



ELECTION DAY— DON'T FORGET TO CAST YOUR VOTE!

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HOPI CALENDAR

TömöKyelmuyaw
(November)
the Initiate Moon
is the last moon
of the year

- Nov TömöKyelmuyaw
- Dec Kyaamuyaw
- Jan Tömö'Paamuyaw
- Feb Powamuyaw
- Mar Ösömuayaw
- Apr Kwiayamuyaw
- May Hakitonmuyaw
- June Woko'uyis
- July Tala'Kyelmuyaw
- Aug Tala'Paamuyaw
- Sep Nasanmuyaw
- Oct Angakmuyaw

THIS MONTH IN HOPI HISTORY

- **AD 900:** Early Hopi peopled moved into Grand Canyon, Black Mesa and Little Colorado area
- **AD 1100-1300:** Hopi Ancestors began moving to Hopi Mesas because of dependable springs
- **1598:** Juan de Onate arrived at Hopi in search of gold
- **1776:** Franciscans arrived in Orayvi to help against the Navajo
- **1859:** Mormons arrived at Orayvi
- **1863:** Kit Carson seeks volunteers in Orayvi

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Lieutenant Paul Sidney Retires after 25 Years of Credible Service with the BIA Law Enforcement Service



Lt. Paul Sidney retires from BIA Law Enforcement after 25 years of service

Special to the Village Crier
BIA Law Enforcement Services

On October 31, 2022, Paul Sidney from the Village of Kykotsmovi (fire clan), officially retired from the position of Supervisory Police Officer with the Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Officer Sidney is a graduate of Hopi Jr./Sr. High School and has four children and married to Lucille Talaswaima-Sidney from the Village of Tewa (First Mesa). Children: Brannon Wunu Sidney, Adrian Suhimu Sidney, Jayce Mo'tima Sidney and Anayla Grace Sidney.

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Scary, Funny, Beautiful and Adventurous Trick or Treaters visit FMCV



Trick or Treaters at the FMCV Office

Small Earthquake Reported near Arizona

A 3.0 magnitude earthquake was reported at the border between Arizona and New Mexico Tuesday night, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The small quake happened just before 11 p.m. on Nov. 1 on the New Mexico side of the border, around 6 miles southwest of Franklin, Arizona. At least six people reported feeling the earthquake, but there have been no reports of damage.



FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney meets with Congressman Tom O'Halleran

Ivan L. Sidney, Administrator
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

On Oct. 27, the First Mesa Tribal Council Representatives contacted our office informing us that Congressman Tom O'Halleran unexpectedly arrived at the Tribal Council meeting and would be visiting the construction site next to the Hopi Tribal Courts facilities.

The Congressman was escorted to the construction site by the Tribal Chairman's staff.

Soon after his visit, FMCV Accountant Brannon Sidney and I, representing our Leaders, approached the Congressman to welcome him to our village lands. The Congressman remarked on his remembrance of our Leaders when he met with them in Mong' Kiva at Walpi Village. He stated that this is one of his foremost personal remembered occasions on his first visit to the Hopi reservation.

He stated his concern for the new Detention Center is without a Juvenile Holding Unit, which he will work to include. He was also informed that



the facility will not have enough inmate space when completed.

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Hopi Tribal Council Report

By: Council Rep. Wallace Youvella, Jr
Oct. 2022 Report

Hopi Tribal Council (HTC):

- Action Item #085-2022: Request of \$125,182.87 from the contingency fund to cover expended funds from programs and departments assigned to assist with EO #003-2022.
- The matter was referred to the Budget Oversight Team for input.
- Appointments to the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation (HTEDC): Two (2) persons were recommended from Hopi Tribal Council (Jerry Lane and Philton Talahytewa). Talahytewa withdrew from consideration and Lane's recommendation was not successful. The search to fill seats on the HTEDC Board will continue.
- The Hopi Board of Education (HBE) appeared before the HTC on Oct. 25. The discussion regarding vacancies on the HBE for representatives of First Mesa Elementary School as well as other schools was discussed. The HBE advised the HTC that a 30-day period (November) will be open to members of the community to submit applications for seats on the HBE. Schools without representation are First Mesa Elementary School, Keams Canyon Elementary School and Hotevilla Bacavi Community School. There is also an At-Large seat that is vacant. It was also noted that no one has submitted an application for the position of CSA of the new unified school district, which is concerning. Another point of interest is that there is a need for a school attorney to assist the HBE as they are currently relying on the Office of General Counsel.
- Rep. Tom O'Halleran made an impromptu visit to Hopi Tribal Council on Oct. 25.

HTC Representatives had the opportunity to speak and ask questions of Rep. O'Halleran. It was an honor to ask questions regarding the increasing high inflation we are experiencing, the national state of unstable energy as well as diesel shortages, the border as it regards to mainly fentanyl making its way into Northern Arizona Schools and Hopi's continued fight for water rights. Discussion was brief; however, Rep. O'Halleran reached out and would like to discuss the mentioned issues more at length.

Investment Oversight Standing Committee (Oct 10)

- Letter to be submitted by Chair Youvella, Jr. to request time for a report to Hopi Tribal Council regarding the Moenkopi Developers Corporation's request, negotiations with HTEDC regarding the Walpi Housing Management Agreement and the Basalt Project discussions.
- Letter to be submitted to HTEDC regarding a more in-depth view of their financial status and request for a November meeting.
- The Omnibus Account is currently being desegregated and it is the hopes that in a month's time the process will be near completion.
- The sub-committee met with representatives of the Basalt Corporation, on the Hopi Trust Lands near Winslow. A site visit of the Industrial Park proved to be very favorable. Members of the sub-committee included Chair Youvella, Jr., Vice-Chair Talayumptewa, Rep. Namoki, Dorma Sahneyah of the Vice Chairman's Office and Fred Lomayesva of the Office of General Counsel.

Gaming Committee (Oct. 18):

- No Quorum was attained.
- Chair Youvella, Jr., and Vice Chair Bahn-iptewa agreed to proceed with the presenting of the Action Item to HTC in November. The proposed gaming project with Tonto Apache has a deadline of December 2022.
- The Key Terms, regarding the partnership, which were negotiated by the previous Gaming Committee and Leadership, will be presented along with the Action Item.

