



First Mesa Consolidated Villages

The Village Crier

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Hopi Law Enforcement Services Officer Involved Shooting

FMCV Reduced Hours of Operation

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First Mesa Consolidated Villages
 Water Operations

Kykotsmovi, AZ - On February 3, 2021, at about 4:00 p.m., a Hopi Law Enforcement Services unit was shot at while attempting to conduct a traffic stop in the First Mesa community. One Officer suffered non-life threatening injuries and was released from the hospital, the second Officer in the unit was not injured.

suspect was apprehended approximately 2 miles away in the residential area.

Hopi Law Enforcement Services Chief of Police Virgil J. Pinto stated, "Due to the dedication of HLES Officers, with the cooperative help from surrounding agencies who responded without hesitation and community members who provided vital information, we were successful in apprehending all suspects."

Per Hopi Law Enforcement Services General Orders, both officers have been placed on administrative leave.

The case is currently under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

HLES thanks the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Navajo County Sheriff's Office, Navajo Nation Police- Dilkon and Tuba City, BIA Criminal Investigations, AZ DPS- Helo unit, MCAT unit- Navajo County/Winslow PD for their quick response to this call for their service.

HLES would also like to thank First Mesa Security and Hopi Jr/Sr High School security for their assistance with securing the residents within their assigned areas.

Both officers have been placed on administrative leave & the case is currently under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

In compliance with the Reservation-wide Lockdown and the Implementation of a Tribal Government shutdown, the FMCV office will operate under the following restrictions, effective Feb. 8 until further notice:

Open for business by Telephone only:
Tuesday 10am-2pm
Thursday 10am-2pm
928-737-2670

Staff will work from home on other days.

Customers may call-in during these days & hours to make water payments via credit card, or send money order via U.S. mail to: FMCV, PO Box 260, Polacca, AZ 86042

If you call during other days and times, you will receive a recorded

message asking you to leave a detailed message with your name and telephone number. A return call will be made upon receipt of your message.

Water Operators will continue to maintain and operate water wells according to schedule.

The following are on call to provide emergency services:

- Ivan Sidney Administrator
- Brannon Sidney Accountant
- Alfonso Sakeva Water Operator
- Meredith Qotswisiwma Water Operations

FMCV Telephone No: 928-737-2670

See Water Payment Schedule on Page 8

Former Hopi Chairman Ivan Sidney sends condolences to family of former Navajo Nation President Albert Hale

Louella N. Furcap
 Village Crier

"It is with great sadness that we learn of the passing of former Navajo Nation President and former Arizona State Legislator Albert Hale," said former Hopi Chairman Ivan L. Sidney. "He was a great leader, responsive to the needs of native peoples and worked well with the Hopi people. He was a fighter."

Hale fought for the Dine people as the second President of the Navajo Nation from 1995-1998 after the Navajo Nation restructured their government, forming a three branch government "to prevent power from being under a chairman."

He also fought for his constituents in the Arizona State Senate

from 2004-2011 and in the House of Representatives from 2011 to 2017. As a lawyer Hale fought for all his clients.

In the end, Hale lost his battle and succumbed to the coronavirus on Feb. 2 in Mesa, Arizona.

AZ Governor Doug Ducey ordered flags be lowered to half-staff in

honor of Albert Hale.

"I send my prayers and sincere condolences to the family of President Hale and to the Navajo Nation," said Sidney. "This coronavirus pandemic has no boundaries and does not discriminate. Everyone at risk of contracting the virus. Please Be Safe and Protect Yourself and Your Family."



Albert Hale
 Former NN President & AZ Legislator

Village Administrator's Corner

By Ivan Sidney, FMCV Administrator

When we think of our people migrating to this promised land, it should provide us reason to work cooperatively for survival. Just imagine what the Hopi people thought and felt when they came to the mighty Colorado River (as we know it today). Did it stop them from continuing their journey to their destination? What about weather conditions such as winter storms, droughts, etc.? It is a miracle that they survived, although others may not have. What about recent times when our people were stricken with foreign diseases?

Our past survival history from tragic diseases, harsh weather and rugged terrain, also included the fight to hold onto some of our ancestral lands. At the time of encroachment by marauding tribes, our people cooperatively developed defense mechanisms and structures, such as Walpi Village, to protect the people from the enemy. These accomplishments were the results of committed faith in the our religion and respect for our Traditional Leaders; including respect for one another.

