LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0022-21

DATE:

February 17, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AN ALLOCATION OF TWO-MILLION NINE-HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS (\$2,930,511.00) FROM THE JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FUND, TO THE WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE MODULAR WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL COMPLEX NEW

PURPOSE: To approve an allocation of two-million nine-hundred thirty thousand five hundred eleven dollars (\$2,930,511.00) from the Judicial/Public Safety Fund, to the Window Rock Judicial District, for the purchase of the Modular Window Rock Judicial Complex.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: VERLUNOSE Law and Order Committee Website Posting Time/Date: 02-18-2021 6-05PM 02-23-2021 Posting End Date: Eligible for Action: 02-24-2021 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 1 2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—THIRD YEAR, 2021 INTRODUCED BY 3 4 5 6 TRACKING NO. _0022-21 7 8 9 AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AN ALLOCATION OF 10 TWO-MILLION NINE-HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ELEVEN 11 DOLLARS (\$2,930,511.00) FROM THE JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FUND, TO THE 12 WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE MODULAR 13 WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL COMPLEX NEW 14 15 BE IT ENACTED: 16 17 **Section One. Authority** A. The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee (LOC) as a Navajo 18 19 Nation standing committee. 2 N.N.C. § 600 (A) 20 B. The Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Management Plan empowers the Law and Order Committee to establish a fund priority list to use of funds from the 21 Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund. Resolution BFD-66-11. 22 23 Section Two. Findings 24 A. The revenue from the Navajo Sales Tax is deposited into the Judicial/Public Safety 25 Fund that is managed by a Fund Management Plan. BFD-66-11. 26 27 B. The Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Management Plan is attached as Exhibit A. C. The Judicial/Public Safety Fund is a special revenue fund to provide funding for 28 29 judicial and public safety facilities as approved by the Law and Order Committee. 30

- D. Resolution LOCJN-04-17 approved the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Priority List for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018; Window Rock, Navajo Nation Judicial/Public Safety Facilities was placed as priority number one (1). Resolution LOCJN-04-17 is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- E. The Window Rock Judicial District is requesting \$2,930,511.00 for the purchase of the Judicial Modular Complex/Facility; to include design and engineering services along with the preparation and installation of the modular complex. *See* Navajo Nation Supplemental Funding Proposal Summary as **Exhibit C.**
- F. Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne has accepted the Engineering Fee and Preliminary Construction Proposal from NEZ/FCI Native American LLC incorporated herein as **Exhibit D.**
- G. A Land Withdrawal has been completed within the Fort Defiance Chapter endorsed by Fort Defiance Grazing Officer, Herman Billie. Land assignment has undergone appropriate Biological and Cultural clearances. *See* General Land Development Department checklist packet and memo from Herman Billie as **Exhibit E**.
- H. Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2021 Program Budget Summary forms are attached as **Exhibit F.**
- I. The Office of the Controller provided the balance in the Judicial/Public Safety Fund, and as of December 31, 2020, \$14,967,745 is available as indicated in **Exhibit G**.
- J. The Judicial Branch, Window Rock District, has supplied a Facility Needs & Timeline attached as **Exhibit H.**

Section Three. Approving the Budget Allocation

The Law and Order Committee hereby approves the allocation from the Judicial/Public Safety Fund in the amount of \$2,930,511.00 to the Window Rock Judicial District for the purchase of the modular complex, Business Unit #NEW, for the purchase and installation of the new Window Rock Judicial Modular Complex.

RESOLUTION OF THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL



22ND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2011

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND BUDGET AND FINANCE; AMENDING THE JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

The Navajo Nation hereby amends the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Management Plan as reflected in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting held at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, this 20th day of December, 2011.

LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson Budget and Finance Committee

Motion: Jonathan Nez Second: Mel R. Begay

JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN

I. Establishment

The Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund ("Fund") was established by Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJA-03-07. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the revenue from the Navajo Sales Tax shall be deposited into the Fund in accord with 24 N.N.C. §620. Additional appropriations may be made from time to time by the Navajo Nation Council. All funds deposited into the Fund shall be used only as provided herein.

II. Purpose

The fund is established as a special revenue fund to provide funding for judicial and public safety facilities as approved by the Judiciary Committee and Public Safety Law and Order Committee in the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Priority List ("Fund Priority List"). Projects or activities which may be funded by the Fund include, but are not limited to:

- A. Planning, site clearance, and development;
- B. Site improvement and landscape development;
- C. Utility access;
- D. Street access and parking area;
- E. Construction, maintenance, renovation and repair; and
- F. Debt service for the financing of the above activities.

III. Administration

A. Administration

The Judicial Branch ("Branch") and the Division of Public Safety ("Division") shall jointly administer the Fund or, either the Branch or the Division may independently administer the fund pursuant to a written agreement between the Branch and the Division. The Controller shall establish a Fund account and provide assistance with Fund administration.

B. Expenditures

Expenditures from the Fund shall be in accord with this Fund Management Plan and restricted to those facilities set forth in the duly approved Fund Priority List. Expenditures from the Fund shall be made in compliance with Navajo Nation law and applicable policies.

C. Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Priority List

Every two years the Judiciary Committee and Public Safety Law and Order Committee shall approve an identical a Fund Priority List to cover a two fiscal year period beginning with Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2009. The Fund Priority List shall identify and prioritize five Judicial Branch, Public Safety or combined Judicial/Public Safety facilities at specified locations that may receive funding from the Fund.

D. Quarterly Reports

The Branch and Division shall submit quarterly written reports to the Judicial Committee, Public Safety Law and Order Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee on the status of the Fund, including all projected and realized Fund revenue and expenditures.

E. Annual Audit

The Fund shall be audited annually by independent auditors as part of the overall audit of the Navajo Nation government.

IV. Amendments

The Fund Management Plan may be amended by the Budget and Finance Committee, upon recommendation by the Judiciary Committee and the Public Safety Law and Order Committee.

V. Sunset-Clause

The Fund Management Plan shall expire September 30, 2012 unless date is extended by amendment.

V. Fund Management Plan duration

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 The Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Management Plan shall continue to exist until terminated by the Navajo Nation Council through amendment to 24 N.N.C. § 620 or the rescission of applicable provisions therein.

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LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE 22ND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FIRST YEAR 2011

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE to whom has been assigned;

NAVAJO LEGISLATION NO. 0474-11

AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND BUDGET AND FINANCE; AMENDING THE JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN (Sponsored by Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd)

Has had it under consideration and report the same with a recommendation that it DO PASS, with no amendments;

And therefore referred to Budget and Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmund Nazzie, Chairperson Law and Order Committee of the

22nd Navajo Nation Council

Date: December 12, 2011

The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed

Motion: Duane S. Tsinigine Second: Elmer P. Begay

22nd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

First Year 2011

Mr. Speaker:

The BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE to whom has been assigned

NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL #0474-11:

An Action Relating to Law and Order and Budget and Finance; Amending the Judicial/Public Safety Fund Management Plan Sponsored by the Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd, Council Delegate

has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that It Do Pass without amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

LoRenzo Bates, Chairman

Adopted: Year Nokov Jegislative Advisor

Not Adopted:

Legislative Advisor

Date: 20 December 2011

The vote was 4 in favor 0 opposed

Excused:

Absent:



RESOLUTION OF THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE 23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - THIRD YEAR, LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER; APPROVING JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND PRIORITY LIST FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017 AND 2018

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Authority

The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee (LOC as a Navajo Nation stands. Committee and as such gave LOC approval authority to fund public safety facilities from the Navajo all. Tax reverue. ? N.N.C. §§ 600(A see also CJA-03-13, 2 and Navajo Nation Council, sect. 5, 30 (2013) and BFD-66-11 approving the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN, sects. I and II (2011).

Section Two. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund and the lund shall be appropriated pursuant to the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Management Plan. 24 N.N.C. § 620(B).
- B. The Law and Order Committee approves a "Fund Priority List" which "shall identify and prioritize five Judicial Branch, Public Safety or combined Judicial/Public Safety socilities at secified locations that may race we funding from the Fund." BFD-66-11 approving the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SIFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN, sect. III.C. (2011).
- C. For Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018, the Judicial Branch and the Division of Public Safety resummend the Law and order Committee approve the attached Fund Priority List. EXELUTE A.

Section Three. Approving the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Priority List

The Law and Order samittee approves the Judicial Public

Safety Facilities Fund Priority List for Fiscal Years 2017 and .018 as listed in EXHIBIT A. BFD-66-11 approving the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN, sect. III. C. (2011).

Section Four. Fund Administration

With the assistance of the Controller, the Judicial Branch and the Division of Public Safety shall ensure that funds are properly administered and fund expenditures shall be restricted to facilities approved by this resolution in EXHIBIT A. BFD-66-11 approving the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN, sect. III. A. and B. (2011).

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the toregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the 23rd Navaso Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was paised by 3 vote of 4 in tavor and 0 oppose, this 2nd day of June, 2017

Honorable Raymond Smith Jr,

Vice Chairperson

Law and Order Committee

Motion: Honorable Edmund Yarrie

Se ond: Honorable Otto Tso

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AMENDED AGREEMENT

RECOMMEDING APPROVAL OF THE JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND PRIORITY LIST FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017 AND 2018 AS PROVIDED BY THE JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS.

The Judicial Branch ("Branch") and the Division of Public Safety ("Division") are joint administrators of the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Management Plan.

The Fund requires that a priority listing of facilities for funding be approved beginning with Fiscal Years 2008-2009 and every two years thereafter.

The Navajo Nation District Judicial/Public Safety Master Plan completed in March 2007 serves as a guide for the planning and design of judicial/public safety facilities.

The Chief Justice and the Division Director have reviewed the facility needs for judicial/public safety facilities and have identified projects that may receive funding from the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund.

THEREFORE, The Chief Justice and the Division Director hereby recommend to the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council ("Committee") that the priorities for the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Management Plan be approved as follows:

- Window Rock, Navajo Nation, Arizona Division of Public Safety, Window Rock Judicial District and NDPS Headquarters Facility
- 2. Shiprock, Navajo Nation, New Mexico Judicial/Public Safety/Correctional Facilities
- 3. Kaventa, Navajo Nation, Arizona Judicial Facility
- 4. Chinle, Navajo Nation, Arizona Public Safety Training Facility
- 5. Dilkon, Navajo Nation, Arizona Public Safety/Correctional Facilities
- 6. Pinon, Navajo Nation, Arizona Judicial/Public Safety/Correctional Facilities
- 7. Window Rock, Navajo Nation, Arizona Supreme Court Facility
- 8. Ramah, Navajo Nation, New Mexico Judicial Facility
- 9. Aneth, Navajo Nation, Utah Judicial/Public Safety/Correctional Facilities
- 10. Alamo, Navajo Nation, New Mexico Judicial/Public Safety/Correctional Facilities
- 11. Pueblo Pintado, Navajo Nation, New Mexico Public Safety/Correctional Facilities
- 12. To hajiilee, Navajo Nation, New Mexico -Public Safety/Correctional Facilities
- 13. Kaibeto, Navajo Nation, Arizona Public Safety Substation
- 14. Cameron, Navajo Nation, Arizona Public Safety Substation
- 15. Leupp, Navajo Nation, Arizona Public Safety Substation
 - Tuba City, Navajo Nation, Arizona Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Facility

The Branch and Division further recommend to the Committee that the sequence of construction of facilities may be modified by the timing of approval of financing and upon the shovel- and construction-readiness of each project.

The Branch and Division further recommend to the Committee that from time to time, additional appropriation requests be made to the Navajo Nation Council for deposit into the Judicial Public Safety Facilities Fund to address construction of judicial/public safety facilities.

The Branch and Division further recommend to the Committee that from time to time, additional appropriation requests be considered for other judicial public safety facility projects outside of the priority list.

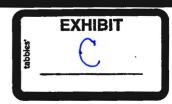
Signed this 2nd day of June 2017

Allen Sloan, Acting Chief Justice

Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation

desse Delmar, Division Director

Division of Public Safety



THE NAVAJO NATION SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROPOSAL SUMMARY

PART I. Business Unit No.:	NEW	Program Title:	Window Rock Judicial District		
Division/Branch:	Judicial	Amount Requested:	\$2,903,511	Phone No.: 928-871-6626	
Prepared By:	Verlena Hale	Email Address:	verlenahale@navajo-nsn.gov		

PART II. REASON FOR REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF NEED:

The old court building's deteriorated condition forced Window Rock District Court to lease a facility that will house the Court personnel, Probation, and Parole Services. The district court vacated the Window Rock District Public Safety building in May 2017, after several building closures due to sewage backup problems and natural gas leaks. At that time, we were fortunate to have secured a leased office space from the Navajo Nation Shopping Centers, Inc., located in Window Rock, AZ. The district court moved into that rent office space in June 2017. On July 9, 2018, the district court vacated the leased office space due to Mold's problems and low indoor air quality. After months of inspections, mold abatement, and repairs to the roof and exterior walls undertaken by NNSCi, the district court cannot re-occupy the leased office space. As posted on the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch website, the district court operates out of the Administrative Offices of the Courts building, the Peacemaking Program office space. The judges use the Supreme Court's courtroom or Law and Order conference room for hearings. While this arrangement was initially expected to last one month, the district court judges and staff continue to work in undersized and cramped quarters that are not designed for office space personnel. The situation for Window Rock Judicial District got worse because the NNSCI management decided not to renew the lease agreement and with the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic. The lease we have with NNSCI is annual, and the current lease expired on December 31, 2018. We have been looking around the Window Rock, St. Michaels, Fort Defiance, Tse Bonito area for available office space to relocate the district court once again. The need for temporary office space is for a period of up to ten years. The Window Rock Judicial District will eventually move back into its new judicial building after constructing a new Judicial/Public Safety complex in Window Rock, AZ. However, this construction of a new building complex is only starting to get underway this year, and this project will take several years to complete. Therefore, between May 2019 and October 2023, the Window Rock Judicial District needs temporary office space for its operations. I hope you can help us identify any potential available funds to purchase a new Modular building. The Window Rock District Court has a high caseload of all other Judicial Districts.

PART III. SCOPE OF WORK/METHODOLOGY

The Judicial Public Safety funds will be used to purchase a new modular building. Window Rock Judicial District will put out a bid to buy a new modular building. Bidding will also go out for land improvement (on-site prep) and infrastructure costs to cover construction to the positive drain system, Water/Wastewater lines, and capping the previous gas line for the building.

PART IV. AFFIRMATION IS PROVIDED THAT THE PROPOSAL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE AND THE APPROPRIATE BRANCH CHIEF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

REVIEWED BY: Division Director's Signature / Date

RECOMMEND APPROVAL: Branch Chief's Signature / Date



JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE NAVAJO NATION

JOANN B. JAYNE Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation ELEANOR SHIRLEY
Associate Justice, Navajo Supreme Court

TINA TSINIGINE Associate Justice, Navajo Supreme Court



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

October 22, 2020

Marvin Nez NEZ/FCI Native American LLC 10922 West Glenn Drive Glendale, Arizona 85307-1813

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Proposed Engineering fee and Preliminary Construction Budget

The Navajo Nation Judicial Branch is in receipt of the proposed cost estimate for the Window Rock Judicial District Project dated October 16, 2020. The Navajo Nation accepts the estimate and agrees to proceed with the project for the 8,064 square foot building.

A contract must be finalized in accordance to the Design Build requirements, please provide the contract for review.

If there are any questions, please maintain communication with Sharilene Jeff, Project Manager and the delegated Administrative Director of the Courts, Raquel Chee at (928) 517-7256 or by email at rchee@navajo-nsn.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Honorable JoAnn Chief-Justice

THE NAVAJO NATION





October 16th, 2020

Ms. Sharilene Jeff,

Based on our previous meetings and discussions, NEZ/FCI has prepared the following engineering fee and preliminary construction budget for an approximately 8,064 sf modular administration office building and the associated site work. Please see below for the break down and brief scope of work description:

PART I: ENGINEERING------\$118,750.00*

- 1. Architectural building and site design.
- 2. Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing design and engineering.
- 3. Structural design and engineering.
- 4. Fire alarm system design and engineering.
- 5. Fire sprinkler system design and engineering.
- 6. Topographic survey and base mapping.
- 7. Civil engineering construction plans and supporting documents.
- 8. Submittal to NTUA for review (review fee allowance of \$5,000 included).
- 9. Coordination, meetings, and site visits.
- 10. Preconstruction services including design assist, budget development, and GMP development.

 *Engineering fee does not include Navajo Business tax. If required, tax will need to be added to this amount.

PART II: CONSTRUCTION COST (preliminary budget) -----\$1,864,700.00**

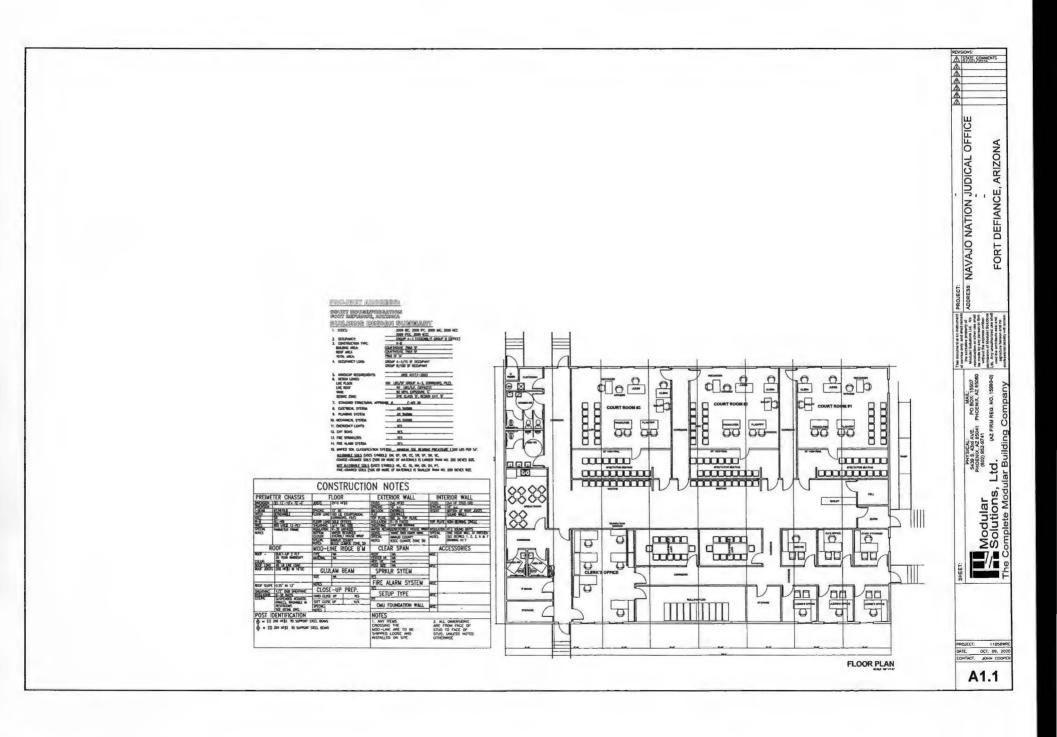
- 1. Modular building construction, delivery, and setup on site by end of January 2021.
- 2. Site work: including site clearing, grading, building pad and parking lot base preparation, retention basin excavation, ribbon footing excavation (includes pad prep for future expansion to 10,000 sf footprint).
- 3. Building footings: reinforcement concrete ribbon footing (approx. 10" thick x 30" wide).
- 4. Exterior improvements: concrete ADA parking (2 stalls) and signs, trash pad & bollards, sidewalks, gravel parking lot (4" thick), riprap at retention basin, traffic control signs, native seed at disturbed areas.
- 5. Utilities: water, sewer, gas, fire line and connections to building, enough capacity for 10,000 sf building.
- 6. Electrical service: electrical service to building, enough capacity for 10,000 sf building.
 - **Construction cost includes 6% Navajo Business Tax.

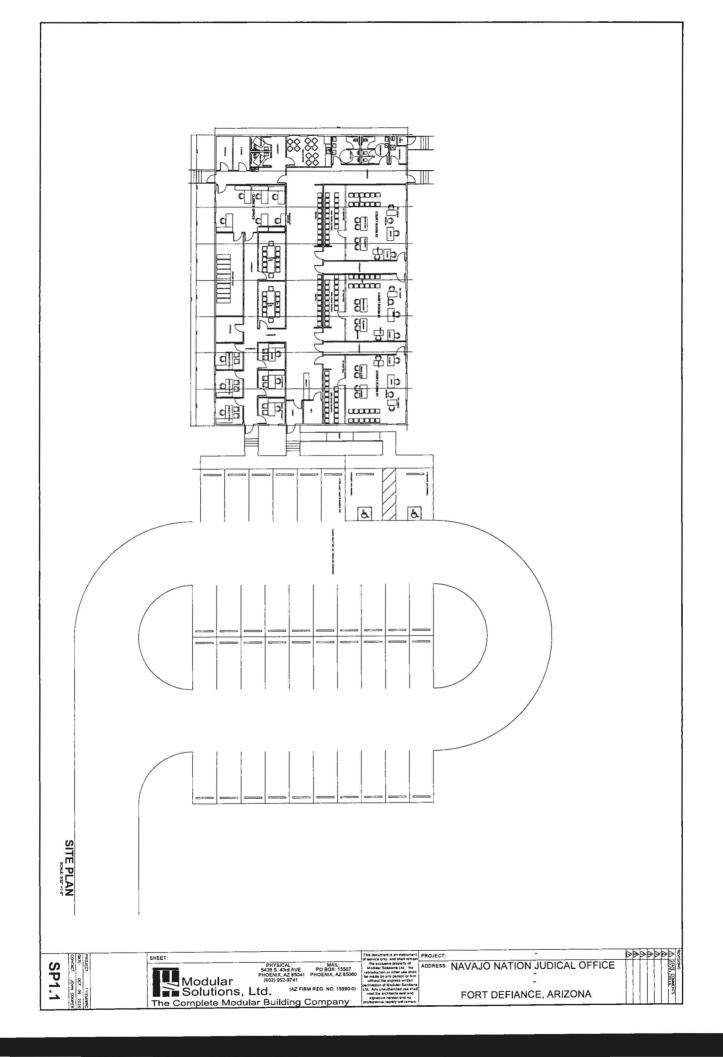
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via phone or email listed below. Thank you for the opportunity to price this work, NEZ/FCI is looking forward to working together on this project.