Transportation Task Team (Oct. 19):

- No Quorum was attained; however, the committee members present proceeded with a discussion and information meeting with no actions taken.
- The need to move more aggressively on new construction projects, including HIR-10, was expressed to the Hopi Department of Transportation. The Right of Way issue needs to be resolved and involved departments need to lend more assistance, as progress thus far is not acceptable.
- Meetings on a street address project will take place at Polacca in the near future.
- Progress on the Polacca Airport was discussed in a "30% Review of Design" meeting. Construction on the airstrip is tentatively set for 2024.
- Work on the Kachina Point Rd, formerly the Leupp Rd., is set for 2023.
- An Action Item regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement, with the Keams Canyon ADOT Yard and the Hopi Senom Transit, is complete and will be presented to HTC in November.

Letter to Hopi Tribal Council

From: Council Rep. Dale Siquah re: Hopi Elections Office

Hopi Tribal Council:
Sept. 19, 2022

Recently, I became aware of a survey being conducted by the Hopi Elections Office. Included in the survey are issues that are potential amendments to the Hopi Tribal Constitution that may be subject to a Secretarial Referendum Election. The survey was sent to at least a portion of registered Hopi tribal voters by the Hopi Tribal Registrar with the concurrence of the Hopi Election Board as stated in the survey cover letter. The deadline for returning the survey is October 28, 2022.

After reviewing this matter, it is my position that the survey efforts are in direct conflict with the express duties and responsibilities of the Hopi Election Board and the Hopi Tribal Registrar as contained in the Hopi Tribe's "Election Ordinance 34." I recommend in the strongest terms that the survey be stopped immediately, and the data gathered be destroyed in its entirety.

Furthermore, given the gravity of this situation, it is imperative that Hopi Tribal Council take this matter up as

an oversight responsibility at the earliest possible date, most certainly before the survey deadline date of October 28, 2022. The Hopi Election Board and the Hopi Tribal Registrar must be compelled to appear before the Hopi Tribal Council to explain their roles in conducting the survey. At minimum, they must provide the following information.

1. Identify specific provisions in Ordinance 34 that authorizes the Hopi Election Board and Hopi Tribal Registrar to initiate efforts to amend the Hopi Tribal Constitution in a Secretarial Election.
2. Present specific provisions in Ordinance 34 that allows the Hopi Election Board and the Hopi Tribal Registrar to prescribe issues to be the subject of amendment(s) to the Hopi Tribal Constitution in a Secretarial Election.
3. Present specific information that authorizes the Hopi Election Board and the Hopi Tribal Registrar to circumvent the Hopi Tribal Council as the primary au-

thority to place constitutional amendments before the Hopi people.

4. An accounting and identification of ALL expenditures, including employee consulting, postage, travel, and other costs incurred for preparing and conducting this survey and if these expenses were approved through a Hopi Tribal Council budget authorization.

Amending the Hopi Tribal Constitution is the highest and most significant undertaking that a sovereign Indian tribe can pursue. Circumventing the process of the Hopi Tribal Council authorizing the constitutional amendments infringes on the sovereign powers and authorities of the Hopi Tribal Government. Therefore, this process should not be trivialized for political purposes.

I look forward to working in concert with the Hopi Tribal Council to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,
/s/Dale Siquah, First Mesa Consolidated Villages Hopi Tribal Council Representative

High School Football 2A Little Colorado Football All-Region

Player of the Year:

Marcus Oberitter (Holbrook)

Offensive Player of Year:

Ashton Raban (St. Johns)

Co-Defensive Player of the Year: Baca (Holbrook) and Richardson (St Johns)

1st Team

Owen Begay (O-Line)

Quintin Nahsonhoya (D-Line)

Jarious Lomayestewa (DB)

Isaac Poleviyuma (Line Backers)

2nd Team:

Vernon Honwytewa (WR)

Jace Sidney (RB)

Hubie Talashoma (QB)

Keinan Honyaktewa (Placekicker)

Dalen Pashano (DB)

Arion Sahneyah (Longsnapper)

Honorable Mention:

Juan Huma

Kapolani Teutupe

Alex Yoiwaima

Congratulations Hopi Bruin Football Team!

We are proud of you and all your efforts. Continue to study hard and we look forward to another great season next year.

For the graduating Seniors, we wish you well in whatever you choose to do after High School! **GO BRUINS**

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Paul Sidney Retirement from P1

Officer Sidney started his career in law enforcement in 1993 as a Correctional Officer and attended and graduated from the basic Correctional Officer Program in Artesia, New Mexico.

In 2000, then Chief of Police Alfonso Sakeva, Sr. recruited Sidney while he was still working as Staff Assistant to Hopi Chairman Wayne Taylor, Jr.

Sidney reported for official duty as a Police Officer in 2000 and successfully graduated and completed the Basic Police Officer Program and is proud to be a member of class 85 and credits his Police Sergeant and Instructors Darren Cruzan and Steven Juneau for providing sound leadership and instruction which has molded many Police Officers throughout Indian Country. Both training instructors have gone on to become Directors of Law Enforcement at the watch office in Washington, D.C.

In 2007 Officer Sidney applied for and accepted the position of Criminal Investigator (Special Agent) with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Officer Sidney attended the Criminal Investigator Training Program in Glyco, Georgia with other Special Agents throughout the United States and obtained his certifications and graduated from the C.I.T.P program. His first assignment was in Fort Apache, as a Special Agent in Whiteriver, Arizona. Investigating Major Crimes was the objective of the assignment on the Fort Apache Indian reservation.

Due to the manpower issues on the Hopi Indian reservation. Officer Sidney applied for the Patrol Sergeant position and was hired to lead patrol officers working at that time for the Hopi Agency. Sergeant Sidney patrolled alongside many men who wore the French blue uniform including: Captain Albert Silas, Jr., Sergeant Bennett Chatter, Officer Louie Quanimptewa, Officer Edward Koruh, Officer Howard Sakiestewa, Officer Troy Poitra, and Officer Emerson Ami, to name a few.

It was through working alongside these men who were much more experienced and older than Officer Sidney, that he realized Supervision and Management was a passion and constant learning process while being mentored at the Hopi Agency to lead a force of men.

In 2009 during a visit from Director Darren Cruzan and the Corrective Action Support Team

spearheaded by Assistant Director, Dave Littlewind, Sergeant Paul Sidney was ranked by the Director's Office as a Police Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Sidney continued his career supervising the uniform patrol, dispatch services, and was called on and reassigned at times as the Acting Chief of Police for Hopi Agency. Sidney said he enjoyed being involved with youth activities like the Gang Resistance Education and training program, spearheading special events during the Holidays and cultural events on Hopi, and promoting the departments Community Oriented Police Program that also included Shop with a COP that rewarded youth for excelling in education and exemplifying good behavior in Hopi schools.