The recovery of some of our lost ancestral lands was a result of our Village Leaders, the Tribal Council and all Hopi People working together. All Villages, in unification, agreed that our Hopi Tuutsqua was a priority for our future.

The United States Government was the lead in attempting to dissolve the Hopi People from their lands. At one time, the government debated whether to relocate all Hopi people to an area along the Colorado River—known today as Parker, AZ.

That did not work so they created range management districts and fenced in the Hopi Villages then named it Range Management #6, establishing it to be the exclusive Hopi Reservation. Thereafter, they established the 1882 Executive Order Reservation which was later divided with Navajo. There is much more of this important history for our Hopi Children to know and learn.

Today, our Traditional Leaders reflect on our past survivals, as we struggle day to day with COVID-19. What is most noticeable with our struggles today is the absence of working together, **Sumi'ngwa**.

At First Mesa, our daily preventive and need for immediate care of Covid-19 patients is absent. The almost daily loss of our people is adding to our suffering.

Our three villages went separate ways, receiving recognition from the Hopi Tribe to receive most equipment. The Chairman and some members of the Hopi Tribal Council only recognize three village Boards at First Mesa; although they never received approval from the Traditional Leaders to be established and to receive village allocations. Although we remain a consolidation as per the Hopi Constitution with Kikmongwi as our Leader, First Mesa Consolidated Village is no longer considered a village today.

All politics aside, the Traditional Leaders still consider all people as their children and must continue to provide care with limited funds. At the time the Leaders approved the "Emergency Action Plan" by resolution, the foremost directive was to prioritize water services including services to the Hopi Health Care Center and

the Hopi Dialysis Center.

Everyday we cope with the demands for water services; compounded by the lack of conservative use by customers.

The Hopi Utility Corporation (HUC) recently informed us they received approval from the CARES Act Funds to purchase and install meters on our system. The Indian Health Service is on its final design for a larger capacity water storage tank to replace our current west tank. Another tank is also scheduled to be constructed to support the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP) water project. The HAMP water is now on schedule and should reach our village in the Spring of 2022. The Leaders are considering approval of transferring the Polacca water system to HUC to manage. After that time, our local water wells will be permanently sealed.

It has become more critical to assist village members testing positive and those recovering from COVID -19. Most homes are occupied by multiple families so when a member is positive, it becomes difficult for quarantine. No assistance, training and disinfecting equipment have been provided by the Hopi Emergency Response Team since the beginning of COVID-19. There has been no effort by HERT to meet with our village to receive reports on issues we continue to face. In fact, there has virtually been no working relationship with the Hopi Tribal Administration and the Indian Health Service.

It would have been most beneficial to place modular units and recovery units near the Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC). The HHCC facility is designated as an ambulatory care center and does not have in patient care services.

A separated unit for COVID-19 and other emergency services would have provided for better services; including the need for normal clinical services. With ongoing restricted travels, some of the CARES Act funds should have been used to renovate the Airstrip to have Doctors fly in by Aircraft to provide for Specialty Clinics. Mentioned in a past article of the Village Crier was the need for special services to provide for the Detoxification of individuals from drugs and alcohol. This remains a critical need since individuals are walking in the villages all hours of the night.

The United States Government provided the Hopi Tribe over 94 Million dollars for prevention and to combat COVID-19. The Hopi Tribal Council upon receipt of the funding, formed and fully authorized the Cares Act Committee to expend the allocation. According to the Federal Government, the amount of funds allocated to the Hopi Tribe was based on village populations. The Office of Community Planning and Development never developed factual data on all villages to verify the actual needs of each village. The Cares Act Committee hired an off-reservation consultant (Monitor) to develop a listing of all needs of villages which were primarily equipment and vehicles.

FMCV has issued all available Portable Toilets to families who must be quarantined and other families seeking available unoccupied homes.

Our office completed grant proposals to the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority for housing units for this purpose, which was unsuccessful

due to none support from their Administration.

A woman from another village residing on First Mesa Land caught the coronavirus and was admitted to a hospital off reservation. Once released, she required oxygen. Her home electrical services was powered by a generator and did not provide the energy required for the oxygen machine. The FMCV office allowed the individual to connect to our APS power source for her medical needs. Her family members bought electrical wiring and hired an electrician to wire and make the necessary connections.

