



OFFICE OF THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

9:00 AM

Present: Chair Matt Ryan, Vice Chair Lena Fowler, Supervisor Patrice Horstman, Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez and Supervisor Judy Begay were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

Also Present: County Manager Steve Peru, Deputy County Manager Sue Brown, Public Affairs Director Trey Williams, Deputy County Attorney Rose Winkeler and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Lindsay Daley were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

Chair Matt Ryan called the Special Session meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Matt Ryan provided opening comments regarding the special meeting taking place to fill the vacancy of the Legislative District 7 State Senator position due to the resignation of Senator Jamescita Peshlakai. He also expressed appreciation to Senator Peshlakai and to those who submitted their names to fill the vacancy.

Each Supervisor introduced themselves and expressed their appreciation to Senator Peshlakai and those who applied for the position.

Chair Matt Ryan explained that the Board will go into executive session prior to the Call to the Public.

Discussion and Possible Action Item:

1. Discussion, consideration and possible action to fill the vacancy of the Arizona Legislative District 7 State Senator position upon Senator Jamescita Peshlakai's resignation; pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A)(3), the Board may vote to enter executive session for legal advice on this item.

Upon a recommendation from Deputy County Attorney Rose Winkeler, a motion was made at 9:19 a.m. to go into executive session for item 1 to receive legal advice.

Motion: to go into executive session for advice from legal counsel, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Patrice Horstman, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez. The motion passed unanimously.

Present: Chair Matt Ryan, Vice Chair Lena Fowler, Supervisor Patrice Horstman, Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez and Supervisor Judy Begay were present virtually via TEAMS meeting technology.

Also Present: County Manager Steve Peru, Public Affairs Director Trey Williams, Deputy County Attorney Rose Winkeler, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Lindsay Daley were present virtually via TEAMS meeting technology.

The executive session discussion started at 9:22 a.m.

The executive session discussion ended at 9:42 a.m.

Chair Matt Ryan reconvened the public meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Present: Chair Matt Ryan, Vice Chair Lena Fowler, Supervisor Patrice Horstman, Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez and Supervisor Judy Begay were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

Also Present: County Manager Steve Peru, Deputy County Manager Sue Brown, Public Affairs Director Trey Williams, Deputy County Attorney Rose Winkeler and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Lindsay Daley were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

Chair Matt Ryan explained that they will have Senator Peshlakai speak and then have public comment allowing for three minutes each and then will have further explanation of the process and do interviews and have a discussion and possible action.

The Board waited for a few minutes for Vice Chair Lena Fowler to re-join the meeting as she was having technical difficulties.

Senator Jamescita Peshlakai introduced herself and expressed her thanks and appreciation in representing District 7. She also explained that she will be working for the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation and the region for which she will be working and taking up new challenges. She expressed her confidence in the Board of Supervisors making a decision for her replacement and wished whoever is selected the best.

Deputy County Attorney Rose Winkeler went over the statutory requirements, within A.R.S. 41-1202, explaining the responsibility of the Board of Supervisors to fulfill the process of filling the vacancy in the legislature. She also explained that in following statute, the three candidates the Board will be considering were nominated by the democratic party. She also went over qualifications required of the Arizona Constitution. She stated that the qualifications were verified of the three candidates.

Chair Matt Ryan had each of the interviewees briefly introduce themselves- Theresa Hatathlie, Gwen Ward and Pearl Yellowman.

Chair Matt Ryan asked the candidates if they would be willing to sequester themselves until it is their turn to interview. They all answered yes. He stated the Board is trying to create a fair opportunity for all candidates.

Call to the Public:

Chair Matt Ryan opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 10:10 a.m. He explained that three minutes will be provide to those wo desire to speak and Clerk of the Board Lindsay Daley provided technical directions on how the public can notify that they would like to speak.

Rose Toehe provided a public comment. She introduced herself and expressed appreciation for the time given. She stated that all candidates are strong women and have experience in leadership and that her heart and prayers are with the Board as they make the decision and also with the candidates. She asked the candidates to remember that they are representing a lot as well as those in the border towns of the districts and that more than 50% of their people are living off Nation lands and to keep that in mind.

Verlin Joe from Tuba City, Arizona provided comment. He introduced himself and thanked Senator Peshlakai for her service to the state. He provided an endorsement for Gwen Ward and shared his work experience with her.

Chair Matt Ryan closed public comment and introduced Public Affairs Director Trey Williams who would moderate the interviews of the candidates.

Director Williams went over the process for the interviews and said they will go in alphabetical order.

Chair Matt Ryan asked that Ms. Yellowman and Ms. Ward leave the meeting in order to interview Ms. Hatathlie.

Public Affairs Director Trey Williams asked candidate Theresa Hatathlie a series of numbered interview questions as follows:

1. What are your long-term and short-term priorities when representing LD 7 in the state Senate? What do you envision prioritizing in your first couple of sessions and do you plan to run for the seat if appointed?

Ms. Hatathlie spoke about her short-term goals being to move the bills forward that Senator Peshlakai was working on including bills that have to do with veteran issues, murdered and missing indigenous women, education, and voter suppression. She also spoke about doing research and studying the priorities of other Senators. She spoke about her long-term goals being quality education and not supporting school vouchers. She also spoke about higher education and making it accessible. She stated that she does plan to run for the position.

Follow-up Question:

Supervisor Patrice Horstman asked Ms. Hatathlie if she is committed to being in Phoenix during the legislative session.

Ms. Hatathlie explained that she is committed to traveling to Phoenix for the work and spoke about her previous experience in having to travel for work.

2. LD 7 includes many tribal nations, including 9 tribes- the Hualapai, Havasupai, Kaibab Paiute, San Juan Southern Paiute, Navajo, Hopi, White Mountain Apache, San Carlos Apache and a small portion of Zuni Pueblo. What experience do you have working with tribal members in Arizona? What are one or two important issues currently confronting tribal nations and their residents in Northern and Central Arizona?

Ms. Hatathlie spoke about her work while at Dine College and having to provide testimony to several committees and combining forces with the current tribal Chairman. She spoke about the importance of being educated on the various issues for the different tribes and joining forces to work on issues. She spoke about one of the issues being access to college.

Follow-up Questions:

Supervisor Patrice Horstman spoke about the change to the Legislative District 7 map, she asked Ms. Hatathlie if she is committed to represent all of Legislative District 7 since with redistricting the district will pick up half of Flagstaff.

Ms. Hatathlie explained that the important thing in this situation is to become knowledgeable with the new district and redistricting. She stated she doesn't know all there is to it and she stated she would like to become educated and go forward with those introductions and explore the areas and address their needs.

Vice Chair Lena Fowler asked what other issues and priorities that tribes have from Legislative District 7 and to the state and how she plans to work with them.

Ms. Hatathlie explained that it would require some diplomacy to ask important questions to learn what the needs are and also the importance of learning the bills of Senator Peshlakai and to become aware of the issues in common amongst all tribes, such as education, broadband, emergency communication, missing and murdered indigenous women, LGBTQ

community, veterans, transportation, water and that these are issues that are monumental. She also explained that land-based issues and voter suppression are also important issues.

Chair Matt Ryan asked how she will approach other communities within the district?

Ms. Hatathlie explained that she is willing to talk to people and get an idea of the issues and build community and that she will have an open-door policy and provide people access to her.

Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez asked her to give an example of having to represent people that she wasn't so close with but were part of representing.

Ms. Hatathlie spoke about past work experience of working to advocate for people. She spoke about how she sees individuals as five fingered beings and not by color or ethnicities and that all have the commonality of having needs. She stated there are many ethnicities in District 7 and advocating for people is her life work and passion.

Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez asked her about her experience working with the Hispanic/Latino community.

Ms. Hatathlie spoke about being on the Mayor's Council and working with former Mayor Coral Evans and working with former Supervisor Liz Archuleta. She spoke about learning from their leadership and that she doesn't see any reason not to work with the Latino community. She also spoke about friendships she has.

Supervisor Judy Begay stated it is a large land base of Legislative District 7 and as a public servant one will need to work with people of all cultures.

3. How do you see your interests and background related to the long-term needs of LD 7 residents? LD 7 spans 7 counties and 9 tribes.

