

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD MAY 6, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Mayor Smith called the Work Session to order at 6:40 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Luke Smith	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Stephanie Irwin	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Vice Mayor Rich Crockett	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Kim Webb	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Woody Biscoe	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Leslee Wessel	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Norris Dodd	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Udall, Town Manager; Jack Barker, Attorney; Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk; Paul Esparza, Community Development Director; and Sherwood Eldredge, Chief of Police.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION BY NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY, BRAD CARLYON, AND NAVAJO COUNTY SHERIFF, KC CLARK, ON PROPOSITION 100:

Navajo County Sheriff, KC Clark, and Matt Searles, Navajo County Jail Commander, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Proposition 100 and the proposed Department of Corrections Prisoner Shift to Navajo County. Sheriff Clark stated there has been a 42% drop in the crime rate; however, he said the prison population is up. He said rehabilitation can work, and said there are many programs for prisoners. He said, at the County level, they could only get a GED. He said the bottom line is correctional intervention does work to rehabilitate offenders.

Sheriff Clark stated the County is not set up for long-term housing of prisoners. Mr. Searles stated the County is also not set up to accommodate such a large amount of violent offenders. He said most jails house 10% of violent offenders, but said this would increase that number significantly to over 45%. He said they are not equipped to handle such a large integration of violent people, and said they must house them separately from the other offenders. Sheriff Clark stated they would receive approximately 206 inmates on October 1. Councilman Biscoe asked what their capacity is. Mr. Searles stated their capacity is approximately 400. Sheriff Clark went over the numbers and types of prisoners they would receive. Mr. Searles stated a jail has to be diverse in how it handles people. He said they could not just stick everyone in one big room. He said they have to classify them based on the offense. Sheriff Clark stated they are triple bunking now. Mr. Searles stated that with the number of violent offenders they would have to convert a double bunk unit into a single bunk unit to accommodate a high-risk inmate.

Sheriff Clark stated it costs Navajo County \$68 per day to house a prisoner. He said that for 206 inmates it would cost over Five Million Dollars. He stated they would also lose the BOP contract of Two Million Dollars; and said therefore, it would affect the Navajo County budget by over Seven Million Dollars. He said the Navajo County General Fund Budget is approximately Thirty Million Dollars, and said the DOC transfer would use about 25% of that budget. Councilman Dodd confirmed that does not include the infrastructure modifications to house those prisoners.

Sheriff Clark stated they might see increased crime in the communities if this transfer occurs, because not all of the prisoners would remain in jail at the County level. He stated they would not be able to get rid of the DOC inmates as a judge sentenced them, and said they are required to do their time; but said they would be looking at whom they can let out. He suggested they contact their legislators and the Governor and tell them this is unacceptable.

Councilman Dodd asked if Proposition 100 would prevent this, or if it would happen regardless of how the vote turns out. Sheriff Clark stated they are not saying they are in favor of or against Proposition 100, but said if Proposition 100 fails then in October DOC would bring a bus of 206 inmates to the Navajo County Jail. He said if the proposition passes then they would have to trust the legislature.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Dated this 13th day of May 2010.

PINETOP-LAKESIDE TOWN COUNCIL

/s/ Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk