

**NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Dawnafe Whitesinger, Supervisor; Robert K. Black, Jr., Supervisor; Steve Williams, Supervisor; and Jesse Thompson, Vice-Chairman, were present in person. Jason E. Whiting, Chairman, was absent.

**9:00 a.m. Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was led by **Supervisor Whitesinger**.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** James Menlove presented the FY17 budget book. He thanked Olivia Todd for her work on the budget book. He stated that the budget book can be viewed on the Navajo County website. **Supervisor Thompson** acknowledged the work done on the budget book. **Supervisor Williams** thanked Mr. Menlove and his staff.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** a) Minutes: September 13, 2016 b) Constable Reports: Holbrook, Precinct #1, August; Winslow, Precinct #2, August; and Pinetop-Lakeside, Precinct #6, August 2016 c) Adoption of **Resolution Number 17-16**, cancelling the election for the Navapache Hospital District d) Adoption of **Resolution Number 18-16**, cancelling the election for the Timber Mesa Fire District, Heber/Overgaard Fire District, and Joseph City Fire District e) Adoption of **Resolution Number 19-16**, cancelling the November 8, 2016 election for the Clay Springs Domestic Water Improvement District, Joseph City Domestic Water Improvement District, Ponderosa Domestic Water Improvement District, Woodruff Domestic Water Improvement District, and Wonderland Acres Domestic Water Improvement District f) Adoption of **Resolution Number 20-16**, cancelling the election for the Joseph City Sanitary District and Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District g) Adoption of **Resolution Number 21-16**, cancelling the election for the Northland Pioneer College Community College District Governing Board District #2 h) Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Navajo County Recorder and the Porter Creek Domestic Water Improvement District, Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District and Timber Mesa Fire i) Approval of Attorney General's Office Agreement #2017-049 for \$19,400.00 for Victims' Rights program j) Arizona State Land Right of Way #14-117892 granting Navajo County a 50 year term easement for a 375 foot section of White Mountain Lake Road crossing State Land k) Letter to the United States Department of Justice l) Installation of 2 new 25mph speed limit signs on Ricochet Ranch Road m) Purchase (2) two used tractor trucks in an amount not to exceed \$99,999.99 n) **\*\*Special Event Liquor License for White Mountain Firefighter Foundation on September 30 and October 1, 2016 at the Pinetop Lakes Equestrian Center:** **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the items in the consent agenda; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** Navajo County Recognizes **Delford Wauneka** (Facilities Management), **Rebecca Smith** (Pinetop Justice Court), **Kelly King** (Public Works), and **Lenis "Lenny" Luchtel** (Public Works) for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations: Olivia Todd recognized those employees for their excellence in personal performance. A short video was played. Each employee was presented with a certificate and an engraved leaf. Each employee will also receive a \$50 gift certificate. Olivia Todd spoke about the raffle of a wreath made by Catrina Jenkins, with all proceeds going to the Winslow Cancer Support Group which is a nonprofit group in Winslow that provides rides and support to those battling cancer. **Supervisor Thompson** thanked all the employees recognized and also thanked Catrina Jenkins. **Supervisor Williams** thanked those employees for their excellence in personal performance.