Where was the assistance to that family from the millions of dollars the Hopi Tribe received for care of COVID-19 patients? Our office tried to assist the family and requested assistance on their behalf to the Hopi Tribe. Unfortunately, the request was only referred from one person to another. It is unknown whether anyone has reached out to the family to provide assistance.

It is now evident, the most beneficial assistance provided to our Hopi People was the issuance of checks. At least most people used the funds for their personal family needs. We also witnessed some of the people used their money to pay several months on their water services. Maybe most of the CARES Act funds should have been distributed to Hopi members for direct personal services.

Of critical importance is our own self-evaluation of our Pandemic Action Plan. A joint meeting was held but dissipated by the Hopi Tribal Administration electing to work only with certain Boards. All this at the expense of our people in dire need of assistance. We have lost too many people and too many of our village members suffer the agony of COVID-19.

Let us build on our ancestors' strength to overcome the difficult obstacles. Let us pray to our Creator with faith to renew our strength in unity.

First Mesa is the largest village with all the schools, businesses, tribal and federal offices, health care services, etc. and must have the services to support our livelihood.

We must call on the new President and Congress of the United States for direct assistance as a self-government under our Traditional Leaders. We can invite the Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Senator from Hawaii, to Hopi just as predecessor, Senator Inouye came to visit and meet with our Traditional Leaders at the Walpi Kiva in 1988.

Our preparations for future disasters and emergency are critical to avoid a reenactment which we are now experiencing during this pandemic. Funding is the solution to our development needs but, we can endure by calling on other financial institutions for assistance.

We must not forget our prophecy and instructions to protect and maintain our status as Native Americans. Our future as a village under our Traditional Government is our safeguard for the planned intervention of the Government. We are most strong to establish our village to be progressive for the needs of our people and especially, the future of our children. Let this be the beginning.

Hopi Tribe Executive Order #007.1-2020

Extension of Hopi Executive Order No. 007.1-2020: Reservation-wide Lockdown for all Residents of the Hopi Reservation to limit and control the Spread of the COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe, ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a) and (b) respectively, authorizes the Hopi Tribal Council "To represent and Speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the Tribe"; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the Hopi Tribe declared a State of Emergency and activated the Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT) due to the presence of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the presence of COVID-19 continues to exist on the Hopi Reservation, giving rise to an ongoing declared state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Reservation continues to see an overall rise in the number of positive COVID-19 cases in every village and community, with a positive test rate of 25.6% and 115 active cases over the last 14 days; and

WHEREAS, the main contributor to this increase is the mobility of our own Hopi community members, who continue to move throughout the villages and not adhere to the mitigation strategies, in traveling off the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Arizona currently has the highest per-capita rate of new COVID-19 infection in the world, with 92.1 cases per 100,000 people over the past seven days; and

WHEREAS, Hopi currently has a 95.5 daily case rate per 100,000 which is the highest in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each of the thirteen (13) Hopi villages and Communities are autonomous, and a majority of this total have exercised their inherent aboriginal sovereignty on behalf of the health, safety and welfare of their members by closing their villages to all non-residents; and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented public health emergency requires full coordination and cooperation between the sovereign village administrations and the Hopi Tribal Government to avoid waste of resources and to minimize any increased risk of exposure to the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, in response to concerns raised by the public regarding non-compliance and enforcement of the previously issued Stay-at-home Executive Order as well as the implementation of a reservation wide curfew, an amendment to the Hopi Code was made and approved by the Hopi Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, under Section 13.3.6 of the Hopi Code non-compliance with certain provisions of issued Executive Orders and other Emergency declarations constitutes a criminal offense; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi community has been adequately informed, over the past several weeks, of the penalties associated with this non-compliance; and


WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7-701(2) of the Hopi Emergency Response Plan (HERP), the Hopi Tribal Chairman is authorized to provide the necessary direction to preserve the peace and order of the Hopi Tribe.

