

**NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MNUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Jonathan M. Nez, Supervisor; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor; Jason E. Whiting, Supervisor; Steve Williams, Supervisor; and Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman were present.

**9:08 a.m. Call To Order:** Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by **Supervisor Nez**.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Joyce Hill on behalf of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary indicated that in April of 2014 the Arizona Legislature declared March 29<sup>th</sup> of every year, as Vietnam Veterans Day. Mrs. Hill reported that to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War and to honor our Vietnam War Veterans, the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW is hosting a Welcome Home Recognition Luncheon to the Veterans and their guests on March 29, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 9907, at 381 N. Central Avenue in Show Low. Mrs. Hill gave an invitation to each board member and James Jayne, County Manager.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** a) Minutes: February 10, 2015 b) Clerk of Superior Court Report January 2015 c) Juvenile Probation Report January 2015 d) Constable Reports: Holbrook Precinct #1, January; Show Low Precinct #5, January; and Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, January 2015 e) 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 2015 f) Contract amendment for Johnson Walzer & Associates for Jail Support Services in the amount of \$3,000 g) 2015 Board Committee Appointments h) Employee Assistance Program Services Agreement i) Maximum special district indirect cost allocation fee to 10% of the special district's tax levy beginning with the FY15 cost allocation fees (based off of FY13 activity and FY13 tax levy) j) Appointment of Don Berry as an alternate member to the Navajo County Planning & Zoning Commission for District IV k) Name an existing unnamed road in the Show Low/Linden area to "Ember Place" in Section 4, Township 10 North, Range 21 East l) Letter to Senator Sylvia Allen regarding State Budget m) **Resolution Number 05-15**, extending the agreement between the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside and Navajo County Government for the Lease of Justice Court Facilities: **Supervisor Nez made a motion** to authorize the Chairwoman to sign the items in the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

- a. Consideration and possible approval of a Proclamation declaring February 24, 2015 "Day of the Cougars": **Supervisor Williams** recognized the Show Low Junior High School wrestling team for winning the State Championship. Coach Tim Williams spoke about the team and their accomplishments, including one of their matches receiving a perfect score of 108-0. Every wrestler pinned their opponent during one of the tournaments. He spoke of their season and thanked the support of the parent's, the booster club and the community. **Supervisor Williams** spoke about the coaches and how they have taught the team to be champions both on and off the mat. **Supervisor Williams** read the proclamation to the team. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the Proclamation declaring February 24, 2015 "Day of the Cougars"; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Williams** presented each team member with a medal.
- b. Presentation to Tanner Isaacs for his thoughtful actions at Show Low Junior High School: **Supervisor Williams** introduced Tanner Isaacs, who is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Class President and the Student Body President at Show Low Junior High School. Tanner Isaacs reported to the Board of his goals to uplift his fellow students. For Valentine's Day, Tanner Isaacs wanted to give 285 girls at his school a rose. He worked to

find sponsors to fund the purchase of the roses. A card was handed out with each rose that stated “self-love, self-worth and self-respect.” Tanner Isaacs stated the boys also received a pep talk on how to treat girls with respect. **Supervisor Williams** expressed appreciation to Tanner for his character and inspiration. **Supervisor Whiting** thanked Tanner for his example and leadership. **Supervisor Nez** commented that he appreciates Tanner’s leadership and inspiration. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** indicated what an honor it is to recognize Tanner and his parents for raising a great young man and to recognize the value of the young women and men in his school. **Supervisor Williams** presented Mr. Isaacs with a certificate, a rose and a Navajo County mug filled with candy.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** Navajo County Recognizes **Catrina Roe** (Emergency Management); **Jill Montoya** (Adult Probation); **Anne Brown** (Health Department); and **Brenda Quiroz** (Health Department) for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations: Shirley Hunt recognized Catrina Roe and Jill Montoya. She indicated that Anne Brown and Brenda Quiroz were not present. A short video of the employee recognition was shown. Ms. Hunt thanked each of the employees and honored them with a certificate of recognition, a \$50.00 gift card and a leaf to put on the employee recognition tree.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- a. Personnel Service Awards: Congratulations to the following employees for their continued service to Navajo County: **Michele Duran** (County Attorney) 15 years; **Thomas Ortega** (Superior Court) 10 years and **Tanisha Gamez** (Juvenile Detention) 5 years: Kimberly Eavenson recognized Michele Duran for her 15 years of service to Navajo County; Thomas Ortega for his 10 years of service to Navajo County; Tanisha Gamez for her 5 years of service to Navajo County.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Kimberly Eavenson reviewed the 28 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Nez made a motion** to approve the personnel actions as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

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

- a. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - i) Subcontract for Nutrition Services between Navajo County Public Health Services District and St. Michaels Association for Special Education effective October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$25,056.00:
  - ii) Subcontract for Nutrition Services between Navajo County Public Health Services District and Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc. effective October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$13,577.00:
  - iii) School Facilities and Equipment Use Request between Navajo County Public Health Services District and Ganado Unified School District for rental of classroom space effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$729.00/month for an annual total of \$8,748.00:
  - iv) Amendment #1 of Contract #ADHS14-071223 with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the Sexual Transmitted Disease (STD) Program for January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$9,375.00:

Mary Herring, Public Health Director indicated that the consent items are on a continuing nature. **Supervisor Nez made a motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Heather Sponseller, RDH for Dental Hygiene services through the Arizona First Things First, Navajo Nation, Oral Health

Fluoride Program effective February 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$45.00/per hour: Mary Herring discussed the item. **Supervisor Whiting made a motion** to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Heather Sponseller, RDH for Dental Hygiene services through the Arizona First Things First, Navajo Nation, Oral Health Fluoride Program effective February 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$45.00/per hour; motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Nez made a motion** to enter into regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**FINANCE:**

- a. Consideration and possible approval of a contract with Clarus Companies, LLC in the amount of \$36,000 for professional legislative services (\$3,000 monthly): Mary Springer discussed the item. **Supervisor Whiting** made comments about the help of the Clarus Companies. **Supervisor Whiting made a motion** to approve the contract with Clarus Companies, LLC in the amount of \$36,000 for professional legislative services (\$3,000 monthly); motion seconded by **Supervisor Nez**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. County Finance Update: Paige Peterson presented the County Finance Update. **Supervisor Nez** asked about the county half cent sales tax. Mr. Jayne indicated that we are just behind what our projection was. **Supervisor Nez** thanked Mr. Jayne for the information.

**SHERIFF:** Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution Number 06-15, supporting and approving the grant application submitted to Gila River Indian Community for purchase of three (3) replacement patrol vehicles totaling \$146,321.16: Sheriff KC Clark discussed the item and requested support of the resolution and submission of the grant application. **Supervisor Nez made a motion** to adopt **Resolution Number 06-15**, supporting and approving the grant application submitted to Gila River Indian Community for purchase of three (3) replacement patrol vehicles totaling \$146,321.16; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. Mr. Jayne thanked Sheriff Clark for his vision and leadership for going out and searching for these dollars.

**COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE:** Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager: **Supervisor Williams** reported on attending the CSA Board meeting, and the NRWG meeting, which will benefit him with addressing matters within his district. Mr. Jayne commented that **Supervisor Williams** has also met with the Planning & Zoning Commissioners within his District. **Supervisor Whiting** reported on the Mexican Wolf issues and the meetings he attended regarding the subject. He reported on attending the REAL AZ meeting and discussing economic development in the region. One important topic is the Apache Railway and how it continues to receive emphasis. **Supervisor Whiting** discussed a meeting with LPC and Governor Ducey's office and felt encouraged by the open dialogue. He spoke of attending the NRWG meeting which he is the Chairman of the committee. The committee is made up of forest officials, Navajo County Supervisors and members of the private sector, who are involved in addressing forest matters. **Supervisor Nez** thanked staff, Melissa, Debra, Sheila, Jimmy, Homero and Bill for all they do in supporting the Board members and commented that he appreciates the hard work of the team. He discussed the amount of snow received in areas of the reservation. **Supervisor Nez** appreciates the blessing of moisture in the region and thanked the staff who assists with maintaining the roads. He commented on the election date, scheduled for April 21, 2015 for the Navajo Nation presidential election which he has accepted the vice president nomination for Russell Begay. The Oath of Office will be on May 12, 2015. **Supervisor Nez** commented that **Supervisor Thompson** is in Washington DC attending the NACo conference, representing Navajo County. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** spoke of attending the NRWG meeting, and thanked former Supervisor Tenney for being a great supporter to the group. The group is made up of a lot of organizational players involving the forest service, the timber

industry and several natural resources companies, the biomass industries all organizations that are impacted by the forest and which **Supervisor Whiting** graciously accepted the Chairman seat of the NRWG working group. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** spoke about the Small Counties Dinner Forum with all Small Counties Supervisors and staff. She spoke about attending a meeting today with Community Coalition on substance abuse and about working to partner with other organizations in supporting and recognizing these types of issues within tribal communities. Some of the fun things are working with Gardens for Schools and raising dollars to help support the schools on developing gardens and seeing some of the garden goods making their way into the school cafeterias. Another fun project is Arizona Books for AZ, another committee **Chairwomen Whitesinger** serves on. The committee reaches out to Public Schools and Tribal Communities to get books out to children. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** wanted to acknowledge the volunteers who will be building an awning on the McNary Library tomorrow and stated she is so grateful to them for helping support community initiatives. Mr. Jayne gave an update on Mr. Carlyon and **Supervisor Thompson** attending the NACo Conference in Washington. Mr. Jayne commented that Mr. Carlyon had the opportunity to lay a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. **Chairwoman Whitesinger** indicated that she is grateful for our representation in Washington D.C.

**ADJOURN:** At 10:17 a.m. **Supervisor Nez made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whiting**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

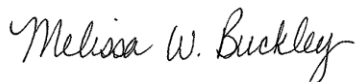
**APPROVED:**

**DATED: March 10, 2015**



**Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman  
Navajo County Board of Supervisors**

**ATTEST:**



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