Lt. Sidney also highlights working alongside Hopi Officers like Officer Allen Anderson, Officer Brandon Dubray, and Officer Richard Naseyowma, Jr. who were knowledgeable in the culture and were able to come down to the level of our Hopi and Tewa youth and elders.

Sidney recalls when he and then Officer B.C. Claw (Deceased Federal Police Officer) would patrol the villages of Walpi and stop at the Coyote lady's house, Bertha Kinale (aka: Piiki) where she would mold her pottery and feed the two officers fry bread and Fresca soda for their trip throughout the villages.

"The simple tasks of foot patrols and open communication with the public we serve, is memorable and goes unnoticed in a 25 year career," said Sidney.

In 2019 the Hopi Tribal Government contracted its law enforcement program P.L. 93-638 (self determination act).

Lt. Sidney was reassigned to Truxton Canon Agency which oversees the Kaibab Indian reservation as well as the Supai reser-

vation located at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Before Officer Sidney began his new duties at his home agency in Truxton Canon, he served as the Chief of Police on the Moapa Indian reservation just north of Las Vegas, Nevada as well as Eastern Nevada Agency at the direction of Chief of Police, Thomas Smart.

From FY 2019-2022 Lt. Sidney was continuously called upon to lead both Eastern and Western Nevada Agencies located near the Winnemucca Colony and Fort McDermitt Indian reservation.

It was there in Nevada that Sidney realized how vast and progressive Indian Country was moving in the direction of self sufficiency and self governance. Constant meetings with tribal leaders during the tour of duty helped Sidney grow and understand that Indian Country needs to constantly progress together with its people in order to keep up with demands and challenges we face as a people.

Lieutenant Sidney's badge #326 has been retired and returned back to his family in Keams Canyon on the Hopi Indian reservation.

Sidney stated he does not hesitate to share his experience because he knows he was molded right and trained properly by the Hopi people and the many leaders he met throughout Indian Country.

Officer Sidney would like to thank his wife and four children for standing alongside his chosen profession; his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Sidney, Sr.; his siblings Ivan Sidney, Jr. and Velleda Sidney and his many nieces and nephews.

"Most importantly," said Sidney "I return home to my water clan aunties on the Hopi reservation."

Sidney will continue supporting his people and encourages others to "be kind, look out for one another and always remain Hopi and humble."

"Kwak-hai!! And thanks for letting me share my career path with all of you. I wouldn't have been where I am today if we didn't recognize family, faith, and the man upstairs that looks out for each and everyone of us. Nahongvita (dig deep everyday)!!! I have had many experiences and challenges in my young life as a Police Officer serving Indian Country. Serving the people is my passion and calling. But, life doesn't end and it is definitely not retirement for me."

Congressman O'Halleran from P1

The Hopi Law and Order Committee reported this to the Hopi Tribal Council prior to the start of the construction but was ignored by the Chairman and his assistants, being the sole participants in the BIA planning and development. It was recommended that construction be placed on hold to include the omitted facilities; because once the construction starts, the federal government will consider the need for a corrections facility accomplished. Since our new code now requires complete processing of arrested individuals, the courts and behavioral health professionals should have been included in the planning.

The Congressman as a former Police Officer, and I as a former Police Chief, were able to discuss issues pertaining to public safety planning needs.

We were able to represent our leaders and show their support of the long-time need of our Hopi Jr./Sr. High School, to construct BIA Route #60 (Upper Polacca Road/Low Mt. Road) to become an all-

weather road. Students from those areas continue to be transported via the Burnside/Chinle route which is an extra hour bus ride, one way. He promised to contact the Federal Transportation Secretary to represent the needs of the Hopi and Navajo people.

He further reminded us of the federal funds currently available to expand broadband services. The Congressman was told of our current efforts to work with HTI and Cellular One to expand broadband, particularly addressing the needs of our schools and tele-medicine. It was also our village objective to establish Wi-Fi sites for connections to those homes unable to secure internet services.

The one-on-one visit with the Congressman for our district was a unique opportunity. Our appreciation to our Tribal Council Representatives for informing us of this visit. This exemplifies the true representation of our Hopi People.

Information will be reported on assistance that will be received from the Congressman.



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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

-1 Chronicles 16:34

Happy Thanksgiving!

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75th Annual Christmas Parade Winslow, Arizona
November 19, 2022
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Winslow has the distinction of having the longest-running Annual Christmas Parade in northern Arizona and as you may or may not know, it's a blast! Thousands come to Winslow from all over the state of Arizona to enjoy and/or participate in the festivities of the day. food, arts, crafts, toys, clothing, jewelry, and more are available for your enjoyment starting in the morning and throughout the day.

Hopi Utility Corporation (HUC) Tests First Mesa Water Line Connections to the Two Water Storage Tanks and Flow to Water Users

Ivan L. Sidney, Administrator
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

On October 24, the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) Office met with the Hopi Utility Corporation (HUC) General Manager Selwyn Sekaquaptewa, HUC Project Manager Martin Manuel, Water Operator George Silas, and the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project's construction company, to discuss the completion and the request to test the First Mesa water lines to the two water Storage tanks.

It was mutually agreed that testing of the new system was important; although FMCV remained representative of our leaders that approval was never granted by our leadership for the construction on our village lands. It was agreed that HUC would provide in writing to accept liability for any damages that may result in the testing. It was further requested that HUC provide the laboratory tests for the entire system of the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP). The liability release and the laboratory reports were provided, and the tests were scheduled to take place beginning Tuesday, Oct. 25.

On Oct. 25, the FMCV Water staff were all present to witness the water being turned on to fill the new west tank. The new system to regulate the water includes automatic fill at certain levels and turn off when filled. It was impressive to note the pressure of the new system, especially when it is all gravity flow from the Hard Rock well fields. This west storage water tank is filled from our western well #5 which was completely shutdown during the testing to prevent backflows into the system. This tank primarily serves the First Mesa School, Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, the Hopi Health Care Center, Walpi Housing, the Hopi Dialysis center, and all homes south of Highway 264. The testing was completely successful for the west storage tank, including all the water service line system.

The testing then proceeded to the east 500,000-gallon storage system, with the east water well #8 again completely shut down. When the main water line was turned on, it was immediately noticed that the device to regulate the flow was not functioning properly. The system was immediately shutdown and the company called to report the malfunction. The company dispatched a technician to the location, and on Thursday, two days later, the device was calibrated and the water was again turned on. The water immediately flowed into the east storage at 195 gallons per minute, twice the amount of our present well number #8. It was immediately noted that the tank was filling rapidly and all the water system was operating satisfactorily.