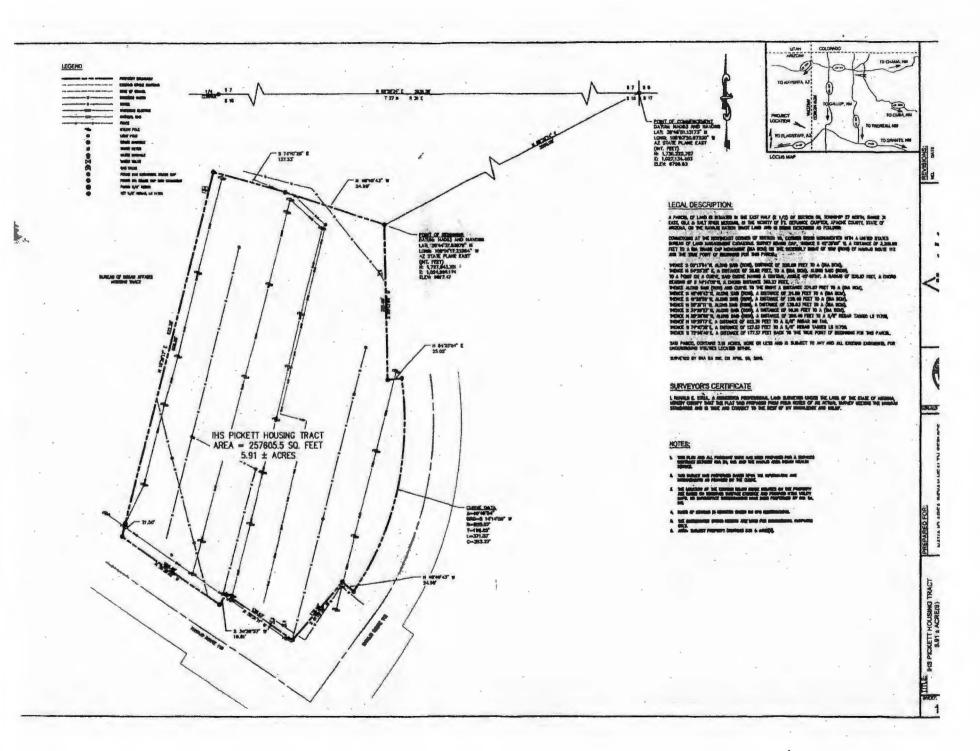
Best Regards,

Larry Bangle

Project Manager







THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



JoAnn B. Jayne, Chief Justice Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation PO Box 500 Window Rock, AZ 86515

October 9, 2020

Dear Chief Justice Jayne,

Your Land Withdrawal Designation proposal for <u>5.8</u> acres for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Building in, Township 28 North, Range 31 East in Section 18, Gila & Salt River Meridian, Ft. Defiance, Apache County, Arizona is <u>approved</u>.

You are authorized to contruct, operate and maintain the aforementioned swath of land for no more than <u>ten (10)</u> calendar years from the date of this approval letter. If re-designation is sought after said period, please contact NLD and GLDD ninety (90) days prior to ensure efficient processing. In the event that the designation is not renewed, the area will revert to Navajo Nation Tribal Trust land.

Thank you for your application to the Navajo Land Department / General Land Development Department. If you have any questions or inquiries please contact the Navajo Land Department at (928)-871-6401

Sincerely

W. Mike Halona, Department Manager III

Navajo Land Department

Division of Natural Resources

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General Land Development Department

Land Withdrawal Designation Checklist for Community and Industrial Development

Applicant: Sharilene Jeff Judial
Applicant: Sharilenc Jeff Judiaal Email (required): Stephen betsitty@navajo-nsn.gov
Please submit the following:
Letter of Application or Cover Letter including the intended use of the land and the exact acreage of the proposed undertaking.
Legal Survey or GPS coordinates at each point indicating the location and total acreage to be withdrawn.
Supporting Chapter Resolution with the inclusion of the resolution legal language as required in the Land Withdrawal Regulations (RDCJN—33-15).
Letter from Grazing Officer stating there are no valid grazing permittees in the use area or gather grazing permittee consent.
By submitting the top four (4) requirements above will allow you to reserve the area for five (5) years until the environmental documentation is provided. You may NOT construct, operate and/or maintain during this time period. The Biological Resource Compliance Form and Cultural Resource Compliance Form must be submitted in order to complete the entire land withdrawal process for development.
Biological Resource Compliance Form (BRCF) from Navajo Fish and Wildlife
Cultural Resource Compliance Form (CRCF) from Navajo Heritage and Historic Preservation Department
If a Non-Navajo government entity, a lease and/or permit is required in addition to the designation
Incomplete packets will not be processed and will be returned to you

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Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation

JOANN B. JAYNE Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation



STEPHEN B. ETSITTY Administrative Director of the Courts

September 24, 2020

W. Mike Halona, Department Manager Navajo Nation Land Department P.O. Box 2249 Window Rock, AZ 86515

Mr. Halona:

Based on the Fort Defiance Chapter act of relinquishing to the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch 5.8 acres of land that it had withdrawn for its use, I am hereby requesting that the 5.8 acres from within Fort Defiance Chapter's Pickett Housing Area tract of land be withdrawn for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch. For your reference see the enclosed letter from Mr. Daniel Yazza, Fort Defiance Chapter President, dated September 2, 2020.

I understand when our request for this land withdrawal is approved, that site control for the 5.8 acres will be transferred from the Fort Defiance Chapter to the Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch will be using the 5.8 acres of land for the development and operations of the Window Rock District Court.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and for your immediate action on my request. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Stephen B. Etsitty at x6762, or via email at stephenbetsitty@navjao-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,

JoAnn B. Jayne, Chief Justice

Enclosure

cc: Stephen B. Etsitty, NNJB-AOC
Verlena Hale, NNJB-WRDC
Daniel Yazza, Fort Defiance Chapter
Ed Preston, Division of Community Development
Chrono File



THE NAVAJO NATION FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER

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Daniel Yazza, President Aaron Sam, Vice-President Brenda Wauneka, Secretary/Treasurer Herman Billie, Grazing Official Wilson Stewart, Jr., Council Delegate

JONATHAN NEZ Navajo Nation President MYRON LIZER Navajo Nation Vice-President

September 2, 2020

JoAnn B. Jayne, Chief Justice Navajo Nation Supreme Court Post Office Box 520 Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Honorable Chief Justice:

Fort Defiance Chapter has withdrawn a parcel of land known as the Pickett Housing Area for governmental use. This tract of land contains a total of 5.8 acres.

On June 9, 2019, the chapter approved Resolution FDC-2019-06-09-02 which supports the development of the Window Rock Judicial District Court building in Fort Defiance community. The community fully supports and approves the district court to place a modular building on the land for a period of ten years. We understand that the Window Rock Judicial District is also planning to construct a permanent court complex in the near future.

The Fort Defiance Chapter is pleased to assist the court in locating court operation here in the community and will continue to do so. We recognize the importance of the court's involvement in the Nation's government as essential. By this letter, we are assigning the 5.8 acres of land known as Pickett Housing area to the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch. Enclosed are copies of the above-referenced resolution and plat map.

If you have any questions related to this matter, please contact us at (928) 729-4352.

Sincerely.

Daniel Yazza, Chapter President Larranu Melsov

Lorraine Nelson, Chapter Manager

Cc: Chapter Officials

Wilson Stewart, Council Delegate



THE NAVAJO NATION FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER

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JONATHAN NEZ Navajo Nation President MYRON LIZER Navajo Nation Vice President

TO:

Mike Halona, Director

Navajo Land Department

FROM:

Mr. Herman Billie, Grazing Officer Fort Defiance Chapter Grazing Office

DATE:

June 12, 2019

SUBJECT:

Land Assignment/Transfer from Fort Defiance Chapter to Window Rock

Judicial District, Navajo Nation Judicial Branch

On June 9, 2019, the Fort Defiance Chapter passed the attached resolution (Resolution: FDC-2019-06-09-02) to assign 5.8 acres of land north of the Fort Defiance Chapter, known as the Pickett Housing area, for the Window Rock Judicial District, Navajo Nation Judicial Branch to site a modular building for the district court.

As the Grazing Official of the Fort Defiance Chapter, I am concurring on this land assignment/transfer identified for the Window Rock Judicial District/Navajo Nation Judicial Branch to establish a modular building to house the court personnel. This tract of land is clear of any home site and grazing use, and any other dispute or claim.

The land is withdrawn in the name of the Fort Defiance Chapter, and will be assigned/transferred to the Window Rock Judicial District/Navajo Nation Judicial Branch, as stated in Resolution #: FDC-2019-06-09-02.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 928-729-4352 or email address ftdefiance@navajochapters.org. Thank you.

cc:

Lorraine Nelson, Ft. Defiance Chapter Verlena Hale, Window Rock Judicial District Stephen B. Etsitty, Navajo Nation Judicial Branch

Attachment (Resolution#: FDC=2019-06-09-02)



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Wilson C. Stewart, Jr., Council Delegate

JONATHAN NEZ Navajo Nation President MYRON LIZER Navajo Nation Vice President

RESOLUTION OF FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER

Supporting and Approving the Assignment of the former Pickett Housing Area of 5.8 acres to Navajo Nation Window Rock Judicial District for a Temporary Period of not more than Ten (10) Years

WHEREAS:

- 1. Fort Defiance Chapter is a certified chapter of the Navajo Nation, in accordance with Navajo Nation Code 2, Sections 4001 and 4006, with authority to address concerns of its people, and
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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Fort Defiance Chapter at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and same was approved by a vote of 25 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstained, this 9th day of June 2019. MOTIONED: Wilson Stewart, Jr.

Aaron Sam, Chapter Vice President

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE FORM NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE P.O. BOX 1480, WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA 86515-1480

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ACTION AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs and Navajo Nation

B.R. REPORT TITLE / DATE / PREPARER: Request for biological compliance/08 JUL 2019/Verlena Hale

SIGNIFICANT BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES FOUND: Area 4 - Community Development Area

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

NESL SPECIES POTENTIALLY IMPACTED: NA FEDERALLY-LISTED SPECIES AFFECTED: NA

OTHER SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: NA

AVOIDANCE / MITIGATION MEASURES: NA

CONDITIONS OF COMPLIANCE*: NA

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Representative's signature	Date

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THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



MEMORANDUM

TO

David Mikesic, Zoologist

Department of Fish and Wildlife

DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FROM

Gloria M. Tom, Department Manager III

Department of Fish and Wildlife

DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DATE

July 8, 2019

SUBJECT

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

I will be on annual leave starting Wednesday, July 10, 2019 through Friday, July 12, 2019. Therefore, I am delegating you to act in the capacity of the Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife, effective Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 8:00am and ending at 5:00pm on Friday, July 12, 2019.