8. For the duration of this order, individuals may leave their homes or places of residence only under the following circumstances:
 - a. Traveling to or from work (with proof of employment).
 - b. Obtaining or seeking medical care.
 - c. Essential Travel and Activities as defined below:
 - i. Attending or Providing Care for an Elder or Resident needing assistance.
 - ii. Picking up groceries for the household (by 1 person only).
 - iii. Hauling water from the watering points for the household and/or for livestock.
 - iv. Gathering hay and feed for livestock and pets.
 - v. Procuring wood, coal or propane for household heating purposes. (Wood harvesting activities will require a tribally issued wood permit and adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols and guidance issued by the Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program).
9. All businesses within the Hopi Reservation, except Essential Businesses and Services as defined herein, are required to cease all activities. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with the Social Distancing Requirements.
10. Essential Businesses:
 - a. Health Care Operations, Essential Governmental Functions and Essential Infrastructure (e.g. courts of law, medical providers for urgent care, public utilities, and critical school operations such as nutrition programs).
 - b. Gas stations, auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities. (Operations will be mandated to cease during the aforementioned 57-hour weekend curfew, although fuel pump transactions may continue).
 - c. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services.
 - d. Businesses that provide, ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services to residents or other businesses of the Hopi Reservation. (Operations will be mandated to cease during the 57-hour weekend curfew).
 - e. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children.
 - f. Residential and commercial construction sites may otherwise continue to operate so long as it is in compliance with this Order in reference to Social Distancing Requirements.
 - g. For purposes of this Order, critical first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, law enforcement personnel, and others working for or to support Essential Services are categorically exempt from this Order.
11. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing Essential Governmental Functions. Essential Government Functions means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements to the extent possible.
12. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an immediate threat to public health and renders one subject to criminal penalties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect through **March 1, 2021** unless otherwise modified. Additional advisories and Orders will follow as warranted, **SO ORDERED THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.**

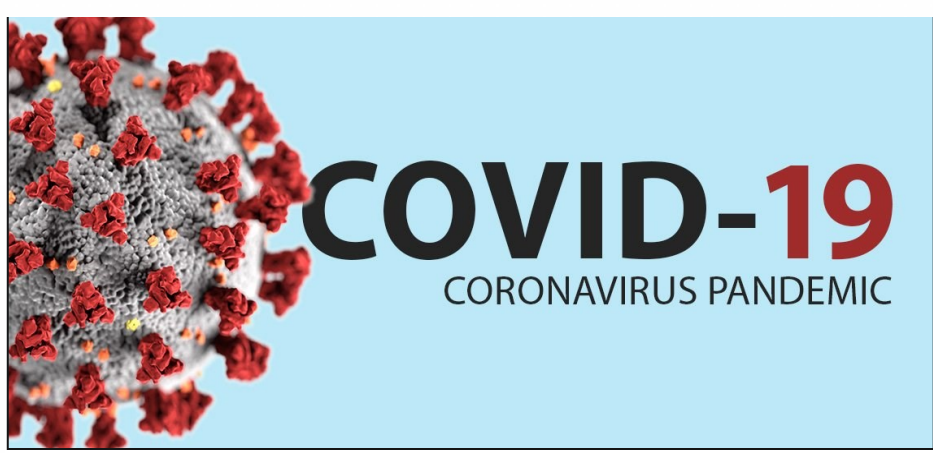

 Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman
 Hopi Tribe


 Clark W. Tenakhongva, Vice-Chairman
 Hopi Tribe


 Edison Tu'tsi, Incident Commander
 Hopi Emergency Response Team

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe issues the following emergency directives:

1. In order to preserve the public health and safety of the residents of the Hopi Reservation and to support and reinforce the independent precautionary measures taken by the various Hopi villages to mitigate the risk of infection, the previously issued **RESERVATION-WIDE LOCKDOWN ORDER** is hereby extended beyond February 1, 2021, and shall remain in effect through **5 a.m., March 1, 2021.**
2. All previously issued precautionary measures mandated by the Hopi Tribe remain in place, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. The requirement that masks be worn at all times in public.
 - b. A daily reservation-wide curfew between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m., which will be strictly enforced.
3. Additionally, a reservation-wide 57-hour weekend curfew will be implemented on the following dates, and will be strictly enforced:
 - a. February 12, 2021 beginning at 8 p.m. ending on February 15, 2021 at 5 a.m.
 - b. February 19, 2021 beginning at 8 p.m. ending on February 22, 2021 at 5 a.m.
 - c. February 26, 2021 beginning at 8 p.m. ending on March 1, 2021 at 5 a.m.
4. A Hopi Tribal Government shutdown will be implemented beginning February 8, 2021 and ending February 15, 2021.
5. Essential personnel who will be designated as such and are needed to maintain the continuity of operations for the essential services and infrastructure of the Hopi Tribal Government will continue to operate.
6. During the Reservation-wide Lockdown, all residents are restricted from gathering with individuals with whom they do not normally reside. This restriction applies to *secular* gatherings and celebrations with extended family and relatives.
7. All cultural and religious activities are strongly encouraged to be conducted in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services regarding Cultural Activities for the duration of this order.