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

- a. Personnel Service Awards: Congratulations to the following employees for their continued service to Navajo County: Catherine Solomon (Health District) 5 years, Torel Nichols (County Attorney) 5 years, Mary Terracina (Clerk of Superior Court) 5 years, Caleb Davis (Sheriff) 15 years, Lynae Foshee (Snowflake Justice Court) 15 years, Jackie Walker (BOS/Admin) 15 years, Tammy Phillips (Superintendent of Schools) 20 years, and Delton Jenkins (Facilities Management) 30 years: Katherine Wright recognized those employees for their continued service to Navajo County. **Supervisor Thompson** thanked each employee for their help in the growth of Navajo County.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Katherine Wright reviewed the 23-item personnel action report: **Supervisor Black made a motion** to approve the Personnel Action Report as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- a. Consideration and possible acceptance of the resignation of Dave Wood as Constable of Precinct #3, effective September 30, 2016: Melissa Buckley advised the Board that on August 10<sup>th</sup>, she received a letter from Constable Wood indicating that he would like to resign his position and requested that the Board of Supervisors accept Constable Wood's resignation. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to accept the resignation of Dave Wood as Constable of Precinct #3, effective September 30, 2016; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Williams** thanked Constable Wood for his years of service.
- b. Congratulations to Dave Wood, Constable of Precinct #3 on his retirement: **Supervisor Williams** indicated that **Chairman Whiting** was sorry he could not be present today. **Supervisor Williams** presented a certificate of retirement and a set of coasters to Constable Wood. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** congratulated Constable Wood on his retirement and thanked him for his service. Ms. Buckley expressed appreciation to Constable Wood for his service to Navajo County.
- c. Consideration and possible appointment of Constable of Precinct #3 to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacant office: Ms. Buckley advised the Board that there were two letters of interest received for the appointment of Constable of Precinct #3 from Keith Fish and Sam Grimes and indicated that both candidates are Republicans and reside in Precinct #3. Keith Fish addressed the Board regarding his experience and qualifications. He expressed appreciation to Constable Wood. Constable Wood addressed the Board in support of Mr. Fish. Sam Grimes addressed the Board regarding his experience and qualifications. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** thanked both candidates for their interest. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to appoint Keith Fish as Constable of Precinct #3 to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacant office; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Consideration and possible approval of a Proclamation declaring October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Navajo County: Lynda Young requested that the Board recognize the Domestic Violence Awareness proclamation and spoke of the statistics of domestic violence and the devastating consequences of domestic violence. Ms. Young read the proclamation. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to approve the Proclamation declaring October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Navajo County; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** stated that domestic violence is not part of a healthy family and expressed sympathy for all those who get caught up in domestic violence situations. Brad Carlyon spoke of the staggering statistics of domestic violence. He said that off-reservation Navajo County averages three deaths a year due to domestic violence. He stated that combatting domestic violence takes prosecution, incarceration, education, and resources available for treatment. He spoke about the good organizations throughout the County which partner with law enforcement to educate. He stated that on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., they will be kicking off an educational campaign at the old Historic Courthouse in

Holbrook and will light up the old Courthouse in the color purple, which is the color of domestic violence. Mr. Carlyon thanked the Board for their support in helping with issues such as domestic violence. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** indicated that we need to look to our parents, grandparents and close relatives to look for signs of domestic violence. **Supervisor Williams** thanked Mr. Carlyon and his office for their efforts. **Supervisor Whitesinger** thanked Mr. Carlyon and his office and spoke about looking out for our neighbors, friends and family members and to pay more attention due to the victims oftentimes not reaching out. **Supervisor Black** thanked Mr. Carlyon and indicated that his cousin runs the shelter in Kayenta and spoke about what she goes through to help the victims that are coming to her and what she went through. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**ELECTIONS:** Consideration and possible adoption of **Resolution Number 22-16, Change Polling Place for Dilkon**; Laura Sanchez discussed the item indicating that the voters would be able to go to one polling place to vote for two important elections happening on the same day. She stated that there are 15 united polling places in the Navajo Nation at this time. Ms. Sanchez indicated that there is currently a signed agreement with the Navajo Nation and that she will be meeting with the Navajo Nation Election Commission tomorrow. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** thanked Ms. Sanchez for the work that she has done to ensure voter outreach. **Supervisor Black made a motion** to adopt **Resolution Number 22-16, Change Polling Place for Dilkon**; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

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

**AGENDA:**

a) Approval of Amendment #1 of Professional Services contract with Pinnacle Prevention effective March 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 changing the not to exceed amount of \$2,960.00 per month to \$10,000.00 per month:

b) Approval of Professional Services contract with Pinnacle Prevention for nutrition and breastfeeding consultation for high-risk women, infants and children enrolled in the Navajo and Apache County WIC Programs as well as provide nutrition education for staff effective October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 for a fee not to exceed \$5,750.00 per month:

c) Approval of Amendment #4 of Contract #ADHS15-094982 with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the Healthy People Healthy Communities grant for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$514,108.00:

**Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the consent agenda; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**Supervisor Williams made a motion** to move out of the Navajo County Public Health Services District Board of Directors Session and into the Joseph City Street Lighting District Board of Directors Session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**JOSEPH CITY STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT: Board of Directors Session: CONSENT AGENDA:**

