda Morrow, School Superintendent; and Brad Carlyon, Attorney. Each of the Elected Officials spoke briefly thanking the former Elected Officials and the current Board of Supervisors. Chairman DeSpain thanked the former Elected Officials that led the way for all the others. Supervisor Jerry Brownlow also thanked the former Elected Officials. Supervisor Nez thanked the former Officials for being present and the opportunity to serve. Supervisor Tenney thanked the former Elected Officials and spoke of his tenure and his mentors. Supervisor Thompson spoke again about his gratitude for those that came before him. James Jayne thanked the Turley's and all the former Elected Officials. Mr. Jayne spoke of his love of Navajo County.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: David Coolidge reviewed the 23 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to authorize the Chairman to sign the personnel action report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

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

- a. Professional Services Agreement between Navajo County Public Health Services District and Connie Baine, Registered Dental Hygienist to complete services for the Regional Oral Health Coordinator contract with the Arizona Department of Health Services from February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013

b. Amendment #2 to the Emergency Preparedness Program Contract #ADHS12-007893

**Supervisor Thompson made a motion** to approve the items in the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. 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.

**TREASURER:** Consideration and possible approval of abatement of personal property taxes: Manny Hernandez discussed the item. The abatement cleans the tax rolls for mobile homes or manufactured homes that have been burned, torn down, or demolished. Statute 4219118 states when the County Treasurer, County Sheriff and County Attorney are unable to locate both the personal property on which taxes have been assessed and the person owning the property after a diligent search by the Sheriff, the tax may be deemed uncollectable pursuant to this section. Mr. Hernandez brought to the attention of the Board an additional item on a back property located in Winslow that the County Assessor was able to take off three years of taxes. The County Assessor is only able to remove up to three years property taxes. Mr. Hernandez requested that the Board remove two additional years of taxes, 2006 and 2007. The dollar amount for the removal of taxes is \$5.00 and \$4.00 respectively. The request for the abatement of the tax is because the property is condemned and a parcel number should have not been created. Manny Hernandez answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Brownlow made a motion** to approve the abatement of personal property taxes; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Update on the Navajo County Five Year Strategic Plan: Mary Tyler was unable to attend the meeting; Cris Parisot gave an update on the Navajo County Five Year Strategic Plan. Ms. Parisot thanked the Board for their support of the plan stating that the entire County has embraced the Strategic Plan. A press release regarding the Jail Annex in Show Low mentioned the Strategic Plan setting a great example for the County and how Strategic Plan goals are linked to everyday activities. Cris thanked Lois Fleener and David Coolidge of Human Resources for rolling out the Strategic Plan to each new employee during orientation. Four general sessions with approximately 60 attendees each were held to discuss the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan team reached over 200 people through the meetings. The next step in the Strategic Plan is for each department to create individual Strategic Plans and link the department plans to performance measures for the upcoming fiscal year 2012-2013.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Update on Department Goals and Performance Measures – Strategic Plan Update: Homero Vela thanked the former elected officials and spoke of the Strategic Plan. The department has shared the Strategic Plan with 100% of the individuals in Public Works. The team is motivated and developing goals which align with the mission statement and values set by the County. Trent Larson discussed the Strategic Plan goals for Flood Control and Code Enforcement. Greg Loper reviewed the Strategic Plan goals for Planning & Zoning. Chairman DeSpain thanked both Trent Larson and Greg Loper for the excellence they are reaching in their departments. He stated the Board of Supervisors is proud of the County employees and the hard work they do for the County.

Chairman DeSpain acknowledged Elected Official Deanne Romo, Clerk of the Court, and congratulated her as they did with the other Elected Officials. Deanne Romo spoke briefly and thanked the past Elected Officials. Chairman DeSpain gave thanks to Deanne Romo for her work as Clerk of the Court.

**COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE:** Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: Supervisor David Tenney spoke of meetings at the Legislature; he further spoke of the Small Counties Dinner that Navajo County is hosting. Supervisor Tenney discussed meetings with Legislators and current bills under

discussion. Supervisor Thompson spoke of the Legislators and the Navajo Nation tribes. Supervisor Nez spoke about the moisture up North and is looking forward to the work that is being done by the State Legislature. Supervisor Brownlow spoke of the Centennial Celebration, HURF Shifts and thanked Homero Vela for the presentation he gave regarding HURF funds. James Jayne thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reported on his upcoming meetings. Mr. Jayne thanked Linda Morrow for her leadership with United Way in the Northeast Region as well as those Elected Officials who have helped. Brad Carlyon thanked the County employees for support of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Arizona; spoke of meetings regarding cross certification, a scheduled seminar at Solterra regarding elder abuse, meetings in Washington, D.C., and Phoenix. Mr. Carlyon was recently appointed to be on the Executive Committee of (APAAC) Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council where he chairs the Personnel Committee. Chairman DeSpain thanked the Board of Supervisor's staff for all that they do; thanked Officer Larson for being present from the Sheriff's office; and thanked Hunter Moore, Mayor Jeff Hill with members of the Hashknife Pony Express who along with himself presented a plaque in Scottsdale to Secretary of State Ken Bennett commemorating the Hashknife Pony Express.

Linda Morrow thanked the Board of Supervisors for the beautiful plant and all the kind remarks about her mother. Chairman DeSpain wished Linda and her family the best in the upcoming weeks.

**ADJOURN:** At 10:53 a.m. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Supervisor Nez. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**APPROVED:**

**DATE: February 28, 2012**

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**J.R. DeSpain, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Melissa W. Buckley - Clerk of the Board**

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