Ms. Hatathlie spoke about having twenty years of experience working in positive youth development and about ancestral wisdom and knowledge. She explained that what she stands behind is her ancestors and sets protective layers no matter what she encounters. She spoke about the foundation her parents instilled in her to continue the work of advocacy for her people and having a sacred duty to be a mentor and duty to continue to protect mother earth and the natural elements. She explained that the concepts of nation building are important to all walks of life. She stated there are many inequities that need to be brought to light and communicated to understand and have diplomacy and stand on the values of the democratic party. She explained that she has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and some studies in Organizational Psychology, as well as Cultural Studies from Dine College. She also explained she is a lifetime learner of her environment and learns from others.

4. Economic Development, land use, natural resources, emergency preparedness, and infrastructure are important topics in rural Arizona. What experience do you have working on public policy in these areas?

Ms. Hatathlie spoke about being a logistics manager currently and is a legislative liaison for an organization – providing relief in the current day pandemic and she is a cofounder of an organization of twelve women who started a fundraising campaign for the Navajo and Hopi reservation and provided education in English, Hopi and Navajo and provided necessities such as PPE. She explained that she collaborated with nurses and retired physicians to help move the initiative forward. She spoke about the infrastructure issues being water, electricity, and broadband. She stated that she is not a proponent of uranium mines, and that the health of the earth is very important. She spoke about the importance of preserving national monuments and water— especially when looking at Lake Powell, and the need to advocate to restore water tables.

Follow-up Questions:

Chair Matt Ryan asked Ms. Hatathlie to tell him about her current job appointment and how much time it takes and how she will manage her time serving in the state senate since it takes a lot of time between meetings, research, and travel.

Ms. Hatathlie spoke about working for the greater good of the individuals of those she serves. She explained that she knows the importance and realizes the weight and has seen the hours and the length of sessions and that it is an important job that takes a lot of time.

Supervisor Patrice Horstman asked Ms. Hatathlie if she would continue her current commitments and take on the senate position.

Ms. Hatathlie explained that the job would take the majority of her time and that she has had the discussion with her family and that she may have to end one job to do this one and is well aware of that.

Supervisor Judy Begay asked what experience she has had working on public policies.

Ms. Hatathlie spoke about working in various capacities providing information and statistics in which Senator Peshlakai developed her bills on education and also the missing and murdered indigenous women initiative. She also spoke about her experience working on the Navajo Nation Missing Dine Relative (NDR) initiative and provided a lot of that information to the state committee which Senator Peshlakai co-chaired. She also spoke about her experience working on the Dine College Act at the congressional level.

5. What process will you use to get feedback from constituents and residents? How do you plan to communicate with residents?

Ms. Hatathlie spoke about the importance of constituents to have access to their leaders. She also spoke about knowing there are bills ready to be submitted and the importance of making sure collaboration occurs to move bills forward. She also explained she has no issue in seeking input and inviting individuals to provide testimony, and would not have an issue with traveling.

Chair Matt Ryan thanked Ms. Hatathlie for participating in the interview process.

Ms. Hatathlie thanked the Board for the opportunity and spoke about how she is a resourceful person who is goal oriented and able to work with individuals of all walks of life. She explained she does not take the responsibility lightly. She also explained there are many challenges, due to the pandemic, and as a logistics coordinator and legislative liaison and VP of Dine College Board of Regents, she does a lot of work via internet and Zoom, and that the concepts of communication are important to accomplish goals.

The Supervisors each thanked Ms. Hatathlie and provided brief feedback regarding her experience.

Ms. Hatathlie left the meeting at 11:32 a.m. and the Board took a short break at that time.

Chair Matt Ryan reconvened the meeting at 11:42 a.m. and candidate Gwen Ward joined the meeting.

Public Affairs Director Trey Williams asked candidate Gwen Ward the numbered interview questions as follows:

1. What are your long-term and short-term priorities when representing LD 7 in the state Senate? What do you envision prioritizing in your first couple of sessions and do you plan to run for the position if appointed?

Gwen Ward spoke about her short-term priority being to advocate for the people, especially those without a voice. She explained that for her long-term goal it would be to bring jobs and fix the immigration system. She stated she is thinking about running for the position but will have to see.

Follow-up Questions:

Supervisor Patrice Horstman stated that she would like her to expand on the answer to number 1 and asked what Ms. Ward sees as Senator Peshlakai's legacy and if she would carry forth Senator Peshlakai's agenda and if it is important to continue in the short-term?

