

**RESOLUTION OF THE
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Third Year, 2021**

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600(A).
- B. The Law and Order Committee is the oversight committee for the Navajo Nation Department of Justice 2 N.N.C. § 601(C)(2).
- C. Each oversight committee shall review and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the budget in accordance with the annual budget instructions. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Law and Order Committee held a budget hearing and took budget testimony regarding the Navajo Nation Department of Justice's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).
- B. The Law and Order Committee recommends to the Budget and Finance Committee a fiscal year budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Justice. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).

SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- A. The Law and Order Committee hereby acknowledges the proposed Navajo Nation Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Justice recommended by the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President, as provided on the Fund Type Budget Summary, attached as **Exhibit A**.
- B. The Law and Order Committee requests that the Budget and Finance Committee and the Navajo Nation Council adopt the

changes to the Budget, as set forth in the General Fund Comparative Summary, **Exhibit B**, Recommended Changes to the General Fund Budget, **Exhibit C**, Recommended Conditions of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, **Exhibit D**, and Recommended Unmet Needs, **Exhibit E**.

- C. The Law and Order Committee authorizes the Committee Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson to meet and negotiate with the Budget and Finance Committee on these recommendations.

SECTION FOUR. RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CARRYOVERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Law and Order Committee recommends the carryover of unexpended balances from Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2021 to Fiscal Year 2022 as follows:

The Department of Justice unexpended balances Business Unit 104001, 104002, and 104005.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 03 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 10th day of August 2021.



Honorable Otto Tso, Vice Chairperson
Law and Order Committee

Motioned: Honorable Vince James
Second : Honorable Eugene Tso

Fund Type Budget Summary

[illegible]

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[illegible]

Recommended Changes to the General Fund Budget

Branch: EXECUTIVE **Division/Office:** DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[illegible]

Fiscal Year 2022

The Navajo Nation
Recommended Conditions of Appropriations and Legislative Concerns

EXHIBIT D

Branch: EXECUTIVE		Division/Office: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
Business Unit Number	Program Title	Brief Narrative of Recommended Condition of Appropriation (COA) or Legislative Concern (LC)	
104001	Office of the Attorney General		
104002	Navajo-Hopi Legal Services		
104005	Office of the Prosecutors		

**The Navajo Nation
Recommended Unmet Needs Budgets**

Branch:		EXECUTIVE	Division/Office:		DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Business Unit Number	Program Title	Amount of Unmet Need	Explanation of Recommended UNMET NEEDS to the FY 2022 General Fund Budget		
104001	Office of the Attorney General	200,583	Unmet personnel funds are requested to full budget. Pro-rated position and approved EPAF Step Increase June to September 30, 2021, also to cover reclassification negotiated attorney position short fall of \$180,297 including fringe benefits. To purchase equipment, lap top for new hire with software installation, other supplies expenses will provide funds for new hire needs and postal costs; and Special Transactions for insurance premiums of personnel pro-rated and salary adjustment for above entry level hire of attorneys \$20,286 for a TOTAL of \$200,583 UNMET NEEDS.		
104005	Office of the Prosecutor	463,691	The Unmet Needs would address key prorated positions, positions that have received an Salary Step increase due to annual EPAF and provide for three new prosecutor positions and one administrative position. These will ensure prosecution is adequately disbursed in districts that do not overwhelm/overwork district prosecutors. \$367,644 Travel expenses for vehicles covers the adequate cost for the two already leased vehicles from Fleet Management and cover mileage rates. Operating cost will allow for each district and administration to adequately provide much needed operating/office supplies to fourteen offices and maintain a clean workspace and operating equipment. The Shiprock office lease would allow for the Shiprock office to move into a larger building that will house six positions in a safe and cleaner environment wherein staff are not intermingling with the outside guests and other patrons within the small office space they have. The remainder is the required insurance for personnel \$96,047 for TOTAL AMOUNT UNMET NEEDS = \$463,691		
TOTAL:		664,274			

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
Special Meeting
August 10, 2021

Legislation No. 0152-21: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee; Approving and Recommending to the Budget and Finance Committee the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Justice – *Sponsor: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Amendment No. 1:

Motion: Hon. Eugene Tso
Second: Hon. Vince James
Vote: 3-0-2

Yea: Hon. Eugenia Charles Newton, Hon. Vince James, Hon. Eugene Tso
Nay: None
Not voting: Hon. Otto Tso
Excused: None
Absent: Hon. Edmund Yazzie

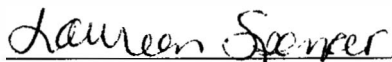
Main Motion:

Motion: Honorable Vince James
Second: Honorable Eugene Tso
Vote: 3-0-2

Yea: Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton, Hon. Vince James, Hon. Eugene Tso
Nay: None
Not Voting: Hon. Otto Tso
Excused: None
Absent: Hon. Edmund Yazzie



Otto Tso, Vice Chairperson
Law and Order Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council



Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor
Office of Legislative Services