



# Coconino County

## District 5 Supervisor Lena Fowler's Update

### Economic Impact Study on the North Rim

I have asked Northern Arizona University's Alliance Bank Economic Policy Institute to conduct a study on the Grand Canyon National Park - North Rim's annual closure on Oct. 15, and the economic impact to the region in Arizona and Utah. I've requested the study because I've noticed businesses start closing their doors around Oct. 15 each year, as a result people lose their jobs for the winter. Studies show in Coconino County people travel on average over 50 miles to their daily jobs. If the Grand Canyon National Park - North Rim were to stay open longer or even stay open year-around it will



boost the economy and jobs will become more reliable and stable. I am partnering with the local businesses, Jadi Habitiin Enterprise, communities along Arizona and Utah borders and the Navajo Nation on this study.

### NACo Annual Conference

There are 3069 counties in the country and annually all of the counties meet to discuss issues impacting counties and it's citizens. Last month, I traveled to Nashville, TN to participate in the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference where I made a presentation to other county officials from throughout the country on the optional impact of the Navajo Generating Station closure and the future economic development opportunities in the region. In addition, the County team and I successfully won adoption of four Coconino County resolutions in the NACo Advocacy platform. The four resolutions adopted were:



- Resolution Supporting Robust Remediation of Abandoned Uranium Mines as a Critical Priority for the United States.
- Resolution Supporting the Use of FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Funding to Engage in Forest Thinning and Restoration Activities, Including Using FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance for Forest Restoration to Reduce the Threat of Catastrophic Fire and Post Wildfire Flooding and Debris Flows.



- Resolution Supporting Federal Funding to Promote and Expedite Building of Wood Products Industry in Regions with Low to No-Value Trees to Allow Consumption of Forest Products as a Pathway to Forest Restoration and Reduction of the Risk of Catastrophic Wildfire.
- Resolution Supporting a Complete and Accurate Census 2020 Count Issue: Supporting a complete and accurate Census 2020 count.

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**FLAGSTAFF CITY COURT**  
 Register today!  
 will hold court in Tuba City, AZ  
 Friday, August 10, 2018 | Tuba City Judicial District

### Regional Trail Alliance



I am pleased to have hosted the first meeting of the Regional Trail Alliance on July 27<sup>th</sup>. My vision for the alliance is to create a tri-county multi-use trails map that links all local existing community trails and secondly to identify the route of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail (OSNHT). This project is to help create healthy communities through trails. It's well known that trails create healthy recreation and transportation opportunities by providing people of all ages with attractive, safe, accessible and low- or no-cost places to cycle, walk, hike and jog. Trails help people of all ages incorporate exercise into their daily routines by connecting them with places they want or need to go. Secondly, it's to improve the region's economy. Studies show communities across the country are revitalizing their economy through trails, by building new businesses and creating new jobs. Identified and signed trails also direct people and keeps them away from places people shouldn't go. The OSNHT

is a multi-jurisdictional trail crossing from the Navajo Nation and Apache, Navajo, Coconino, Kane and Mohave counties and through several communities and federal agencies such as the NPS and BLM. I would like to welcome all who are interested in participating to the Regional Trail Alliance to the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 7 at 10am at the Glen Canyon NHA – 12 Lake Powell Blvd., Page, AZ.



## Tuba City/ Moenkopi Broadband Stakeholders Meetings

I have organized the first initial meetings with the Tuba City/ Moenkopi local officials, TCRHCC, APS and NTUA to discuss bringing broadband fiber into Tuba City and Moenkopi villages. Broadband is essential for social and economic development and it has become nearly impossible to lead one's life or conduct business without adequate broadband access. To address the limited internet service NTUA and APS agreed to partner in the use of current existing utility lines to deliver internet services. To date, NTUA and APS have conducted tours to inspect all utility line in Tuba City. The stakeholders also met with representatives from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in April to discuss the limitation our region experiences due to the lack of communication infrastructure and the disadvantages we face as disconnected rural communities. We are now working to draft a grant proposal to line the fiber optic into Tuba City and Moenkopi villages.



## County Voters to consider ballot initiative on judicial merit selection Prop. 416

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES**

**AUG 28** **PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 - ELECTION DAY**  
Monday, July 30 - Last day to register to vote  
Wednesday, August 1 - Early voting begins  
Friday, August 17 at 5pm - Last day to request early ballot by mail  
Friday, August 24 at 5pm - Last day to vote early in person

**NOV 6** **GENERAL ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - ELECTION DAY**  
Tuesday, October 9 - Last day to register to vote  
Wednesday, October 10 - Early voting begins  
Friday, October 26 at 5pm - Last day to request early ballot by mail  
Friday, November 2 at 5pm - Last day to vote early in person

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, voters within Coconino County will consider a ballot proposition on the merit selection of judges and judicial retention. Registered County voters will vote on the following issue: Shall Coconino County change from a partisan election of superior court judges to a merit selection and judicial retention election of superior court judges.

## Tuba City Veterans Computer Center

Fall of last year, I finally received approval to have the Coconino County Information Technology department build a computer station for all veterans in our region at the Navajo Nation Tuba City Veterans Office. The computer center will connect veterans with the Veterans Administration to obtain all forms, documents and program information. So that veterans will be able to take care of the necessary paperwork for benefits, search for jobs and prepare essential documents for applying for a job. We are currently working on identifying equipment needed to establish this center. We are planning a grand opening event for the public when the Veteran's Computer Center is ready.



## Northern Arizona College Connection

This past June Northern Arizona College Connection partners, including the four presidents or their representatives, were together in Flagstaff at Coconino Community College for updates and to continue work on consortium goals and objectives. Work is currently continuing initial programming for Hotel & Restaurant Management in Page utilizing coursework from CCC, NTU and NAU. Thirteen students completed the Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician program offered at CCC Page and funded by Coconino County Career Center. The group had the highest initial success rate on the certification exam of any previous CAMT program at CCC. Plans are under to offer a second course this fall. Four courses will be offered at CCC Page this fall with consortium students in mind. The courses are partly online with face to face instruction and labs every other Friday. Each consortium partner offers a thorough selection of online courses. The NAZCC website at [www.coconino.edu](http://www.coconino.edu) has links to each partner schools fall course offerings.



**"Engage Locally, Empower Locally,  
Expand Globally"**



Coconino County Supervisor Lena Fowler invites you to participate in this year's

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC INITIATIVES  
OF THE COLORADO PLATEAU**

Courtyard by Marriott Page Lake Powell  
October 24 - 25, 2018

Registration Opens Soon!

For additional inquiries,  
call Supervisor Lena Fowler's Office at 928-283-4518  
or visit [www.coconino.gov/2028/REICP](http://www.coconino.gov/2028/REICP)

## Census 2020

The Coconino County Board of Supervisors are concerned about the way the current U.S. Census Bureau's proposed to conduct the 2020 census at a lower cost per household than 2010 census. This means fewer local offices and field staff. Responses will be accepted in three ways: internet, telephone and paper. Why is getting an accurate and complete count important? A complete count helps our communities get a fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds sent to State, local government and families. Coconino County passed a resolution supporting a complete and accurate Census 2020 Census count. I've had several meetings with the Navajo Nation OPVP regarding this issue.



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