Ms. Ward stated she would follow what Senator Peshlakai had planned out.

Supervisor Patrice Horstman stated that the state legislature is divided and asked if she would play a role with the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Ms. Ward spoke about working on implementing bi-partisan legislation and promoting diplomacy.

Vice Chair Lena Fowler asked if she is committed to traveling to Phoenix and staying for the session.

Ms. Ward stated that she has a daughter in Phoenix that she can stay with and that she is willing to travel. She asked if a car would be provided, and Director Williams answered that she will need to ask the state that.

Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez asked what her prioritization would be in the first month and what she is looking to focus on.

Ms. Ward spoke about addressing the needs of the people and being part of the democratic process.

2. LD 7 includes several tribal nations, including the Hualapai, Havasupai, Kaibab Paiute, San Juan Southern Paiute, Navajo, Hopi, White Mountain Apache, San Carlos Apache and a small portion of Zuni Pueblo. What experience do you have working with tribal members in Arizona? What are one or two important issues currently confronting tribal nations and their residents in Northern and Central Arizona?

Ms. Ward stated that she is willing to help everyone and work on problems such as electricity, water, and basic necessities.

Follow-up Questions

Supervisor Patrice Horstman spoke about the change to the Legislative District 7 map, she asked Ms. Ward if she is committed to represent all of Legislative District 7 since with redistricting the district is now picking up half of Flagstaff and how does she see herself representing all of the residents of LD 7 including those that are not residing on tribal lands.

Ms. Ward stated she would be representing all people and that she would keep an open mind and that there are people who live off the reservation.

Vice Chair Lena Fowler asked how she would be able to work with rural cities and towns in Legislative District 7 how she would work with them and what are the issues that they face.

Ms. Ward stated that she comes from Coalmine where there are no roads and the way they communicate is going down to the local level and listening to people.

Director Williams asked how she sees herself representing all of Legislative District since with redistricting it will represent half of Flagstaff.

Ms. Ward answered that she would reach out to the communities one on one.

3. How do you see your interest and background relating to long-term needs and priorities of LD 7 residents overall?

Ms. Ward spoke about working for the local government and listening to community members on the local level, and how she would talk to people and listen to their needs.

4. Economic development, land use, natural resources, emergency preparedness, and infrastructure are important topics in rural Arizona. What experience do you have working on public policy in these areas?

Ms. Ward stated that she is part of the Coalmine Chapter Club and that it is the community land use planning committee. She spoke about her experience on that committee and that she would like to be part of the communities and draft policies through resolutions.

Chair Matt Ryan asked- when dealing with economics or infrastructure how she would move issues forward through legislation.

Ms. Ward answered she would do it through collaboration and communication and that she would talk about plans and get support.

Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez asked how she plans to serve the population that are non-indigenous in LD 7.

Ms. Ward- answered that she would communicate with them and reach out to Latino groups.

Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez asked what kind of relationships or Latino groups she has currently worked with.

Ms. Ward stated that while in college in Phoenix she worked with the Latino community.

Vice Chair Lena Fowler asked Ms. Ward how she would be able to manage a full-time job and do this position at the state level.

Ms. Ward stated that she would be committed to this position and may leave her current job.

5. What process will you use to get feedback from constituents and residents? How do you plan to communicate with residents?

Ms. Ward explained that in her prior experience she did a survey to get an idea of what was needed and that is something she would do.

Chair Matt Ryan asked Ms. Ward if she would like to provide a final comment.

Ms. Ward explained that she can be an advocate and believes in equal opportunity and that protecting the environment is central for the future. She also stated she believes in progress that will bring equal opportunity for education.

The Supervisors provided comments and feedback to Ms. Ward.

At 12:15 p.m. Chair Matt Ryan stated that the Board will take a break for lunch and return at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Matt Ryan reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Public Affairs Director Trey Williams asked candidate Pearl Yellowman a series of numbered interview questions as follows:

1. What are your long-term and short-term priorities when representing LD 7 in the state Senate? What do you envision prioritizing in your first couple of sessions and do you plan to run for the seat if appointed?