Hopi Tribal Council Reports

Update Report

By Wallace Youvella, Jr.

First Mesa Tribal Council Representative

Update Report

By Albert T. Siquah

First Mesa Tribal Council Representative

TRIBAL COUNCIL AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

AI# 061-2020 - To approve the Settlement Agreement in the Hopi Tribe v. the United States of America, No. 06-0941 (Federal Court of Claims) . Update of the case was given in Executive Session. Action Item #061-2020 TABLED.

AI# 007-2021 - To approve the grant to the Hopi Renewable Energy Office, for a Special Land Use Assignment in the amount of 814+/- acres for the construction of a Utility Scale Solar Array Development at the Buffalo Range Road on the Hopi Hart Ranch. PASSED.

AI# 008-2021 - To approve and grant to the Hopi Renewable Energy Office, a Special Land Use Assignment in the amount of 402+/- acres for the construction of a Utility Scale Solar Array Development at the Meteor Crater Road on the Hopi Hart Ranch. PASSED

AI# 009-2021 - To accept award 2020-TW-AZ-0024 from the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women on behalf of the Hopi Domestic Violence Program. PASSED

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

No meeting called for the month of January 2021.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Meeting scheduled for Jan. 20 was canceled due to lack of quorum. The next Transportation meeting is scheduled for Feb. 17.

HOPi ROUTE 60 UPDATE

A teleconference meeting sponsored by Hopi Tribal Council, First Mesa Representative Wallace Youvella, Jr., and Navajo Nation Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr., was held on Jan. 13.

The meeting was well attended with Hopi Vice-Chairman Tenakhongva, Navajo Nation President Nez, AZ State Legislators Arlando Teller and Myron Tsosie, Representatives from U.S. Senator Mark Kelly's Office, FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney, HDOT, NDOT, Navajo County, Hopi BIA Agency, Western BIA Agency, etc.

The meeting was an update on the H-60 project which is the road leading to Low Mountain from Polacca. This project, because of the amount of funding needed, is not able to be funded by the Hopi Tribe, as most roads on Hopi are. Hence, the search for funds at the state level. There is much support for this project, both from the Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation. The road would provide long overdue infrastructure as it regards transportation. It would also provide safer road conditions for school buses, law enforcement and medical emergency vehicles as well as a boost to economic development, tourism and many other facets.

At the meeting AZ State Rep. Arlando Teller announced that he had sponsored House Bill 2215 (HB2215) for the appropriation of \$35 million to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the Hopi Route H-60 construction project. On Jan. 27, the bill passed the Arizona Transportation Committee, by a vote of 9-2-1. The Bill will go through more steps on its way to final approval . It is hopeful the Arizona State Legislators will pass this Bill.

An Action Item is being prepared by the Hopi Department of Transportation for the support of Hopi Tribal Council to approve any necessary agreements between the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Navajo Country and the State of Arizona, anticipating the passage of HB2215, H-60.

More meetings will be held in the future and updates will be provided. Many thanks to the Hopi Tribal Leadership, Navajo Nation Leadership, First Mesa Leadership, Representatives at the State and National level, Navajo County, BIA Agencies, etc.

HOPi TRIBE TWO-YEAR BUDGET/2021-2022

The Tribal Council is in the process of finalizing the 2021 Budget. In FY 2020, we had approved a two-year budget; however, the process has been delayed due to the fact that there are efforts to deviate from this decision. Efforts to complete this task are related to the pandemic and other special interest issues being supported by the Chairman's office. It is our concern that we continue with the second year of the two-year budget.

HOPi HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

The Hopi Housing Authority held their Annual Meeting and selected the following new officers:

- President, to be appointed by the Tribal Council
- Robert Charley, Vice President
- Rosa Honanie, Secretary
- Danny Honanie, Treasurer

CARES COMMITTEE

The Council is awaiting a Comprehensive Report from the CARES COMMITTEE who are responsible for expending the funds received from the Federal Government. Note: The date for expenditure of funds was extended to potentially allow us to expand the total amount of funding allocated to Hopi.