Your authority will cover the review and signing off of all routine documents pertaining to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, except for issues that you feel should have the attention of the Director.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

David Mikesic, Zoologist

Department of Fish and Wildlife

DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCE



THE NAVAJO NATION

Heritage & Historic Preservation Department P.O. Box 4950 • Window Rock, Arizona 86515 (928) 871-7198 (tel) • (928) 871-7886 (fax)



CONSULTANT REPORT NO.: DCD1 19-003

CULTURAL RESOURCE COMPLIANCE FORM

PROJECT TITLE: A Cultural Resource Inventory of the Navajo Nation Window Rock Judicial District Building in the Former RBDO IHS Pickett Housing Tract, Ft. Defiance Chapter, Apache County, Arizona.

LEAD AGENCY: BIA/NRO

NNHHPD NO.: HPD-20-566

SPONSOR: Verlena Hale, Window Rock Courts, PO Box 5520, Window Rock, AZ, 86515

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Navajo Nation is proposing a lease and construction of a modular building, installation of utilities, a parking lot and access road at the former RBDO IHS Pickett Housing Tract in Fort Defiance, Arizona. The area of effect is 5.957-acres.

PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGIST: Denise R.E. Copeland

NAVAJO ANTIQUITIES PERMIT NO.: NTC125 DATE INSPECTED: 10/6/2019

DATE OF REPORT: 9/9/2020 **TOTAL ACREAGE INSPECTED: 5.957**

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION: Class III pedestrian inventory with transects spaced 10 m apart Number of Eligible Properties: 0

Number of Sites: 0 Number of Non-Eligible Properties: 0

Number of Unevaluated Properties: 0

Number of Burials: 0

Number of TCPs: 0

Number of isolated Occurrences: 0

Number of In-Use Sites: 0

EFFECT/CONDITIONS OF COMPLIANCE: No Properties

PROCEED RECOMMENDED: Yes

CONDITIONS: No.

in the event of a discovery ["discovery" means any previously unidentified or incorrectly identified cultural resources including but not limited to archaeological deposits, human remains, or locations reportedly associated with Native American religious/traditional beliefs or practices), all operations in the immediate vicinity of the discovery must cease, and the Navaio Nation Historic Preservation Department must be notified at (928) 871-7198.

Form Prepared by: Tamara Billie

FINALIZED: 9/22/2020

NAVAJO NATION HERITAGE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

Richard M. Begay, Department Manager (ACE)PO

09/22/2020

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Bartholomew Stevens, Navajo Regional Director

BIA- Navajo Regional Office

HPD Number.: HPD-20-566

LOCATION INFORMATION

LAND STATUS: NN Tribal Trust Land

STATE: AZ

DATUM: NAD83

ZONE: 12

COUNTY	QUAD		UTM N	UTM E
Apache	Window Rock, AZ		3957252	674386
			3957277	674296
			3957094	674248
			3957043	674338
			3957073	674364
CHAPTER	<u>Township</u> Range	Sections	3957068	674369
Fort Defiance	T27N R31E	18	3957175	674395
			3957174	674387



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a.	Chapter:	Ft. Defiance	f. UTM Center: NAD 83, Zone 12	. See	Page 2 for Table		
100000000	Agency:	Ft. Defiance	g. Legal: T27NR31E1/3 of Sec		GSRM		
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d.		Arizona					
е.		Tribal Trust	I. Lead Agency: BIA/Nav	ajo F	Region		
	REPORT ATTACH						
a.	a. Description of Undertaking: The undertaking consists of 5.957 acres for the Navajo Nation Window Rock Judicial						
	District Building in the Former RBDO IHS Pickett Housing Tract. The Navajo Nation Window Rock Judicial District proposes to develop the tract for the construction of the Window Rock Judicial District building. Ground disturbing activities						
	will be extensive which include placement of a modular building, the installation of utilities and the construction of a parking						
	lot and an access road. Funding is from the CARES Act.						
b.	b. Existing Data Review: As part of this project, the archival data of NNHPD in Window Rock were consulted. Projects						
	NPS 70-007, 76-014, NTM 79-062, BLL-1, BLL-2, 84-507, 85-484, NTM 89-228, and NA-13-613 and were recorded on						
ŀ	the NNHPD maps within 1 km of the current project. The TCP maps were reviewed on September 1, 2020 and 4 TCP's were identified.				1CP's		
C.	were identified. c. Area Environmental and Cultural Setting: The project area is found on a level area located approximately 200 ft						
"	northeast of the Fort Defiance Chapter House and 200 ft west of the Good Shepherd Mission. Bonito Creek is located						
	1,000 ft to the southeast of the project area which flows to the southeast into Black Creek. The vegetation includes						
1	Chinese elm trees, prickly pear cactus, wild mustard and various grasses. The project area was part of the former PHS					er PHS	
d	Camp Pickett Housing area d. Field Methods: Ms. Verlena Hale, Court Administrator, provided a legal survey of the project area, the project area				ot area		
	plotted on Google map. The project area had an old legal survey for the RBDO IHS Pickett Housing tract at the time of						
	the inventory. The project area is bounded by roads and fences. The investigation was conducted by (100%) a Class III						
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inventoried. The author interviewed Ms. Lorraine Nelson, Ft. Defiance CSC on October 22, 2019 regarding TCP's. No							
TCP's were identified in or near the project area. 13. CULTURAL RESOURCE FINDINGS:							
	a. Location/identification of Each Resource: The project area is part of housing known as PHS Camp Pickett, once						
	contained a total of 50 residential housing units that were briefly occupied by Navalo Area Indian Health Service (IHS) staff						
	and their families. Ba	ased on a review	of available records as part of the (se	ee Pa	age 2 for additional inform	ation)	
			Resource: No historic properties wi				
14.	MANGEMENT SUN	MMARY (RECOM	IMENDATIONS): A notice to proceed	d for	the undertaking is recomi	nended.	
15. CERTIFICATION:							
		TURE: (La	nese K.E. Copeland		September 9, 20	20	
	General C	harge Name: De	nise R.E. Copeland		Date		- 1

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11. LOCATION (MAP ATTACHED):

f. UTM: Zone 12 NAD 83

NE Comer/BOP	N 39 57 252.5	E 6 74 386.2
NW Comer	N 39 57 277.9	E 6 74 296.5
SW Comer	N 39 57 094.4	E 6 74 248.9
SE Corner	N 39 57 043.1	E 6 74 338.2
Angle	N 39 57 073.0	E 6 74 364.0
Angle	N 39 57 068.1	E 6 74 369.9
Angle	N 39 57 175.7	E 6 74 395.0
Angle	N 39 57 174.8	E 6 74 387.5

13. CULTURAL RESOURCE FINDINGS: (Continued)

a. Location/identification of Each Resource: performance of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) conducted by liná bá (April 2016). The subject property was occupied for a period not exceeding 13 years between approximately 1963 to before 1976. It is understood that utilities consisting of electricity, water, and sewer previously existed on the property prior to IHS occupation. Upon departure, IHS removed all surface features resulting from their occupation, leaving the utilities in place (iiná bá Letter 2016). In 2016-2017, the asbestos- containing (transite) water pipes were removed from the site. The USGS Window Rock, Arizona-New Mexico Quad a total of 28 structures on the map but no structural remains of the buildings remain on the proposed area. The site area was checked on the Google Earth Pro time lapse feature. The earliest satellite image available is 1997 no structures in the proposed project are shown in the image. Paved roads and powerlines remind in the project area. The entire surface of the project tract has been heavily disturbed.

Three TCP's are located near the project and include 129, 396, and 4856. The TCP's are not located within project and should not be affected by the proposed project.

b. Evaluation of Significance of Each Resource: The PHS Camp Pickett lacks structural integrity and is not eligible for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places. The PHS Camp Pickett is less than 100 years and are not of archaeological interest and do not warrant protection under ARPA. The PHS Camp Pickett does not have any known sacred religious significance to warrant protection under the ARFA. No historic properties will be affected by the project.

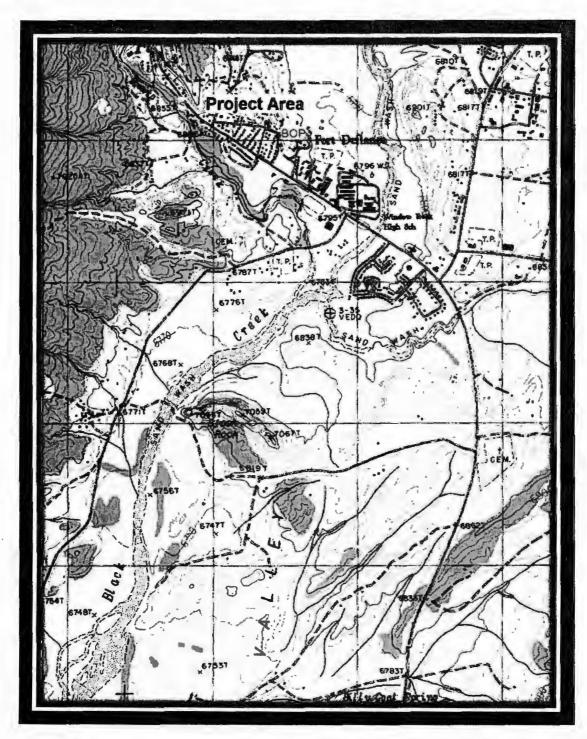


Figure 1: Locational Map showing the proposed project area. USGS Quad Map Window Rock, AZ-NM PE 1982

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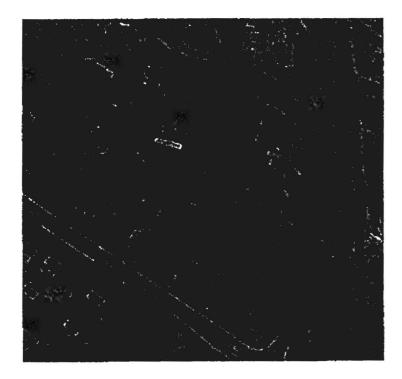


Figure 2: Google Earth Pro Time Lapse Satellite Image from October 1997. DCD1 19-002