It was agreed by all parties that the new HAMP system remain in operation for several days and the weekend for further testing of the system. This new system now does not require our operators to maintain the well operations since the new HAMP system regulates the filling and turn off by modern technology. During the testing period, HUC Officials agreed not to charge our office for the filling of our storage tanks for several days. Also, the required chlorination is completed at the new well field site by HUC water operations staff. The entire testing of the new system was a complete success.

Most importantly, the new HAMP water is free of the high levels of arsenic and therefore will have our

village water system finally in compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act administered by the Environmental Protection Agency.

To completely convert our water system to the new system operated and managed by the Hopi Utility Corporation, FMCV is required to accept an Agreement citing the terms; which includes the cost of water. The original Agreement submitted back in March of 2022 included \$13.00 per 1,000 gallons and agreement for 40 years. Our office requested planning documents on how this amount was determined including the justification of its annual operational budget which includes the HUC operations staffing.

Especially important to our village leadership is the question of who approved the use of our village lands. This was asked for and documents were requested during the construction of the HAMP with no response and compliance to the request.

It is the responsibility of all First Mesa people to protect our sacred lands derived from our creator at the time of our migrations which is referred to as "since time immemorial." This responsibility was especially delegated to our religious leaders during their acceptance of their Tiponi (Sacred bundle). Today, we now only have our Kikmongwi, Katsin Mongwi and Soyal Mongwi having authority with these sacred tiponis. The acceptance of the tiponis comes with their personal committed loyalty to protect, maintain and live according to its requirements. With these understandings, at the time of the writing of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe, it included our self-government which maintains authority over our clan lands.

Since the forced approval of this constitution by the federal government, past tribal governments and its leaderships have always respected village land authority and requested written approvals prior to use.

The Hopi Real Estate Office years ago developed a policy for approvals of village lands which was adopted by the Hopi Tribal Council. After these processes are complete and the Tribal Council approves the village land use, the Bureau of Indian Affairs provides its final approval as trustee of our trust lands. This approval was not provided for the HAMP construction and was condoned by the Indian Health Service and Environmental Protection Agency who provided the grant funds.

It would be assumed that the Chairman, Hopi Tribal Council and its General Counsel would be the first, obligated with its oath of office, to assist our Religious Leaders with compliance of their approval of land use. This also includes the federal agencies, especially the Bureau of Indian Affairs to ensure the compliance with the Hopi Constitution. But for years, the BIA has been allowing violations of its constitution and only referring and using its "self determination policy" to ignore its failure of compliances.

A letter was written to the head official of the Environmental Protection Agency in July of this year reporting these violations which included their agency as the grantor (providing grants funds). EPA did not respond to the letter and his week wrote an email to FMCV citing some delayed laboratory reports and mentioned its enforcement authority for arsenic violations.



Our office immediately assumed they are now involved with threats for our continued questioning of non-approval for use of our village lands for the HAMP Project. This all must now be reported to the Federal Office of the Inspector General and our congressional offices. But we must also know that they too must be involved to have the Tribal Council become the sole authority over all villages.

What is now being reported is a tremendous undertaking to protect our traditional and religious self-government. It must also be known that the takeover and elimination of our traditions and religion is occurring as predicted. This all started at the time the Tribal Council separated our village funds to create this *divide and conquer*. It is evident today how the questioning of our religious leaders is coming from within our own village members. This political separation is the instrument used to realize the complete assimilation of our traditional and religious government.

A recent reading of one of our village's policies refers to its self-government and its sovereignty status. It is evident that we do not understand that our religious leaders in their positions are the true recognized holders of sovereignty, not the tribal government.

FMCV does not receive tribal allocations and is limited in funds but must now act to protect our traditional self-government. We now have retained an attorney to provide the legal strategies to be considered by our religious leaders. Village members who participate in our religious ceremonies are supposed to be the first protectors of our religious leaders. However, it remains that our religious leaders must stand to protect their own tiponis, our true sovereignty, to withstand the assimilation of our self-governments; including the protection of our lands. Today we are witnessing the overtaking of our lands as the beginning of eliminating our religion; yet, this protection is included in the Powers of the Tribal Council in the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe.

So, as the holy bible states: "In the end, the meek will inherit the earth."



Holiday Food Distributions

Thursday, November 10 10am-12pm

Hopi Junior Senior High School

Vehicle Lineup opens at 9am

Information

- Each household must be present to receive food.
- Arizona ID is required
- Refer to azfoodhelp.org for traffic plans
- Expect traffic Delays.



HAPPY LABOR DAY

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Hopi Police Contract Reviewed by BIA Police Cites Several Serious Findings

Ivan L. Sidney, Administrator
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

At the time the BIA Police Contract was approved by the Hopi Tribal Council (with a tie vote and the Chairman breaking the tie), the Hopi Tribal Rangers overnight became Police Officers with high salaries.

Immediately, complaints of unsatisfied services were being reported and voiced by the Hopi People. These reports were being reported to our leaders and written complaints were recorded at our office.

Upon receiving a copy of the Police Contract, it was noted there were violations from the beginning of the Contract. One was that no tribal officer received federal training to be federally commissioned. When some members of the Hopi Tribal Council questioned Police Chief Virgil Pinto on this issue, he responded that Arizona State Peace Officer Commissions exceeded the BIA Commissions. BIA Police contracts require tribally contracted police to be federal commissioned officers to

enforce federal and tribal laws on federal Indian trust lands. Included with training is the requirement for contract officers to receive extensive background investigations.

It is now evident, with the BIA contract reviews, that these contract requirements were grossly neglected and violated and, therefore, the serious liability of the Hopi Tribe remains today.

The question is: whose responsibility was it to administer the contract prior to the beginning of the contract and immediately thereafter, for compliance?

Below is the May 17, 2022 letter from the BIA OJS (Office of Justice Services) Special Agent in charge, citing some of the serious violations, all expected to be corrected for compliance.

The Law-and-Order Committee in early April, 2022 requested the authority from the Hopi Tribal Council to request that BIA Justice Services conduct a contract review. The review was approved by Tribal Council and it was the intent of

the Committee to complete the reviews prior to the contract's second three-year renewal. The contract reviews were completed by the BIA OJS and as a result is the May 17 letter to the Hopi Chairman.