Ms. Yellowman spoke about her short-term priorities being key issues such as redistricting, education and the voucher system, infrastructure, reproductive rights- issues that are already being presented to the state and District 7. She also spoke about how Senator Peshlakai did a great job expressing the unique needs of District 7 and that the residents make up a colorful population of the state. Ms. Yellowman explained that she works for the Nation and that long-term priorities include needed infrastructure, water and waste-water, housing and housing renovations, and bathrooms in homes – things that are needed for public health and to mitigate Covid. She also spoke about rural addressing needs and roads. Ms. Yellowman spoke about growing up in Chapter houses and how she had an opportunity to hear elders' request for roads and water. She spoke about the former Bennett Freeze- the land freeze that has existed for four decades. She explained that the majority of her background is in education, social work and social services and addressing the funding need for District 7.

Ms. Yellowman explained that it is important to have representation that can express the concerns and needs of District 7 to all parties and partners and who can work with all levels of government. She spoke having the opportunity to observe quality leadership and being able to listen to concerns and if there is a need to strengthen those relationships then those would be additional priorities and that there is much work to carry one that has been started.

Director Williams asked if she would be willing to run if appointed.

Ms. Yellowman stated she would be committed to carrying out the support and the answer would be yes- that she would make sure that is what the constituents of District 7 want and that she would have the proper support of the community members.

Follow-up Questions:

Director Williams asked if Ms. Yellowman can regularly travel to Phoenix and attend the legislative session since there is no virtual option.

Ms. Yellowman stated she has family in the Valley and that she can and does plan to participate in person.

Director Williams asked what role she would want to play in the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Ms. Yellowman spoke about this being an important seat and an important vacancy to fill and that it requires strategic communication and negotiation on behalf of District 7 to properly represent the people of District 7 and the priorities of the Democratic Party. She also spoke about the importance of being able to work with the Republican Party and work with integrity and being committed to work on important issues.

Supervisor Patrice Horstman spoke about the change to the Legislative District 7 map, she asked how she would represent all of Legislative District 7 since with redistricting the district is now picking up half of Flagstaff.

Ms. Yellowman spoke about her current role with the Navajo Nation and how the land base is large with many constituents living on and off the reservation land and how she had to remain committed to traveling throughout the land and had to be present and engage with all members of the community. She also spoke about the importance for constituents to have an opportunity to ask questions and have the seat represented in a healthy and transparent manner and that she is open to quality guidance and feedback from all members of District 7. She explained that the land base deserves someone who can put in the time to engage with all members of District 7 and neighboring districts because of regional issues that need to be discussed and worked on and that she would be committed to doing that.

Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez asked how she would connect with constituents that are non-indigenous.

Ms. Yellowman explained that she has been fortunate to engage in populations with ethnic representation and there are unique cultural differences and unique cultural similarities and often the differences are worthy and valued and need to be expressed and it is important to her to learn about all of the populations- cultural and ethnic, but also veterans and seniors

that deserve attention. She explained it is in our best interest to work together and there are issues impacting the district and the importance of unifying and working together on environmental issues, working on solid waste and illegal dumping and matters dealing with public health.

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Ms. Yellowman explained that she has been fortunate to work with the state and national organizations that have allowed her to work with these tribes and with tribal leadership and that she has great respect for the tribes that live in District 7. She explained the importance of working with them and the issues that they face and collective issues such as redistricting, needed infrastructure like broadband. She also spoke about her understanding of the various reasons that heavy advocacy is needed for these issues. She also spoke about the tribes discussing water and water rights being of great concern as well as climate change throughout Arizona and that energy and economic development are heavy concerns throughout tribal land.

Follow-up Questions:

Director Williams spoke about the redistricting changing the Legislative District 7 map boundary and covering half of Flagstaff and asked how she would represent new residents of District 7.

Ms. Yellowman stated that she is prepared to support the best interest of the constituents and is also prepared to reach out to new residents of the district due to the redistricting. She spoke about a redistricting map that was proposed that went right through a chapter and the impact that would have. She spoke about working her best to become prepared for all the issues surrounding the mapping and do her best to introduce herself to impacted community members.

Director Williams asked how she will work with tribal communities and maintain community relations with tribal communities in the district?

Ms. Yellowman spoke about respecting local leadership with the tribal communities in District 7 providing access and communication lines to the person selected. She explained that her efforts will be to maintain that and strengthen those relationships by being present. She also spoke about elders not all being on social media or having access to internet and zoom or modern technologies and how several people rely on paper and radio so she would utilize alternative communications and be present in the legislative session.

Director Williams asked how she will work with non-native communities, for example Latino communities in District 7.

Ms. Yellowman explained that it is important for the representative of District 7 to be open to learning from non-native communities and take the time to listen and articulate their concerns and needs at the state level and making sure they are heard and validated. She explained it is important to strive in reaching consensus and reaching validation and to ensure that she has heard from the non-native communities and making sure they know that she fully represents their values and beliefs as a state leader.

3. How do you see your interests and background related to the long-term needs of LD 7 residents? LD 7 spans 7 counties and 9 tribes.

Ms. Yellowman spoke about organizations within each county and communities and how each is impacted by certain areas and issues. She spoke about the similarity to her current position in working with 110 chapters and each of the counties, cities and communities have their own history and how it is important to establish relationships. She spoke about the organizations, schools, health facilities being impacted differently and how Covid has impacted health facilities. She

also spoke about food sources being impacted and strengthening relationships with county representatives, schools, and health facilities.

Director Williams asked if she would like to touch on her relationship with cities.

Ms. Yellowman spoke about acknowledging some of the challenges and strengths and spoke about Page- about it being diverse and the need to address policing, health, bus routes, schools, and how these are great concerns to community members. She spoke about the importance of maintaining a positive relationship but also making sure to maintain integrity with the cities and towns and address issues that impact their economic development. She also spoke about making sure there is equity in conversations and that community members feel supported by the state.

Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez asked how she will be able to address having her current job and also do the Senate position.

Ms. Yellowman stated that this process has been fast and she spoke about having a lot of responsibilities entrusted in her by the Navajo Nation and Nation leadership and that the position at the Senate deserves full time attention and focus. She stated that if given the opportunity she would have to consider relinquishing her position with the Navajo Nation.

4. Economic Development, land use, natural resources, emergency preparedness, and infrastructure are important topics in rural Arizona. What experience do you have working on public policy in these areas?

Ms. Yellowman spoke about having recent experience in policy and advising and that she has worked on policy issues both in designing policy and advising leadership through the executive branch and implementing policy from the legislative branch. She explained that she has been fortunate to work on economic development, transportation and land use planning and master planning on opportunity zones, as well as natural resources with water and with emergency preparedness in working with 110 chapters on their emergency preparedness and emergency public health concerns at all levels- schools and municipalities.

Follow-up Questions:

Director Williams stated that serving in the Senate takes a lot of time between meetings, travel and research and asked how she will you manage her time.

Ms. Yellowman spoke about time management being critical especially post Covid with multiple phones and multiple technology with zoom calls and meetings and that in preparation for the interview it reminded her of her graduate school days and the long nights of studying and reading. She explained that she has a passion for these topics- economic development and infrastructure and how she becomes attached because she is aware of the impacts it will have on people and the importance of being in a position to articulate the needs. She spoke about time management being critical as well as health. She spoke about being a mother of three young adults and that they are supportive, and they are aware of the time it requires to be working long hours and days.

Supervisor Judy Begay asked what experience she has had working on public policies mentioned in question 4 and to elaborate.

Ms. Yellowman provided two examples. She explained that she was assigned to the economic development task team putting together policy position and reported on behalf of the nation. She also spoke about working on the American Rescue Plan Act and participating on tribal consultation and addressed through policy issues such as access to right of ways. She spoke about working through policy to allow tribal communities to express and communicate challenges and successes.

Director Williams asked how she would leverage that experience she spoke of and pursue public policy in those areas.

Ms. Yellowman spoke about it being important to engage weekly and monthly with conversations with councils throughout the Navajo Nation and listen to recommendations to include amendments or changes to laws and the needed review of laws and codes that prevent or cause barriers to changes. She explained it is important to be cautious as to how amendments are created and designed.

Director Williams asked how she would represent communities in those areas that were talked about previously.

Ms. Yellowman spoke about needing to insure she is receiving communication and how a lot of coordination is involved for building a road or bridge and making sure concerns are heard such as economic development and making sure they have the funding sources and fully use the funds provided to complete projects.