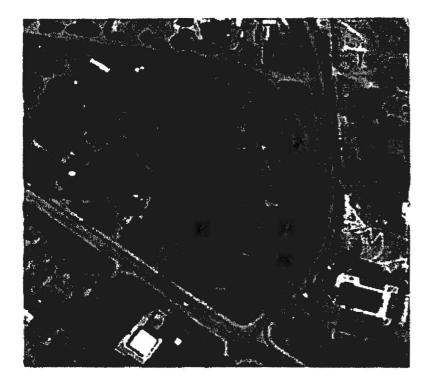
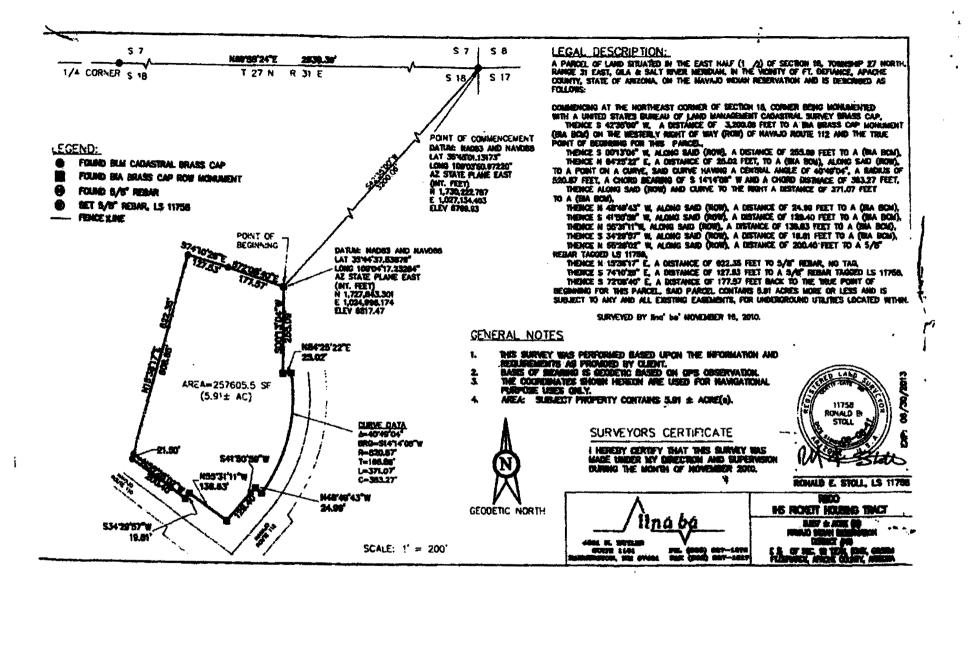


Figure 3: Google Earth Pro Time Lapse Satellite Image from June 2007. DCD1 19-002





THE NAVAJO NATION FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER

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Navaio Nation Vice President

RESOLUTION OF FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER

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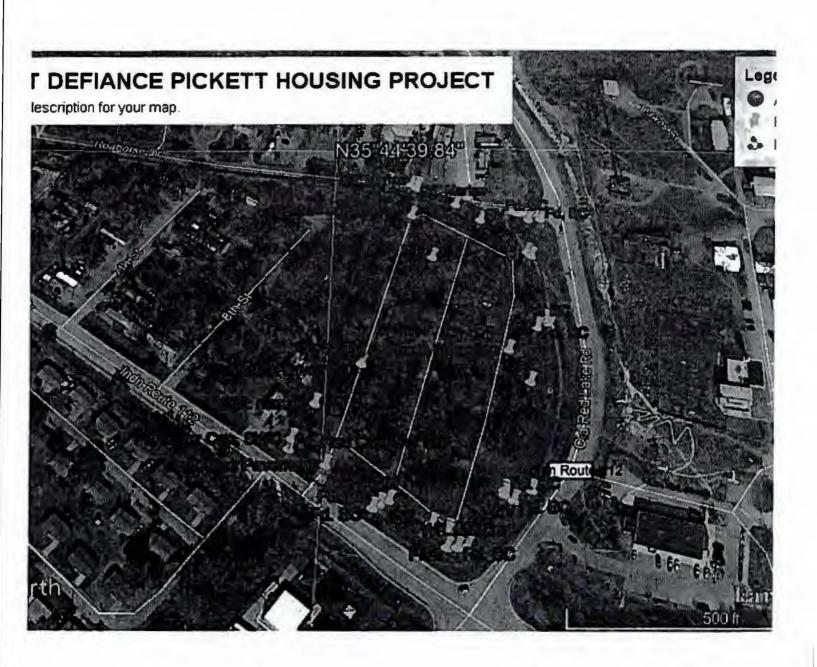
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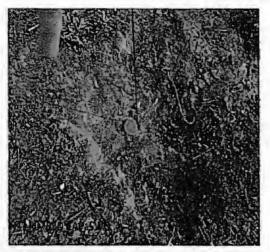
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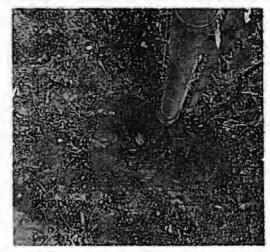
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FORT DEFIANCE PICKETT HOUSING PROJECT

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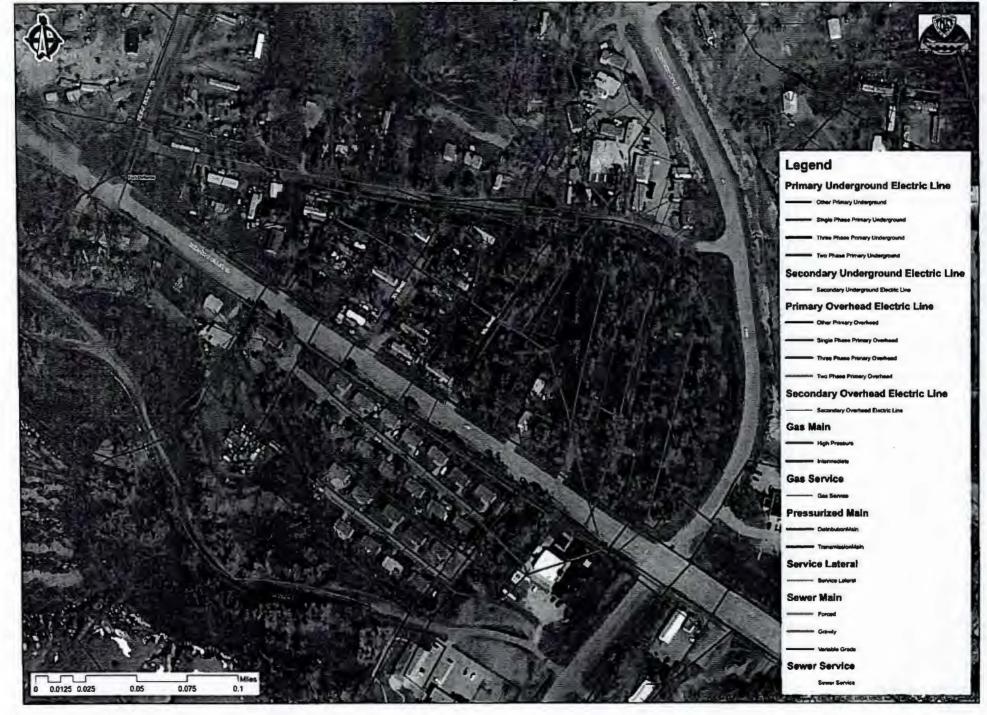


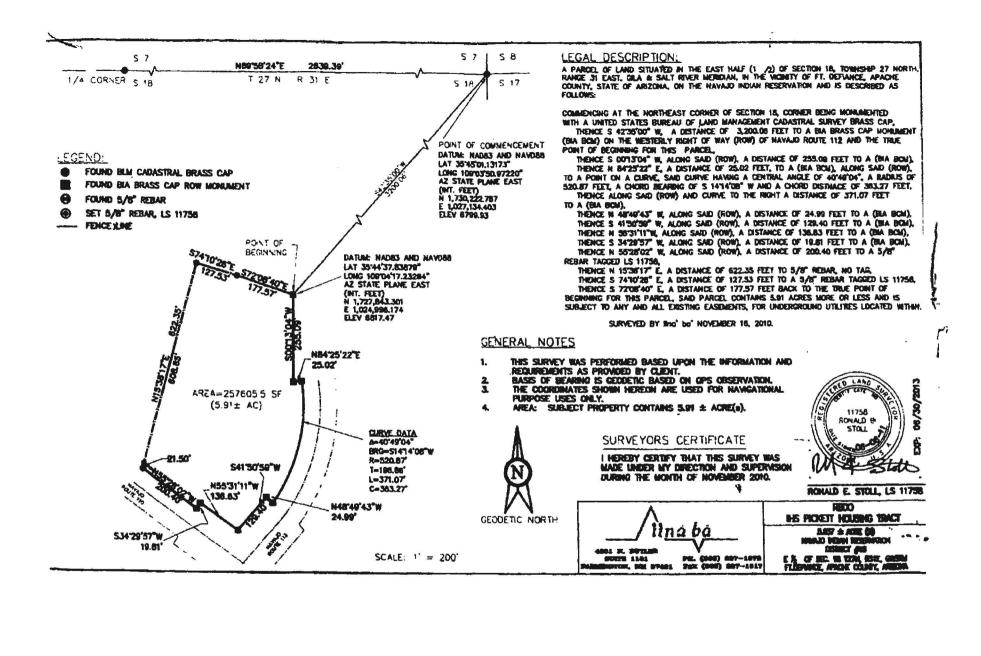






NTUA Utility Lines







5/27/2020 0:00

Window Rock District Court Verlena Hale

Window Rock, AZ

Verlena Hale

We thank you very much for this opportunity to submit an estimate on your new building needs. Enclosed please find the pricing, specifications and floorplan sheets for your review. Please review the scope of work and the specifications carefully to ensure we have included everything you requested. If an item is not listed it is excluded. Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to working with you.

112'X72' Court House Building 36'X72' Probation Office

Sub Total: Sales Tax: \$957,351.21 \$488,414.00 \$1,445,765.21 \$86,745.91

Grand Total:

\$1,532,511.12

Exclusions: Anything not listed

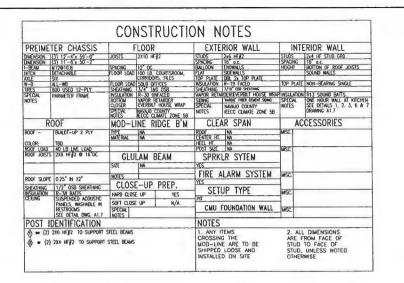
Pricing is good for 30 days from the date of the quote. Plus applicable sales tax.

Terms: 10% down (to start the drawings), 45% on line, 35% off-line, 10% upon substantial completion (terms spelled out in Modular Solutions' standard contract). All punch list items on the substantial completion form will be completed within 30 days. Payment will not be held up from Modular Solutions Ltd. due to work performed by others (i.e. utility connections, permits, etc.).