It remains unknown whether the mandated letter was satisfied since requests for copies of the response have not been made available, even to members of the Tribal Council. The final contract review report should have already been received by the Hopi Tribal Council.

At the beginning of the request for the contract reviews by the Law-and-Order Committee, the BIA was only communicating with the Chairman. The Chairman's authority derives from the Hopi Tribal Council according to the Hopi Constitution and the Chairman enjoys these outside agencies assuming he has executive authority. This constitutional violation has been allowed, and to date, the Hopi Tribal Council allows the violations to continue.

Our office has made numerous requests to our Tribal Council Representatives for copies of the response letter from the Chairman and now a copy of the final contract review.

In the interim, our people and the general public are being served by a P.L. 93-638 contract with serious violations and possible unqualified officers. These violations are also being condoned by the BIA contracting officials whose responsibility it is to ensure contract compliance.

The BIA, knowing these contract violations, owes its trust, responsibility, and authority to the people to not approve the renewals.

Our confidence in the BIA Justice Services is now in question since their communications with some of us working on behalf of our village people have been terminated. The final report, when someday received, will be made available to our people.

Letter to the Hopi Tribe from BIA OJS Special Agent in Charge Regarding Serious Findings with Hopi Police Contract

May 17, 2022

Chairman Nuvangyaoma:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Justice Services (OJS) District III Office recently completed a P.L. 93-638 self-determination program monitoring review of the Hopi Tribe's Law Enforcement (LE) Program Contract No. A19AV00417 on April 18-22, 2022. A completed report of the program review, which includes all findings identified and was discussed with you, the Law and Order Committee, and the law enforcement program managers during the exit brief meeting on April 22, 2022, will be provided to the Tribe at a later date.

The purpose of this letter is to provide immediate follow-up and notification of a few serious issues that were identified during the review that must be immediately addressed as they pose liability issues and raise potential concerns regarding the safety and welfare of tribal members and the communities you serve. The following issues involve incomplete property lists that do not account for all weapons, lack of in-service training, and lack of updated background investigation (BI files) for police personnel:

1. WEAPONS/PROPERTY LIST (25 C.F.R. §§900.51 - 900.60) Law Enforcement

The BIA OJS review team was presented with property listing(s) from both the Tribal Property Office and the law enforcement program. While our primary issues with the property listings involve public safety concerns and the liability issues this poses due to unaccounted-for weapons, it appears that the Hopi Tribe does not maintain a complete, accurate, up-to-date certified property listing that meets the minimum federal standards for a property management system per the federal regulations cited above. The two (2) separate property listings were not reconciled, and each included different property items, neither list includes documentation or paperwork to account for every individual weapon listed on the combined property listings, and neither list identifies disposition, current location(s), or who each property item, specifically weapons, is assigned to. With the purchase of new weapons, it appears the tribal property office had little involvement with the law enforcement program in terms of ensuring oversight and accountability of all weapons under the

contract. While piecing together each property list, we found that the law enforcement program is missing at least eleven (11) firearms that have not been accounted for since 2019. This is a serious contract compliance issue that must be addressed and resolved immediately in order to comply with mandatory minimum standards for a tribe contracting under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), which requires:

- "a tribes property management system shall account for all property furnished or transferred to the tribe for use under and ISDEAA contact or acquired with contract funds;
- that the property management system shall track all personal property with an acquisition of \$5,000 or more, sensitive personal property, which is all property that is subject to theft and pilferage, as defined by the Tribe. All firearms shall be considered sensitive personal property;
- that the property management system shall maintain records that accurately describe the property, including any serial numbers and should contain information such as a source, titleholder, acquisition date, cost, federal participation in cost, location, use and condition and the date of disposal and sale price, if any;
- that the property management system shall have effective internal controls to include procedures for the conduct of periodic inventories, to prevent loss or damage to property, and to ensure property is used for the tribe's self-determination contract until the property is declared excess to the needs of the contract; and
- that a physical inventory should be conducted at least once every two years and the results of the inventory shall be reconciled with the tribes internal property and accounting records."

Corrective Action: The Tribe must immediately conduct a physical property inventory and reconcile the two (2) property listings from the LE Program and Tribal Property Office to ensure the official tribal contract property listing accurately reflects all property requirements in accordance with property management policies and minimum standards for property accountability as summarized above and stipulated at 25 C.F.R. §§ 900.51 - §900.60. This is a seri-

ous contract compliance and liability issue that must be addressed and resolved immediately.

2. BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS (25 C.F.R. § 12.32)

The Tribe's Law Enforcement operations, at the time of the program review, did not have any documentation to support that current or updated BIs and adjudications are completed for sworn law enforcement staff. All law enforcement personnel must have a completed and adjudicated BI, or a 5-year re-investigation update of all BIs, to be in compliance with the following mandatory federal standard at 25 C.F.R. § 12.32m as follows:

"Law Enforcement authority is only entrusted to personnel possessing adequate education and/or experience, training, aptitude, and high moral character. All Indian country law enforcement programs receiving Federal funding and/or authority must ensure that all law enforcement officers successfully complete a thorough background investigation no less stringent than required of a federal officer performing the same duties. The background investigations of applicants and employees must be adjudicated by trained and qualified security professionals. All background investigations must be documented and available for inspection by the Bureau of Indian Affairs."

A federal law enforcement officer cannot perform law enforcement duties or attend basic police training without first having an adjudicated BI with a favorable rating. Therefore, Hopi law enforcement officers should not be performing law enforcement duties without a current adjudicated BI that meets the federal requirement above.

Corrective Action Item: All officers who do not have a completed and adjudicated initial or 5-year updated BI on file with a "favorable" rating that has been completed and adjudicated by a trained and qualified security professional should not be performing law enforcement duties. This action item shall be completed within 90 days with follow-up to be conducted by BIA OJS. At the request of the Tribe, the BIA OJS can assist with completion of the BI requirements through the BIA OJS Background Investigations Unit.

From Page 5: Letter from BIA Special Agent re: Hopi Police Contract

3. 40 HOURS IN-SERVICE TRAINING (25 C.F.R. § 12.35)

The Tribe's Law Enforcement program has many employees who have not completed forty (40) hours of in-service training during fiscal year 2021.

All law enforcement personnel must complete the required annual training hours to ensure compliance with the following applicable excerpt from the mandatory federal standard at 25 C.F.R. § 12.35, as follows:

"...The Director will also prescribe mandatory supplemental and in-service training courses."