5. What process will you use to get feedback from constituents and residents? How do you plan to communicate with residents and constituents?

Ms. Yellowman spoke about engaging in various forms and recognizing that not all people have access to internet and social media and utilizing the radio and getting out in the public in a healthy way and also making sure that constituents and residents have access to a state Senator or state leader and making sure they are acknowledged. She spoke about making sure she has the district at heart and the pillars that set the foundation for communication.

Chair Ryan thanked Ms. Yellowman and asked if she would like to provide additional comments.

Ms. Yellowman spoke about the opportunity and being raised in a traditional Navajo family and going to schools and being an athlete was stressed and supported. She spoke about learning disciplines and learning how to be resilient. She spoke about sports that led her to Montana and how she raised her kids that but that during her time being in graduate school and thinking about coming back home to apply what she learned. She spoke about her mother being a County leader and being fortunate to watch her and how public service is part of her DNA and how her teachings involved giving when she can and that she sees the needs of the people in District 7 and is able to articulate at the state level so residents are represented and not forgotten. She also spoke about being genuine and serving with integrity and that she appreciates the support.

The Supervisors each thanked Ms. Yellowman and provided brief feedback regarding her experience, knowledge and responses to the questions.

The Board took a break at 3:15 p.m. and then reconvened the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

The three candidates were all present for the Board's deliberations.

Each Board member provided observations on the candidates.

Chair Matt Ryan expressed his appreciation to the Democratic Party. He provided his observations on the candidates and spoke about the different levels of experience of each of the candidates. He explained that he feels that both Theresa Hatathlie and Pearl Yellowman can do the job and that they are his top two candidate choices.

Supervisor Patrice Horstman thanked the democratic party and thanked the three candidates. She spoke about what she is looking for in a candidate including someone who will follow through with the bills that Senator Peshlakai put forward, representing all of Legislative District 7 and also being engaged in the Senate Democratic Caucus. Supervisor Horstman provided her overview of each of the three candidates. She explained that Theresa Hatathlie and Pearl Yellowman are her top two candidates.

Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez provided his feedback on the three candidates. He explained that his top two candidates are Theresa Hatathlie and Pearl Yellowman. He spoke about the community support that Theresa Hatathlie has and explained that he is leaning toward Theresa Hatathlie being the top candidate because of the community support that she has.

Supervisor Judy Begay thanked Senator Peshlakai and the democratic party. She spoke about the strengths of the three candidates that will benefit Legislative District 7.

Vice Chair Lena Fowler spoke about the issues we face today with the challenging times and the need to work across the aisle and with various levels of government and expressed her appreciation for the candidates' willingness to serve. She thanked the candidates and those that also took time to participate and listen in on the meeting and the Democratic Party.

Chair Matt Ryan stated that it seems there are two primary candidates – Theresa Hatathlie and Pearl Yellowman. He explained the strengths he sees in both of the two candidates. He explained that he sees a systems think in Pearl Yellowman and that Pearl is his number one candidate just slightly but that he thinks that both candidates can do the job and would be good for the job.

Supervisor Patrice Horstman explained that she thinks Theresa Hatathlie has the longer experience and the more current experience in Legislative District 7 and that she leans toward Theresa Hatathlie to fill the position.

Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez explained that he also leans to Theresa Hatathlie to fill the position and that he feels both Theresa Hatathlie and Pearl Yellowman can do the job; however, what stood out to him was the level of local support received for Theresa Hatathlie.

Supervisor Judy Begay stated that she will be ready to vote.

Vice Chair Lena Fowler explained that that the two strong candidates are Theresa Hatathlie and Pearl Yellowman and shared her thoughts on the experience of both of them. She explained that she leans toward Theresa Hatathlie to fill the position and that a lot of support had come in for Theresa as well.

Supervisor Judy Begay expressed her thanks to the candidates.

A motion was made at 4:06 p.m.

Motion: for the Coconino County Board of Supervisors to appoint Theresa Hatathlie to fill the Legislative District 7 senate vacancy and assume the position of LD 7 as State Senator, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Judy Begay, **Seconded by:** Vice Chair Lena Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

The Supervisors provided comments of thanks and appreciation to the candidates.

Theresa Hatathlie offered her thanks to the Board and for all the support that was sent in and those who listened in to the meeting and to those who nominated her. She also spoke about the appreciation for the leadership of women. She spoke about Senator Peshlakai and her respect and appreciation for her. She confirmed her commitment to the position.

The Supervisors each took time to thank her and congratulate her.

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Matt Ryan, Chair

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lindsay Daley", is written over a horizontal line.

Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Warrant listing for 1/6/2022 as required by ARS-11-217.D

The minutes shall include all demands and warrants approved by the board in excess of one thousand dollars and multiple demands and warrants from a single supplier or individual under one thousand dollars whose cumulative total exceeds one thousand dollars in a single reporting period.

Check	Vendor	Amount
13892	AMERIGAS PROPANE LP	2,200.00
13894	LUCINDA ANDREANI	1,200.16
13895	JONNA E BAKER	3,186.40
13898	COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	4,500.00
13899	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	7,325.78
13906	CREDITRON CORPORATION	8,802.62
13909	TYRRELL-MARXEN CHEVROLET CADILLAC INC	14,085.63
13911	GOOD SOURCE SOLUTIONS INC	1,874.62
13912	GRIFFEN & STEVENS LAW FIRM PLLC	2,027.00
13916	THE J STREIFF LAW FIRM PC	5,850.00
13917	DANIEL KAISER	1,300.00
13918	KASSIE RENE TADSEN	4,994.00
13919	NICHOLAS M LARSEN	2,054.40
13920	MICHELLE RATNER	1,153.10
13925	NEXXUS CONSULTING LLC	8,181.83
13926	NILES RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	1,187.94
13927	PAGE UTILITY ENTERPRISES	2,720.00
13928	GREGORY THOMAS PARZYCH	4,684.00
13929	PERFORMANCE STRATEGIES	7,359.97
13931	PTS OF AMERICA LLC	11,577.00
13938	SHAMROCK FOODS	9,610.24
13940	CAROL HENDERSON-DAHMS	1,253.08
13942	BELINDA STYLE	1,807.00
13943	SUNED 14 MISC-B HOLDINGS LLC	2,568.36
13945	KATHY A TURNER	4,379.48
13946	WCD ENTERPRISES LLC	1,125.00
13949	AMANDA J WILLEY	2,399.50
92202919	4IMPRINT	1,659.72
92202922	AMH INC	1,075.00
92202923	ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE	4,613.38
92202927	APS SERVICES INC SOURCECORP	9,181.82
92202928	APS SERVICES INC SOURCECORP	5,739.57
92202932	BOB BARKER COMPANY INC	1,087.57
92202937	CITY OF FLAGSTAFF	2,824.64
92202938	CITY OF FLAGSTAFF	10,779.78
92202939	CITY OF FLAGSTAFF	2,117.94
92202942	CITY OF WILLIAMS	1,200.00
92202947	COURTESY CHEVROLET INC	31,680.37
92202955	CHRISTOPHER DIXON	1,500.00

92202956	SUSAN ELIZABETH MAST	3,129.92
92202957	EMPIRE SOUTHWEST LLC	1,128.80
92202959	FIRST CLASS ENTERPRISES LLC	1,987.88
92202961	FOREST RIDGE APARTMENTS LLC	1,500.00
92202968	HARRIS & WINGER PC	6,400.00
92202971	JOHN GRAVES PROPANE OF ARIZONA INC	1,000.00
92202972	JURY SYSTEMS INCORPORATED	1,925.00
92202974	KARPEL COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC	51,850.00
92202980	NJ SHAUM & SON INC	14,300.00
92202987	PHOENIX CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	1,150.00
92202989	PUEBLO MECHANICAL & CONTROLS LLC	21,724.35
92202990	R R ROBERTSON LLC	5,183.52
92202996	KODI MORTENSEN	1,400.00
92202997	STATE OF ARIZONA	15,897.89
92202998	STATE OF ARIZONA	1,006.18
92202999	STERLING FABRICATING EQUIPMENT INC	36,990.00
92203001	TOTAL CONTROL INNOVATIONS, LLC	6,733.36
92203002	UNS GAS INC	2,400.00
92203003	BENJAMIN WAIBEL	1,264.00