Letter to Arizona Public Service changing billing information for Joseph City Street Lighting District to Navajo County: James Menlove asked for approval. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the letter to Arizona Public Service changing billing information for Joseph City Street Lighting District to Navajo County; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**Supervisor Williams made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution Number 23-16, approving/denying a zone change from Rural-20 to Rural-5 on 15 parcels comprising approximately 238.7 acres within Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 23 East, of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, in the Show Low area: Bill Bess discussed the item. Mr. Bess indicated that surrounding parcels have been notified, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 7-1 at the meeting on August 18, 2016, and no one appeared in opposition at that meeting. Mr. Bess indicated that the staff report shows more information. Peggy Saunders addressed the Board regarding the notification of parcels owners, indicating that 15 parcels wanted the zoning change, 7 parcels did not respond; one parcel indicated no zone change; 2 did not want their zoning changed but did not care about the others, and one wanted his zoning changed but did not respond with the proper paperwork. Ms. Saunders indicated that only those who indicated that they wanted their zoning changed will be affected if approved. Mr. Bess spoke about the surrounding state land and private property and that the 300-foot notification was extended into the private sector land. He stated that the original survey done was in 1970 and revised in 1971 and the zoning ordinance was adopted in 1974 but was not recorded until 1977; and that had it been recorded prior to 1974, these lots would have been grandfathered in. **Supervisor Williams** asked about the location of the property. Mr. Bess explained where the property is located, further indicating that this property is within District III. He stated that the zone change will allow people to build a structure on a 5-acre property when they could not before. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** opened the public hearing, and there being no comment, closed the public hearing. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to adopt **Resolution Number 23-16** approving a zone change from Rural-20 to Rural-5 on 15 parcels comprising approximately 238.7 acres within Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 23 East, of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, in the Show Low area; motion seconded by **Supervisor Williams**. **Supervisor Black** asked why the two parcel owners said no. Ms. Saunders indicated that one wanted to sell her property in one piece; however, this zone change will not impact her parcel. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- b. **NAVAJO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT Board of Directors Session:** **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to enter into the Navajo County Flood Control District; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Community Rating System Recertification Letter: Bill Bess discussed the item indicating that this is a report to help reduce the citizens' flood insurance rate and stated that this will put us at a rating of 8 which is a 10% savings on citizens' insurance rate. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** indicated that this is our way of reaching out to our citizens to reduce insurance costs. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to approve the Community Rating System Recertification Letter; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE:** Report from Board members, County Attorney and Assistant County Manager/Economic Development Director: **Supervisor Whitesinger** gave a report from District V reporting on a BIA/White Mountain Apache Transportation partnership meeting. She spoke about taking the participants to Arrowhead Café and parts of the museum. She spoke about the history of the community. She spoke about Native American Days in the tribal community. She thanked the transportation people. She spoke of a site visit at Blue Ridge which is asking the community members to approve a bond for beautification. **Supervisor Black** gave a report from District I reporting on the Small Counties Dinner Forum on September 14 and the County Supervisor Association Board of Directors meeting the next day. He spoke of learning more about the legislative issues facing our counties. He stated that he will be learning from Vice-Chairman Thompson regarding issues facing our communities. He spoke of the Western Agency Council meeting in Shonto and thanked the Elections office for their appearance and presentation. He spoke about the general assembly meeting at which Mr. Carlyon

and Sheriff Clark attended. He spoke of the Kayenta Chapter meeting. He spoke of the Red Dog Gravel meeting and thanked Bill Bess and Danny Shurter for their presence at that meeting. He reported on the Southwest Navajo Fair parade and thanked those who participated. **Supervisor Williams** gave a report from District IV reporting on a trail ride on horseback with local history enthusiasts. He spoke of the Small Counties Dinner Forum indicating that a collective letter was sent from the 15 chairmen of the Boards of Supervisors throughout the State to the Governor regarding two key issues that the counties are requesting the Governor make a priority on the upcoming budget. He spoke of the Navajo County Connection filming with Supervisor Whitesinger, Emergency Management and the Recorder. Paul Watson gave a report on Economic Development activities in our communities, as well as a report from the Springerville Generation Station. He stated that (TEP) Tucson Electric Power is in the process of trying to get full ownership of one of the units that they co-own. He spoke about Cholla Power Plant not anticipating any further reductions at this point. He further spoke of the serious negotiations going on regarding the egg farm on the type of eggs that they will be producing. **Vice-Chairman Thompson** gave a report from District II reporting on a family loss. He spoke about the Winslow Levee and a meeting with the Cattlemen's Association during the Fair. He spoke about Veteran's programs. He thanked those who were able to attend CSA and small Counties. Brad Carlyon invited everyone Monday night to the kickoff of Domestic Violence Awareness Month at the old Historic Courthouse. He further invited everyone to the Bread of Life Mission banquet on Saturday night.

**ADJOURN** at 10:26 a.m., **Supervisor Williams made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Black**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

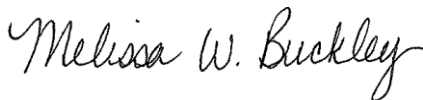
**APPROVED:**

**DATED: October 11, 2016**



**Jason E. Whiting, Chairman**  
**Navajo County Board of Supervisors**

**ATTEST:**



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