SIGN BELOW TO ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL

(After signing, this document will become Attachment A of Modular Solutions' standard Contract)

	ar Solutions, Ltd	Window Rock District Court				
CONTRAC	TOR	CUSTOMER				
PO Bo	x 15507					
ADDRESS		ADDRESS				
Phoenix, AZ 85060		Window Rock, AZ				
CITY, STAT	FE, ZIP	CITY, STATE, ZIP				
Ву:		By: Verlena Hale				
		(AUTHORIZED AGENT)				
Title:	Sales/Estimating	Title:				



PROJECT ADDRESS: GOURT HOUSE/PROBATION FORT DEFIANCE, ARIZONA

13. FIRE SPRINKLERS:

BUILDING DESIGN SUMMARY

t. CODES:	2009 BC, 2009 PC, 2009 BAC, 2008 NEC 2009 FGC, 2009 ECC
2. OCCUPANCY:	GROUP A-3 (ASSEMBLY) GROUP B (OFFICE)
3. CONSTRUCTION TYPE:	V-B
BUILDING AREA:	COURTHOUSE 8574 SF - PROBATION 3220 SF
ROOF AREA	COURTHOUSE 8574 SF - PROBATION 3220 SF
TOTAL AREA:	11794 SF
4. OCCUPANCY LOAD:	GROUP A-3/15 SF OCCUPANT
	GROUP B/100 SF OCCUPANT
5. HANDICAP REQUIREMENTS:	ANSI A117.1-2003
6. DESIGN LOADS:	
LIVE FLOOR	100 LBS/SF GROUP A-3, CORRIDORS, FILES
LIVE ROOF	50 LBS/S.F. (OFFICES)
WIND:	90 MPH, EXPOSURE "C"
SCISMIC ZONE:	SITE CLASS 'D', DESIGN CAT, 'B'
7. STANDARD STRUCTURAL APP	ROVAL & F-MS 30
8. ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:	AS. SHOWN
9. PLUMBING SYSTEM:	AS SHOWN
10. MECHANICAL SYSTEM:	AS SHOWN
18. EMERGENCY LIGHTS:	KZ
12. EXIT SIGNS:	YES

YES 14. FIRE ALARM SYSTEM: YES 15. UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM: MINIMUM SOIL BEARING PREASSURE 1,500 LBS PER S.F. ALLOWABLE SOILS (USCS SYMBOL): GW, CP, GM, GC, SW, SP, SM, SC, COARSE-GRAINED SOILS (50% OR MORE OF MATERIALS IS LARGER THAN NO. 200 SIEVES SIZE. NOT ALLOWARLE SOILS (USCS SYMBOL): ML, CL, OL, WH, CH, OH, PT, FRE-GRANDD SOILS (SOIX OR MORE OF MATERIALS IS SMALLER THAN NO 200 SIEVES SIZE.

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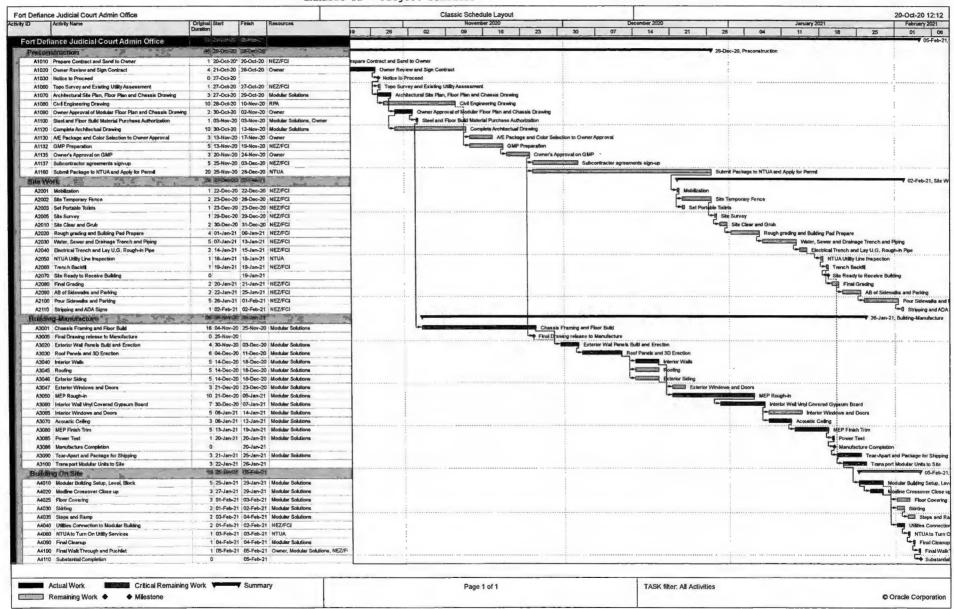
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PROJECT: 11058WRC DATE: JULY 22, 202X CONTACT: JOHN COOPER

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Exhibit #1 - Project Schedule



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Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design-Builder

AGREEMENT made as of the «XX22nd22nd» day of «OctoberJanuary» in the year «2020 » (In words, indicate day, month and year.)

BETWEEN the Owner:

(Name, legal status, address and other information)

of obnobalest Community School Navajo Nation Capital Projects Maintenanced Department »« »

«No upo Rosno I-Nayajo Nation Administrațion HideRidg, «2296. 20 Flor», P.O. Box 234-1510 x whatkeelinkai Window Rock, AZ 86507-86515

and the Design-Builder: (Name; legal status, address and other information)

«NEZ/FCI Native American, LLC » «P.O. Box 2176 » «Litchfield, AZ 85340

for the following Project: (Name, location and detailed description)

el eknelinkai Community SchoolNavajo Nation Family Courts Intersection IR-12 and IR-12 NW Corner, Kit Carson Dr. & 12d Red Lake Rd Indescription Defining, AZ 8650286504

The Owner and Design-Builder agree as follows.

DOITIONS AND DELETIONS: he author of this document as added information has added information heeded for its completion. The author may also have hevised the text of the priginal AIA standard forman Additions and Deletions Report that notes added information as well as revisions to the standard form text is available from the huthor and should be eviewed.

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ARTICLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1.1 Owner's Criteria

This Agreement is based on the Owner's Criteria set forth in this Section 1.1.

(Note the disposition for the following items by inserting the requested information or a statement such as "not applicable" or "unknown at time of execution." If the Owner intends to provide a set of design documents, and the requested information is contained in the design documents, identify the design documents and insert "see Owner's design documents" where appropriate.)

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THE NAVAJO NATION PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

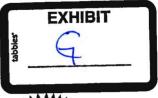
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PART I.	Business Unit No.:	NEW	Program Title: Windo	w Rock Ju	dicial District		Division/Brancl	Judicial	
	Prepared By:	Verlena Haie	Phone	No.:	<u>928-871-6626</u>	Email Address:	verlenah	ale@navajo-nsn.gov	4
PART II. Judicial (FUNDING SOURCE(S) Public Safety Funds	Fiscal Year Term 9/1/20- 10/30/21	Amount \$2,930,511	% of Total 100%	PART III. BUDGET SUMMARY	Fund Type Code	NNC Approved Original Budget W FY 19 Supplemental	(B) Proposed Budget	(C) Difference (Column B - A)
					2001 Personnel Expenses				
					3000 Travel Expenses				
					3500 Meeting Expenses				
					4000 Supplies				W 1 100 NOON
					5000 Lease and Rental				
				8 6 6	5500 Communications and Utilitie	s			
					6000 Repairs and Maintenance				
					6500 Contractual Services				
					7000 Special Transactions				
					8000 Public Assistance				
					9000 Capital Outlay	6	0	2,930,511	2,930,511
					9500 Matching Funds				
					9500 Indirect Cost				
						TOTAL	\$0	\$2,930,511	2,930,511
					PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICLES		(D)	(E)	
					Total # of Positio	ns Budgeted:	0	0	
	TOTAL: \$2,930,511 100% Total # of Permanently Assigned Vehicles: 0 0								
PARTV	PART V. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BUDGET PACKAGE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. Stephen B. Etsitty, Administrative Director of the Courts JoAnn Jayne, Chief Justice								
			m Manager's Printed N					h Chief's Printed Name	a
	SUBMITTED BY: Program Manager's Signature and Date APPROVED BY: Division Director/Branch Chief's Signature and Date								

THE NAVAJO NATION DETAILED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

Page 2 of 2 BUDGET FORM 4

	GRAM INFORM Iram Name/Title			Unit No.:	NEW	
ART II. DET	TAILED BUDGE	II:				
(A)	•	(8)			(C)	(D)
Object Code (LOD 6)		Object Code Description and Justification			Total by DETAILED Object Code	Total by MAJOR Object Code
ĸ	9000 Capit	tal Outlay			1	2,930,511
	office space	new Modular Building for the Window Rock Judicial District Court and Probation Staff. The Window I with Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and Probation is sharing office space with the Peacer ing their own facilities to provide direct services to clients and conduct court hearings for the public.				
	500 3000	IPROVEMENTS			307,061	
	9014	Land Improvements (Survey of boundaries & On-Site improvment)	\$307,061			
9020	INFRASTR	RUCTURE			502,939	
	9026	Parking Lot/Sidewalk/ Street lights	257,000			
	9038	Waterlines	83,484			
	9040	Powerlines	86,971			
	9042	Water/Wastewater	75,484			
			\$502,939			
9050	BUILDING				1,983,511	
	9052	Buildings - 148' x 72' Modular Building for Window Rock Judicial District & Probation	\$1,983,511		,===,=,.	a a
9110	FURNITUE	RE & FIXTURES			93,600	
	9112	Furniture - \$ 3,900 per set x 24 WRJD/PPS personnel	\$93,600			
9140	EQUIPME	NT			43,400	
	9146	Computers - Equipment- (4) Switch/Router	14,000			
		One year Service Plan (\$1,200 x 12=\$14,400	14,400			
		Internet Link- L2 Connectivity (Construction)	15,000			
			\$43,400			
				TOTAL	L 2,930,511	2,930,





THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT | MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT

Memorandum

Date:

February 8, 2021

To:

Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairperson Law and Order Committee, Navajo Nation Council

Pearline Kirk, Controller

From:

Office of the Controller

Subject:

Judicial Public Safety Fund Balance-December 2020

Attached you will find the unaudited Income Statement and Balance sheet (Exhibit A) for the Judicial Public Safety Fund as of December 31, 2020.

The unaudited un-appropriated balance of the Judicial Public Safety Fund as of December 31, 2020, is \$14,967,745 (see Exhibit A, footnote 1). Exhibit A shows the composition of the Judicial Public Safety Fund Balance.

In FY 2021 the Judicial Public Safety Fund (Exhibit A) has collected \$3,125,492, footnote 2, in revenue/contributions, the total expenditures are \$4,058,850, footnote 3. The excess of expenditures over revenues is \$933,358, footnote 4.

Please note that the debt service payments for the Navajo Nation's bond issuance from 2015 comes from this fund and such debt service payments average \$5 million per year until the bond is paid in full by the year 2030. This amount must be reserved each year to ensure that the bond debt service payments are made. Any proposed legislations currently going through the process will not be reflected in this balance until those resolutions have been approved.

The Judicial Public Safety Fund is primarily responsible for ensuring the bond is paid for each year until 2030 when the bond is extinguished. Both Law and Order Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee would need to be aware of this provision.

Thank you, if you should have any question please feel free to call me at tribal extension X6308.