Corrective Action Item: All officers who did not complete the required annual training hours shall successfully complete the mandatory forty (40) hours of in-service training. This action item shall be completed within 120 days with follow-up to be conducted by BIA OJS. At the request of the Tribe, the BIA OJS can assist with completion of the training requirements.

4. BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL (25 C.F.R. § 12.35)

The Hopi Tribe had two (2) Tribal Police Officers who do not have documentation to verify that they have successfully completed an approved Basic Police Officer Training Program. Allowing Police Officers who have not had the proper training required to perform law enforcement duties poses a potential for unnecessary exposure to liability and other issues that may ensue as a resulting effect, which would deem them ineligible for federal tort coverage provided under the ISDEEA contract.

As conveyed to the Tribe, all law enforcement personnel who have not completed a basic law enforcement training program must cease performance of law enforcement duties until such time as each officer is in compliance with the following mandatory federal standard for training requirements at 25 C.F.R. § 12.35, as follows:

"Law Enforcement personnel of any program funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs must not perform law enforcement duties until they have successfully completed a basic law enforcement training course prescribed by the Director..."

Basic Police Officer Training requirements may be

fulfilled through successful completion at any of the following:

1. Basic Law Enforcement Training Course at the United States Indian Police Academy (USIPA); or
2. A State or tribal police academy, a State, regional, local, or tribal college or university, or other academy that meets the appropriate Peace Officer Standards of Training. This training is acceptable to meet federal training requirements only when it is supplemented by instruction regarding federal sources of authority and jurisdiction, federal crimes, federal rules of criminal procedure, and constitutional law to bridge the gap between state training and federal requirements. The supplemental training can only be achieved through successful completion of one of the following federal courses: a). USIPA Basic Law Enforcement Training course; or b). USIPA Bridge Training program; or c). the Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country (CJIC) training course. The training course prescribed for law enforcement personnel is the Basic Police Officer's Training course offered by the Indian Police Academy, unless an alternate training course has been authorized and approved in accordance with 25 C.F.R. § 12.36

In addition to the two (2) untrained police officers, the department has six (6) police officers who have not completed the mandatory federal supplemental training required (II above) for those officers who have attended a State Basic Law Enforcement Academy. [25 U.S.C. § 2802]

Corrective Action Item: The two (2) Hopi police officers who have not successfully completed an approved Basic Police Officer Training Program must immediately cease performance of all law enforcement duties until the mandatory federal training requirements have been achieved. In addition, the six (6) officers who do not meet the minimum federal supplemental training requirements, as described above, must enroll in the appropriate training course to comply with the federal training requirement within 90 days from the date of this notification letter with follow-up to be conducted by BIA OJS. To satisfy the required federal supplemental training

under the law, sworn law enforcement staff are required to successfully complete the BIA Basic Police Officer Bridge Training Program offered through the IPA or the CJIC program.

Additionally, the sub-agreements the Tribe has entered into with outside agencies specify that each entity (e.g., Tribal Officers, County Officers, State Officers) "shall be responsible and liable for damages caused by its employees acting within the scope of their employment." While the ISDEEA does not limit whom the Tribe can enter into contractual obligations and agreements with, the BIA OJS must make the Tribe aware that the level of Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) and liability coverage for police officers employed by the Tribe utilizing federal funding provided to the Tribe through a self-determination contract is limited. The self-determination contract agreement provides funding for the Tribe to provide "law enforcement services on the reservation." Therefore, if the Tribe enters into sub-agreements to assist and provide law enforcement services outside or off the reservation, FTCA coverage would not follow as it would be outside the scope of the self-determination contract and the Tribe (not the federal government) would assume all liability for any unfortunate incidents that may occur in the process of providing assistance to those entities.

The objective of the BIA OJS is to facilitate and coordinate any corrective action that will enhance the professionalism of the Tribe's police department and improve the law enforcement services provided to all citizens of the Hopi Tribe. Other contract and program deficiencies discovered during our monitoring will be detailed in the final report issued to the Tribe at a later date. Please take the necessary corrective actions immediately and provide written response regarding the status of these corrective action items NLT June 10, 2022.

Sincerely

/S/ Joel Chino Kaydahzinne
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Virgil Pinto, Chief of Police,
Hopi Law Enforcement Services
Nona Tuchawina, Superintendent, Hopi Agency
Glenn Shafer, Awarding Official, BIA Western Region
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Biden-Harris Admin. Announces Steps for Drought Mitigation Funding from Inflation Reduction Act

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WASHINGTON —The Department of the Interior today announced new drought mitigation funding opportunities to improve and protect the long-term sustainability of the Colorado River System.

A newly created Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program, funded with an initial allocation through the Inflation Reduction Act and managed through the Bureau of Reclamation, will help increase water conservation, improve water efficiency, and prevent the System's reservoirs from falling to critically low elevations that would threaten water deliveries and power production.

"The prolonged drought afflicting the West is one of the most significant challenges facing our country. I have seen firsthand how climate change is exacerbating the drought crisis and putting pressure on the communities who live across Western landscapes," said **Secretary Deb Haaland**. "Thanks to historic funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the Interior Department is committed to using every resource available to conserve water and ensure that irrigators, Tribes and adjoining communities receive adequate assistance and support to build resilient communities and protect our water supplies."

"This significant investment from the Inflation Reduction Act enables the Bureau of Reclamation to improve water management and conservation efforts in the Colorado River Basin today – and for the future," said **Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton**. "The Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program provides both new opportunities for system

conservation and more durable long-term solutions for areas experiencing drought."

The availability of this new funding supplements the actions announced in August 2022 as part of Reclamation's release of the Colorado River Basin August 2022 24-Month Study, which sets the annual operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead in 2023. It also builds on new and urgent actions recently announced by Department leaders to improve and protect the long-term sustainability of the Colorado River System.

The Inflation Reduction Act includes \$4 billion in funding specifically for water management and conservation efforts in the Colorado River Basin and other areas experiencing similar levels of drought. Today's announcement focuses on near-term actions to protect the Colorado River in the Lower Basin. The Department is also working to invest in long-term system efficiency improvements across the Basin, including at least \$500 million in the Upper Basin states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico, that will result in additional water conservation for the entire system.

New Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program

The newly created Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program will select projects for funding by Colorado River water delivery contract or entitlement holders that mitigate drought, protect important natural resources, and ensure a reliable source of water and power for those who live in communities across the West.

The program funding opportunity has three com-

ponents. Two of the three components are open for proposal submissions from Oct. 12 to Nov. 21, 2022 and require confirmation of water conservation and system benefits.

For the first component, eligible applicants may submit proposals for system conservation resulting in wet water remaining in Lake Mead at a set price of:

- One-year agreement: \$330 per acre-foot
- Two-year agreement: \$365 per acre-foot
- Three-year agreement: \$400 per acre-foot

A second component of the program will accept proposals for additional water conservation and efficiency projects that could involve a variety of pricing options.

The third component allows for proposals to be submitted in early 2023 for long-term system efficiency improvements that will result in multi-year system conservation.

Information on the program and proposal submission details will be available later today on Reclamation's Inflation Reduction Act webpage.

As the Department implements this historic funding opportunity, it is focused on the need for continued collaboration and partnerships across the Upper and Lower Basins, with Tribes, and with the country of Mexico. The agency's approach will continue to seek consensus support and will be based on a continued commitment to engage with diverse stakeholders to ensure all communities that rely on the Colorado River will provide contributions toward the solutions.

Hopi Tribal Council Fourth Quarter Session PROPOSED NOVEMBER AGENDA

Hopi Tribal Council COMPLETE AGENDA ITEMS

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action: Letter dated March 31, 2022 Re: Village of Shungopavi's request for information regarding land lease, including ownership of the property comprising the Hopi Cultural Center. Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, the Hopi Tribe. **Tabled**
2. Discussion and possible action: Letter dated by September 19, 2022 RE: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. **Tabled**

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Action Item #087-2022: To approve Sole Source Consulting Agreement with Oxbow Data Management Systems, LLC. Author Dana Russell, Manager, Hopi Cancer Support Services
2. Action Item #089-2022: To approve Arnold & Porter Contracts (1882 Reservation Land Matters) and Miscellaneous. Author Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of GenCounsel
3. Action Item #090-2022: Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe. Author Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit.
4. Action Item #091-2022: Mutual Aid and Jurisdiction Agreement with the City of Winslow. Author Mervin Yoyetewa, Chairman, Law & Order Committee
5. Action Item #092-2022: Lease Option Agreement for the I-40 Solar Project. Author Edison Tu'tsi, Manager, Office of Hopi Lands
6. Action Item #093-2022: To amend the Rules of Order for the Hopi Tribal Council to provide a streamlined process of the Tribal Council parliamentary procedures that will be followed during meetings of the Tribal Council. Author Marilyn Fredericks, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi
7. Action Item #094-2022: To approve Amendment to Consulting Agreement No. 22-013. Author Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa, Director, Hopi Department of Education and Workforce Development
8. Action Item #095-2022: Accept grant award in the amount of \$472,894.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime. Author Ronald Honyumptewa, Director, Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services
9. Presentation/Review of DES Tribal Consultation Policy. Jocelyn Beard, Tribal Relations Manager, Office of Tribal Relations. ****Time Certain – November 7, 2022, 1:00 p.m.**

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10. Discussion/Possible Action: Update Bears Ears Litigation. Carlene Tenakhongva, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel. ****Time Certain, November 7, 2022, 3:00 p.m.**
11. Discussion/Possible Action: Installation and connection of powerlines at Turquoise Well Complex. Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman, The Hopi Tribe. ****Time Certain, November 9, 2022, 1pm**
12. Interview for vacant position on the Hopi Election Board (1 candidate) ****Time Certain, Nov. 9, 2022, 3pm**
13. Further discussions with the Budget Oversight Team on budgets of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Election Board and Tutuveni ****Time Certain, Nov 10, 2022, 9 a.m.**
14. Presentation of the FY 2023 General Fund recommended budgets for final review and approval. Eugene Talas, Chairperson, Budget Oversight Team. ****Time Certain, November 21, 2022, 9am–5pm**
15. Presentation entitled "The Taking of Hopi Lands," a re-examination of the Hopi Land Claims and Land Dispute. Clay Hamilton, Geodetic Technician, Land Information Systems. ****Time Certain, November 23, 2022, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**
16. Discussion/Possible Action: Appointment of Raymond Namoki, Sipaulovi Tribal Council Representative, to the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors, as recommended by the Investment Committee. Mervin Yoyetewa, Mishongnovi Tribal Council Rep.

XII. REPORTS

1. Office of the Chairman
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary
4. Office of the Treasurer
5. Office of the Executive Director– Updated Report/Directive/HTC Resolution H-058-2021
6. Office of the General Counsel
7. Land Commission
8. Water/Energy Committee
9. Transportation Committee
10. Law & Order Committee– 2022 Comprehensive Report ****Time Certain, Nov. 23, 2022, 9am-12 noon**
11. Investment Committee
12. Health/Education Committee
13. Update on the status of the Settlement's approval before the DOJ in the Hopi Tribe v. U.S. Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the GC

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – COMPLETE

1. Letter dated June 17, 2022 From Keesha Talayumptewa, First Mesa Elementary School Governing Board RE: Additional Work Assigned to First Mesa Elementary School Staff by HBE. Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. **Complete**
2. Letter dated August 23, 2022 from LeRoy Shingoitewa, Chairperson, Hopi Board of Education RE: HBE Request for Time Certain to meet with Hopi Tribal Council. David Talayumptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi. **Complete**

NEW BUSINESS - COMPLETE

1. Action Item #084-2022: Obtain approval of grazing allocations for the 2023-2027 grazing period for HPL Hopi grazing permittees. Author Monique Sahmea, President, Hearing Board. ****Time Certain October 3, 2022, 1:00 p.m. Approved**
2. Action Item #085-2022: Request of \$125,182.87 from the contingency fund to cover expended funds from programs and departments assigned to assist with EO #003-2022. Author Paul Saufkie, Incident Commander. **Complete** (referred back to Author)
3. Action Item #086-2022: To approve 2022 Cooperative Agreement between the Hopi Tribe and DNA People's Legal Services, Inc. (DNA) for Public Defender Services. Author Carlene Tenakhongva, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel. **Approved**

4. Appointment of Mr. Philton Talahytewa, Sr. and Mr. Jerry Lane to the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. William Charley, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi. ****Time Certain, October 6, 2022, 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Complete**
5. Discussion and possible action- Letter dated September 1, 2022 RE: Off-Reservation Travel Request from Phillip Quochoytewa, Sr., Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi. Albert Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. **Complete**
6. Letter dated September 21, 2022 RE: Management Plan and Oversight Budget Justification, from Mark Talayumptewa, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee. Clifford Qotsaquahu, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi. ****Time Certain, October 4, 2022, 1:00pm. Complete**
7. Letter dated September 9, 2022 RE: Letter of Interest to serve on the Hopi Election Board from Clyde Qotswisiwma. David Talayumptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi. **Complete**
8. Discussion/Possible Action: Letter dated October 6, 2022 from Herman Honanie, Chairman, Land Commission; RE: Request travel to attend Coalition of Large Tribes Quarterly Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages (October 6, 2022 – add-on). **Complete**

First Mesa Consolidated Villages Tribal Council Reports

2022 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Administrator Report	Albert T. Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr	2021 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Administrator Report	Albert T. Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr
January	√√	√	√	√	January	√	√	√	√
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November Holidays and Observances

- November 8 Election Day**
- November 11 Veterans Day**
- November 24 Thanksgiving Day**
- November 25 Black Friday**
- November 25 Native American Heritage Day**




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 Contacting Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa at 928-734-3501,
 or via email NSakiestewa@hopi.nsn.us

All Applications are due by **November 30, 2022, 5:00 p.m. MST** by returning to Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa

The Hopi Board of Education & the Hopi Education Transition Team are seeking nominations for 4 board members to represent the following attendance areas:

- Keams Canyon Elementary School
- First Mesa Elementary School
- Hotevilla Bacavi Community School
- At Large Member
(Represents Entire Hopi Reservation)



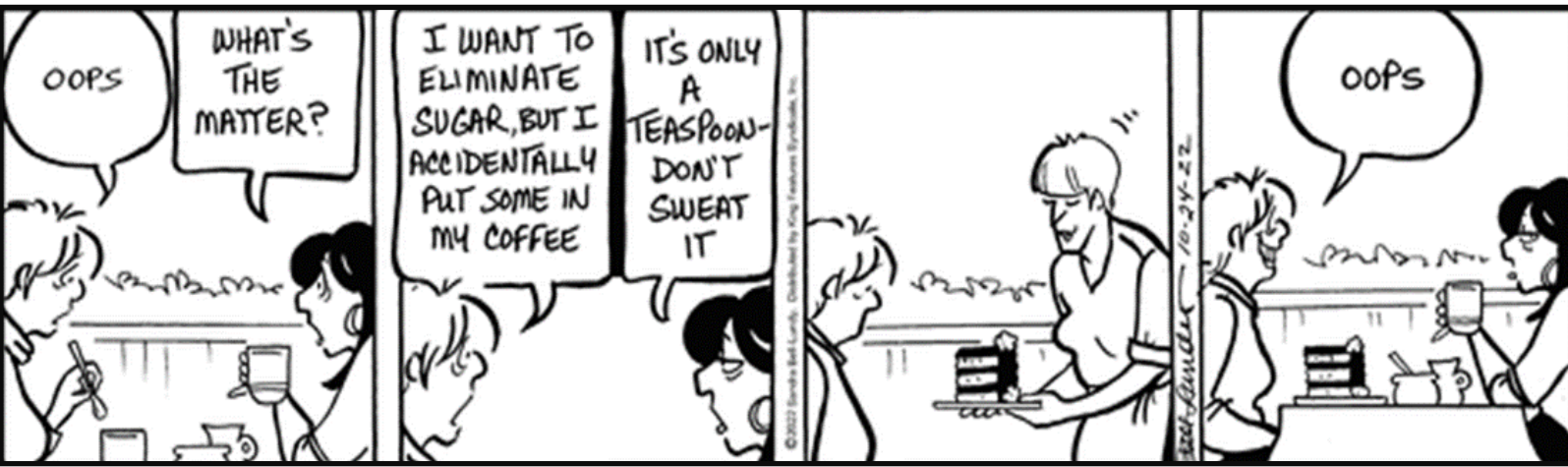
HOPI SCHOOL SYSTEM TRANSITION FACT SHEET & UPDATE OCTOBER 2022 www.hopischoolsystem.org

- We are on track to meet the July 1, 2023 deadline to transition to the unified Hopi School System (HSS), with the Hopi Board of Education (HBE) serving as the school board for all schools.
- HBE, Principals, and the Transition Team of 40 Hopi school teachers, principals, and education professionals are collaborating together on the transition to complete: HSS policies and procedures; uniform curriculum, standards, and assessment; and the Tribally Controlled Schools Act, P.L. 100-297 Grant Application which will be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) by January 2023.
- HBE values our dedicated school staff, recognizes current staff shortages, and wants to retain current staff and recruit new staff to fill vacancies. HBE does not anticipate significant staff changes in future years.
- Current local school boards will determine staff contracts for the 2023/24 school year – not HBE. These contracts will include a transfer clause to automatically transfer the contract to the HBE once BIE approves the P.L. 100-297 Grant Application for the HSS. This means that employees will **NOT** need to re-apply after the transition occurs and ensures a smooth transition for staff. BIE has approved this process.
- At the recommendation of the Finance/HR Team and after a formal presentation by the software company, “School ERP Pro Infinite Visions” computer software (used by HJSHS and 92% of AZ public schools) was selected to link all schools together and improve operations and efficiency of finance and HR systems.
- BIE approved an additional **\$1.7 million in administrative costs funding EVERY year** for the HSS after the transition to assist with administrative expenses, like increased coordination for students with disabilities, building Hopi language and culture programs, and centralized finance, HR and transportation systems.
- BIE approved 3 new Modulars for the Central Administration Office to be delivered in Dec. 2022 to a site on the HJSHS campus across from the Northland Pioneer College.
- HBE has adopted the following Two-Year Transition Plan:
 - Plan for 2022-2023 SY – Maintain Existing Policies:** Schools remain under their existing local school board, policies and procedures, and curriculum. In Spring 2023, local school boards will enter all contracts for the 2023-2024 SY with a provision to transfer contracts to HBE once the Grant is approved.
 - Plan for 2023-2024 SY – Transition Year:** On July 1, 2023, HBE becomes the school board for all Hopi schools under HSS policies and procedures. Schools use their existing curriculum, administrative services and staff, and begin to work with the Central Administration Office staff. Standardized curriculum, standards, and assessments, and Infinite Visions software are finalized, and staff receive training on all.
 - Plan for 2024-2025 SY – Transition Complete:** Schools are fully transitioned with the HBE as the school board for all schools, standardized curriculum/standards at all schools, Infinite Visions software being used by all schools, local school boards are advisory on local school, parent and hiring matters, and the Central Administration Office provides administrative services for all schools.

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FMCV OFFICE CLOSURES:

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