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Judicial Public Safety/Key Bank Balance Sheet Unaudited December 31, 2020

Cash	\$ 5,009,990	
Investments	21,897,448	
Accrued Interest Receivable	-	
Accounts Receivable	12,481	
Note Receivable	-	
Total Assets	 26,919,919	•
Liabilites:		
Accounts payable	•	
Accrued Liabilities	717,662	
	 717,662	
Fund balance		
Restricted to Capital Projects	14,967,745	(1
Committed for Captial Projects	9,793,363	
FY 2021 Budget	1,441,150	
Total Fund Balance	26,202,258	-
Liablilities & Fund Balance	\$ 26,919,919	=

Judicial Public Safety Facilities Income Statement 3 months ended December 31, 2020

Revenues:

Investment income	\$	8,397
Other financial		-
Allocation/Contributions	3,1	117,095
Other Revenue		-
		-
Total Revenues	3,1	125,492 (2)
Expenditures:		
Contractual Services		-
Amortization Expense	4,0	58,850
IDC		
Capital Outlay		
Furniture & Equipment		
Total expenditures	4,0	58,850 (3)

(1) - Available for use for Capital Projects

Excess/deficit of revenues over expenditures

- (2) Total Revenue
- (3) Total Expenditures
- (4)- Excess of revenue over expenditures

EXHIBIT H

FACILITY NEEDS & TIMELINE



WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT

INTRODUCTION:

The deteriorated condition of the Window Rock District Public Safety building forced Window Rock District Court to vacate the building in May 2017 and to move into a leased facility to house Court and Probation Services personnel after several building closures due to sewage backup problems and natural gas leaks.

The Old Police/Court building in Window Rock, Arizona was built in 1958. Over the years several assessments were conducted on the structure:

- a. A 2008 report from Fiberquant Analytical Services identified areas in the court that contain asbestos.
- b. A 2010 letter from the Indian Health Services Office of Environment Health stated that the facility has frequent roof failures that cause interior damage and growth of mold. Some concrete support beams and columns have severely deteriorated due to soil movement and shifting. The court has previously had to shut down due to issues with its HVAC, and in the past, has had to arrange its schedule to open and close its offices early to continue to serve the public. Due to these ongoing issues, the Window Rock Judicial District Court needed to relocate.

The district court leased office space from the Navajo Nation Shopping Centers, Inc., in June 2017. On July 9, 2018, the district court vacated the leased office space due to mold problems and poor indoor air quality. After months of inspections and repairs undertaken by NNSCI, the district court could not re-occupy the leased office space. In December 31, 2018 the lease expired and the NNSCI did not renew the lease.

Since July 2018, the Window Rock Judicial District has operated out of the Administrative Office of the Courts building and the Peacemaking Program office space. The judges use the old Supreme Court's courtroom or Law and Order conference room for hearings. While this arrangement was initially expected to last only one month, the district court judges and staff continue to work in undersized and cramped quarters that are not designed to accommodate 24 personnel. Since the lease agreement was not renewed, the Court has continued to search the Window Rock and surrounding area for available office space to relocate the district court for a ten-year period.

The Window Rock Judicial District plans to eventually move into a new judicial building after construction of a new Judicial/Public Safety complex in Fort Defiance, AZ.

However, the planning and design of the new building complex began last year, and this project will take several years to complete. Therefore, the Window Rock Judicial District and Probation Services are in dire need of temporary office space.

The Window Rock District Court has a high caseload and one of the largest staffing among all Judicial Districts. In FY 2017 the total number of Cases Filed was 3,068. In FY 2019 the total number of Cases Filed was 3,283. Last year in FY 2020 the total number of Cases Filed dropped to 1,644 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the court being

closed to the public, and all essential cases relying on telephonic hearings. The Window Rock District Court caseload is comprised of the follow case types:

- Termination of Parental Rights
- Adoption, Adult & Children Guardianship
- Name Change, Correction of Record
- Conservatorship
- Declare a Name
- Probate and Quiet Title
- Custody
- Paternity
- Divorce
- OSC, Modification
- Validation of Marriage
- Foreign Judgement
- ODRO
- Domestic Violence
- Criminal Case; DUI, Battery, Aggravated Battery, Threatening, Etc.
- Traffic Civil; Citation
- Special Division; White collar
- Complex Civil Cases- the Navajo Nation being sued
- Repossession, small Claims
- Personal Injury/Tort
- Application for Arrest
- Temporary Restraining Order
- Injunction
- Writ
- Search/Seizure Warrant
- Bench Warrant
- Dependency
- Delinquent
- Child in need of Supervision

In 2019 the Navajo Nation Occupational Safety and Health Administration (NNOSHA) conducted inspections of the Window Rock District's work space and found it lacking for adequate and safe work space. In September 2019, NNOSHA observed a day of court hearings where concerns were raised due to overcapacity of the hearing room and the old Supreme Court building hallway. In a memo to the Judicial Branch the NNOSHA recommended addressing overcapacity issues for the Window Rock courts.

Since March 2020, the Coronavirus Pandemic has only increased the need for adequate and safe work environments for all NN personnel. Currently, the requirements for physical distancing place additional restrictions on the ability of the Window Rock District to conduct its work inside already cramped work spaces.

The need for a modular building was recognized by Navajo Nation leadership and in August 2020 funds were appropriated from CARES Act Funds through Resolution CJY-67-20, only to revert the funds due to inability to meet the deadlines and regulations. In cooperation with Fort Defiance Chapter, a resolution approving a land re-assignment of 5.8 acres for a temporary court building was passed in June 2019.

The land re-assignment was completed by the Navajo Nation Land Department in November 2020, and 5.8 acres were transferred to the Window Rock Court. The temporary court building project was included in the proposed Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Priority Projects in 2019, in agreement with the Division of Public Safety.

The Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund operates under an approved Fund Management Plan established in March 2007, through LOCJN-04-17. The use of the funds for a modular building will enhance the integrity of the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch/Probation services, promote a sense of security and confidence, provide a safe work environment, and restore the trust within our Navajo Nation Judicial process.

The Navajo Nation is situated within 4 states; Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. The Window Rock Judicial District/Probation serves all states specified. The lack of office space and equipment/material hinders the provision of court services. Confidentiality of court documents is a major concern where minimal security raised the liability from theft. The Navajo people are the priority when it comes to services. The Window Rock Judicial District and Probation Parole Services are limited to providing effective and efficient services due to being displaced.

LONG TERM FACILITY NEEDS

The following project are permanent facilities that will meet the long term needs of the Window Rock Judicial District – For a permanent judicial/public safety facility, a team that includes both judicial and public safety needs to be assembled. A land has been identified in the Fort Defiance, Arizona area. However, the planning and design of the new building complex began last year, and this project will take several years to complete. The estimated cost for a court facility is \$65 million.



Honorable Seth Damon Speaker 24th Navajo Nation Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Otto Tso, Delegate

24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM:

Troy D. Cook, Sr. Tribal Court Advocate

Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: February 17, 2021

RE: RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AN ALLOCATION OF TWO-MILLION NINE-HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS (\$2,930,511) FROM THE JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FUND, TO THE WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE MODULAR WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL COMPLEX NEW

I have prepared the above referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. The resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with any legislation, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Also, understand that the Speaker is authorized to refer this proposed resolution to other committees that those stated in the title.

You are advised and encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment.

If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. Ahe'he'.

THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: _0022-21__ SPONSOR: Otto Tso

TITLE: Relating to Law and Order Committee; Approving an Allocation of Two-Million Nine-Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$2,930,511.00) from the Judicial/Public Safety Fund, to the Window Rock Judicial District, for the Purchase of the Modular Window Rock Judicial Complex New

Date posted: February 18, 2021 at 6:05PM

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Written comments may be mailed to:

Executive Director
Office of Legislative Services
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(928) 871-7586

Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.

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THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY

LEGISLATION NO.: 0022-21

SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart Jr.

TITLE: An Action Relating to Law and Order Committee; Approving an Allocation of Two-Million Nine-Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$2,930,511.00) from the Judicial/Public Safety Fund, to the Window Rock Judicial District, for the Purchase of the Modular Window Rock Judicial Complex New

Posted: February 18, 2021 at 9:14 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: February 24, 2021

Digital Comments received:

	1. Fort Defiance Chapter
Comments Supporting	2. Verlena Hale, Window Rock Judicial District Court Administrator
	3. Corina Smith
Comments Opposing	None
Comments/Recommendations	None

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

2-24-2021 8:15AM

Date/Time



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Aaron Sam, President Genevieve Jackson, Vice-President Grace Tracy, Secretary/Treasurer Wilson C. Stewart, Jr., Council Delegate

Jonathan Nez Navajo Nation President Myron Lizer Navajo Nation Vice President

February 22, 2021

Executive Director Office of Legislative Services P. O. Box 3309 Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Sir:

The Navajo Nation has been without an adequate facility for its Public Safety Department and Window Rock Judicial District. The two departments are essential for the protection of people and for justice for all. It is the concern of our community that the facility is still not built due to lack of funds and also due to Covid-18. One of the goals the chapter is advocating for is a modern facility for Public Safety/Judicial District. The community realizes the need for services.

The community designated and approved a prime area for the Judicial District to locate its facility. Enclosed is a copy of the resolution.

The community, chapter staff, officials and council delegate are in full support. We are requesting that Legislation 0022-21 be approved in the amount of \$2,930,511.09 from the Judicial/Public Safety Fund to the Window Rock Judicial District, for the purchase of the Modular Window Rock Judicial Complex.

Thank you for your support and approval of the legislation.

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Honorable Eugenia Charles- Newton, NN Delegate Chairperson for the Law and Order Committee And Honorable Otto Tso, Delegate Vice-Chairperson for the Law and Order Committee P.O. Box 3390 Window Rock, Arizona 86515

RE: Letter of Support requesting funds for the WRJD Modular Building

I am writing this letter supporting the Window Rock District Court (the "Court"). The Court needs a temporary modular building to house court staff and conducts proper court business and hearings. The Court has been without a facility since 2018 and forced to utilize conference rooms at the courts' Administrative Office. This request is an immediate need.

The Window Rock District is one of the largest Navajo Nation districts and handles over 4,000 cases and 27,000 visitors annually. In 2017, the district moved from the Old Police Department, which is structurally unsafe and condemned. At that time, we were fortunate to have secured a leased office space from the Navajo Nation Shopping Centers, Inc., Window Rock, Arizona. On July 9, 2018, the district court vacated the leased office space due to mold and low indoor air quality problems. After more than two years of inspections, mold abatement, roof repairs, and exterior wall repair, the district court cannot re-occupy the leased office space. Since then, the district court has had to relocate twice.

The district is housed within the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), an impractical building for the high traffic and massive caseloads because the AOC building was never designed to administer direct services. The court staff occupies two conference rooms in overcrowded, restricted, sometimes unsafe, and inadequate workspaces when processing cases during this pandemic. The district court is in immediate need of an office space/building to conduct our court hearings for legal counsels, government agencies, the public, and Judicial Branch personnel.

The Window Rock Judicial District serves an essential role in providing direct services that are available for all of Arizona and Navajo Nation constituents in Arizona Legislative District 7. Your advocacy and support of our efforts to fund a new court building to administer justice services are sincerely appreciated. The public can perceive the lack of adequate facilities as a government's diminished commitment to such important principles. The judicial branch is dependent on the executive and legislative branches to fund the judiciary as a co-equal branch of government and thereby maintain dignity and respect for all branches.

Without proper facilities, cases are delayed, court hearings can be compromised, and justice administration is impacted. These outcomes directly impact the citizens served by the Court. The Court is not asking for brand-new permanent court facilities but instead for funding to provide a temporary modular building where court business can be efficiently and effectively administered. I hope you can allocate the funds from Judicial Public Safety funds. I can be of further assistance; please contact me at verlenahale@navajo-nsn.gov. Thank you.

Verlena Hale, Court Administrator

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February 23, 2021

Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, NN Delegate Chairperson for the Law and Order Committee

Honorable Otto Tso, Delegate Vice-Chairperson for the Law and Order Committee PO Box 3390 Window Rock, AZ 86515

Re: Letter of Support Requesting funds for the WRJD Modular Building, Legislation# 022-21

We are requesting for your support and approval of Legislation# 022-21. The Window Rock Judicial District (WRJD) is in dire need of a building to sufficiently serve the public and for the safety and well-being of the staff.

I'm sure you all have heard the history of our displacements and the unsafe buildings we have occupied so I will not reiterate that. As a staff member, I am imploring you to approve this legislation. We have been displaced and even occupied a mold infested building for several years. Since July, 2018 the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) have been kind enough to allow us to share their building and operate from there, along with approximately 25 AOC staff members. However, their building was not designed for or meant to house so many people and to accommodate the number of people we serve on a daily basis.

Our staff of 13 currently work out of 2 small conference rooms and a very small reception area, where we greet and assist the public (when we were not in a pandemic). The space we are currently operating out of is not safe for the staff (in this pandemic) and is not adequate for the number of staff we have, the public we serve and the number of cases we process. Our program is necessary for the safety and well being of the communities we serve and we have continued to work through the pandemic to ensure the continuity of services.

Our Court Administrator has tried looking for other office space, other funding and has tirelessly tried all avenues to find us a building to rent or lease and has not been able to find a place. This building would ensure our staff a safe place to work and would provide a secure environment for providing justice services for the 18 communities we serve. Again, I am imploring you all to please help us secure the funding to obtain this building. If you have any questions, you can contact me at corinaybegay@navjao-nsn.gov.

Respectfully,

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Corina Smith

THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY

LEGISLATION NO.: 0022-21

SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart Jr.

TITLE: An Action Relating to Law and Order Committee; Approving an Allocation of Two-Million Nine-Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$2,930,511.00) from the Judicial/Public Safety Fund, to the Window Rock Judicial District, for the Purchase of the Modular Window Rock Judicial Complex New

Posted: February 18, 2021 at 9:14 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: February 24, 2021

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	 Kathy Titla Hon. Michael Latham Fort Defiance Chapter Window Rock Judicial District Court
Comments Opposing	None None
Comments/Recommendations	1. Paulene McCabe

Legislative Tracking Secretary Office of Legislative Services

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chniam 25, 2021 4:32 pm

Legislation #0022-21

Manuelito Chapter < manuelito@navajochapters.org >

Wed 2/24/2021 9:06 PM

To:comments < comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Yaateeh Council Delegate Otto Tso;

Manuelito Chapter thanks you for sponsoring legislation to improve the WR Judicial District. Over the years, the Navajo Nation has developed too many modular buildings in the Window Rock area (scattered sites all over). Weren't the Judicial courts being held in a modular building just south of the Navajo Western/Ace Hardware Store? The modular building had a roof leak and continued until it developed mole. The modular building had to be shutdown due to contamination and the courts were back in the old butler buildings. Navajo Nation is purchasing far too many modular buildings, its a quick fix but DO NOT last long enough to withstand the wear and tear. I am recommending to use the \$2,930,511.00 to Plan/Design/Construct a two-story building to house the Navajo Nation courts, court administration and even the Public Safety Division and add a basement to transport defendants. We need an up-to-date solid square or rectangular building, not Hogan-style because the rounded corners can't be used for office space. That is long-range planning and not a band-aid fix.

Thank you for allowing me to comment,

Paulene McCabe

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An action relating to Law and Order Committee approving allocation of \$\$

Kathy Titla <kathy_ngc@hotmail.com>

Wed 2/24/2021 9:06 PM

To:comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

This is in support of approving allocation of monies to the Window Rock Judicial District for the purchase of a modular judicial complex. A new complex will enhance safety and security and allow for technology improvements to run an efficient branch of the government whose mission is to serve the members and community of the Navajo Nation.

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JUDGE MICHAEL LATHAM PRESIDING JUDGE ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT APACHE COUNTY

Post Office Box 667 70 W. 3rd South St. Johns, Arizona 85936-0667

PHONE: (928) 337-7555 ◆ FACSIMILE: (928) 337-7586

Navajo Nation Law & Order Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of the Navajo Nation Window Rock District Court (the "Court"). The Court needs a temporary modular building to house court staff and conduct proper court business and hearings. As many of you know, the Court has been without a facility since 2018 and has been forced to utilize conference rooms at the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Without proper facilities cases are delayed, court hearings can be compromised, and the administration of justice is impacted. These outcomes directly impact the citizens served by the Court. At this time the Court is not asking for brand-new permanent court facilities, but instead for funding to provide a temporary modular building where court business can be efficiently and effectively administered.

The court system of any nation acts as the guardian of the rule of law. The rule of law is the foundational principle of any healthy democracy and nation. The lack of adequate facilities can be perceived by the public as a government's diminished commitment to such important principles. The judicial branch is dependent on the executive and legislative branches to fund the judiciary as a co-equal branch of government and thereby maintain dignity and respect for all branches.

Therefore, please support the Court in obtaining the temporary building it needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hon. Michael Latham Presiding Judge

Arizona Superior Court in Apache County



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February 19, 2021

Memo

To:

Navajo Nation Window Rock Judicial District

From:

Lorraine Nelson, Chafter Manager

Subject:

Window Rock Judicial District/Police Proposed Facility

Staff member of the WR Judicial District approached the chapter for a parcel of land on which to place a building. Since the closing of the Window Rock Police/Judicial complex, due to the unsafe and dilapidated condition, the department was left with no place for operation. As the result, the chapter and Judicial branch began communicating Two sites were identified as possible sites. /The selected site is situated across the chapter house containing 5.8 acres.

The establishment of a Judicial Branch in the community will play a positive impact on the community, as well as the surrounding areas. Economically the presence of the facility will definitely be an impetus to attract more businesses in Fort Defiance. We have a large school district which will benefit from any educational endeavors that it could provide in partnership. The Tsehootsoi Medical Center is located a short distance which could form a partnership for training and other services. There are other entities, i.e. NHA, which could greatly benefit from the presence and service by the local judicial services, and eventually the police department.

Fort Defiance Chapter has a strong interest in the judicial branch building its facility in the community and therefore it granted the use of a prime area. The officials and administration are in full support. We are all excited regarding the plan.

Cc: Wilson Stewart, Jr., Council Delegate

Chapter Officials

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Honorable Otto Tso, Delegate Vice-Chairperson for the Law and Order Committee PO Box 3390 Window Rock, Arizona 86515

RE: Letter of Support requesting funds for the WRJD Modular Building

Thank you for your interest and support of the Window Rock District Court. The attached proposal for an 8,000 square foot modular building will house justice services for eighteen Arizona and Navajo Nation communities served by this district. This request is an immediate need.

The Window Rock District is one of the largest Navajo Nation districts and handles over 4,000 cases and 27,000 visitors annually. The Window Rock Judicial District serves an essential role in providing justice services for all Arizona and Navajo Nation constituents in Arizona Legislative District 7. Your advocacy and support of our efforts to fund a new court building to administer justice services are sincerely appreciated.

The summary will provide you some insight into our efforts to obtain an office building. The Window Rock Court moved and shut down several times from 2016 to 2018.

- The district court vacated the Window Rock District Public Safety building (Old Police Department) in May 2017, after several building closures due to sewage backup problems and natural gas leaks.
- At that time, we were fortunate to have secured a leased office space from the Navajo Nation Shopping Centers, Inc., located in Window Rock, AZ. The district court moved into that rented office space in June 2017.
- 3. On July 9, 2018, the district court vacated the leased office space due to mold problems and low indoor air quality. After more than a year of inspections, mold abatement, and repairs to the roof and exterior walls undertaken by NNSCI, it was determined the district court could not re-occupy the leased office space. Window Rock Judicial District's situation is worse because the NNSCI management decided not to renew the lease agreement for an additional year. The lease we had with NNSCI was annual, and the lease expired on December 31, 2018.
- 4. In July 2018, as posted on the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch website, the district court has been operating out of the Administrative Offices of the Courts building, the Peacemaking Program office space, and the judges use the Supreme Court's courtroom for hearings. While this arrangement was initially expected to last one month, the district court judges and staff continue to work in undersized and cramped quarters that were not designed for office space personnel.
- 5. In August 2018, we looked around the Window Rock, St. Michaels, Fort Defiance, Tse Bonito area for available office space/hearing room to conduct court hearings for the community. The need for temporary office space is for a period of when we temporarily move to Ft. Defiance, Arizona area.

- 6. The WRJD has attended Planning, CLUPC, and Chapter meetings to obtain an approved and supporting Chapter resolution to land withdrawal for a modular building site.
- 7. The BIA has transferred the Old Pickett Fence land to the Ft. Defiance Chapter house. The Window Rock Court request to temporarily utilize until the Permanent Judicial Complex is constructed and completed.
- 8. In June 2019, the Window Rock Judicial District obtained and approved Chapter Resolution for the 5.9 acres of land (Old Pickett Fence Area) located across from the Ft. Defiance Post Office.
- 9. The Window Rock Court obtain and approved BIO/Cultural clearance and BIA. In September 2020, an on-site RFQ meeting and passed out the RFQ packet and did a walkthrough. The interested vendors did a visual assessment, walkthrough assessment and took pictures of the land plot and the terrain for site prep. The submittal of the RFQ package was due and submitted by September 17, 2020.
- 10. In October 2020, the 5.9 acres known as the Fonner Pickett Fence area had been withdrawn and transferred into the Window Rock Court's name.
- 11. In October 2020, we selected the vendor, NEZ/FCI, as the modular building builder.
- 12. In January/February 2021, we are seeking a funding source to allocate funds to purchase a modular building for the WR Court and Probation & Parole Services personnel, litigants, and the public.

Currently, the district is located within the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), an impractical building for our high traffic and massive caseloads. The AOC building was never designed to administer extensive direct services. The court staff occupies two conference rooms in overcrowded, restricted, sometimes unsafe, and inadequate workspaces when processing cases during this pandemic. The district court is in immediate need of an office space/building to conduct our court hearings for legal counsels, government agencies, the public, and Judicial Branch personnel.

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In sum, the Window Rock Judicial District needs a modular building with adequate office space for court personnel to conduct direct services. Therefore, between June 2019 to January 2029, the Window Rock Judicial District needs temporary office space for its operations. I hope you can help us identify any potential available funds to purchase a new Modular building. However, this construction of a new permanent building complex is only starting to get underway and is at the programming stage, and this project will take several years to complete.

I hope you can help us secure funding. We are all in agreement with this letter of support with our signatures. If we can be of further assistance, please contact the Window Rock Court personnel at nnwrcourt@navajo-nsn.gov.

Sincerely.

/s/ Malcolm Begay

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