COVID-19 VACCINES

The Hopi Health Care Center is providing vaccines for COVID-19. I encourage everyone to get vaccinated to protect yourselves and your families from the virus. We are losing too many village members to this deadly Pandemic and cannot let down our defense.

We are grateful for the moisture we received recently. Let us pray that it continues and we have a bountiful planting season.



ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Fifty-fifth Legislature
First Regular Session
House: TRANS DP 9-2-0-1

HB 2215: appropriation; Route H60 Sponsor: Representative Teller, LD 7 Committee on Appropriations

Overview

Appropriates \$35,000,000 from the GF in FY 2022 to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to distribute to the Hopi Tribe for the Route H60 construction project.

History

The Hopi Tribe is one of 22 federally recognized tribes in Arizona. The Hopi Department of Transportation (HDOT) is established by the Hopi Tribal Council. HDOT oversees all transportation road maintenance and construction projects throughout all Hopi lands; conduct programs and services to address the Hopi Tribal priorities and needs as determined by the Hopi Tribal Council. Programs to be conducted shall include any and all programs authorized by law, for which funds have been appropriated to the Bureau of Indian Affairs or made available from other agencies.

Hopi Route 60 is an earth road that begins at State Route 264 for 14 miles north to the Navajo/Hopi boundary and ties into Navajo Route N65.

Laws 2016, Chapter 126 appropriated \$1,500,000 from the GF in FY 2017 to ADOT to distribute to the Navajo Nation for the Route H60 construction project

Provisions

1. Appropriates \$35,000,000 from the GF in FY 2022 to ADOT to distribute to the Hopi Tribe for the Route H60 construction project. (Sec. 1)
2. Exempts the appropriation from review by the Joint Committee on Capital Review. (Sec. 1)

FMCV Encourages and Supports Business Development



By mutual agreement and partnership, construction workers haul water from the Polacca Water System to Kykotsmovi Village for new business development.

AZ Rep. Armando Teller resigns to join Biden Admin

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AZ State Representative Arlando Teller announced his resignation on February 1, to join the Biden administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs in the U.S. Department of Transportation, Biden Administration. Teller represented AZ District 7 (including the Hopi Reservation) and was a member of the AZ State Transportation Committee. Teller successfully sponsored HB 2215 to appropriate \$35 million to the Hopi Route 60 Project, which was scheduled to go before the AZ State Appropriations Committee on Feb. 3 for review.

\$1.5 million was previously appropriated to the Navajo Nation, FY2017, for the main H60 Project.

“We are thankful to Representative Teller for his efforts in sponsoring HB2215, said FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney. “I am pleased to hear that the AZ House Committee on Transportation passed HB2215 to appropriate \$35 million to the H60 Project. This Low Mountain Road project, as we know it as, has been in the works for many years. The First Mesa traditional leaders gave their approval and support for this paving project for better access to Education (school busses), health care (HHCC), Emergency Services (ambulance/ Fire & Rescue) and Law Enforcement (police/ranger units). We await favorable approval from the Appropriations committee.”

Biden approves disaster declaration for Navajo Nation after plea from tribe

On-Line News
Axios News

President Biden declared Wednesday that a major disaster exists for the Navajo Nation over COVID-19 and ordered more federal assistance to fight the pandemic at the nation's largest Native American reservation.

Why it matters: The Navajo Nation, like many Indigenous communities across the U.S., faces a housing shortage that has forced multiple family members to share small homes and a lack of running water that create the opportunity for super spreader events.

COVID-19 has claimed more than 1,000 lives on the Navajo Nation. More than 28,000 cases have been reported on the sprawling

reservation of 173,000 people. The virus recently killed former tribal President Albert Hale. Details: Under the disaster declaration, federal funding is available to the Navajo Nation and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency protective measures.

The declaration came after Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez went with Biden officials to request more COVID-19 vaccines and asked for a disaster declaration.

What they're saying: "The Navajo Nation has also stepped up with millions of dollars of our own funding, health care workers, and resources to fight COVID-19. This is a

great step forward and now we have to step up our efforts and coordinate with FEMA," Nez said. The Navajo Nation declared a Public Health State of Emergency on March 11, 2020, just days prior to its first confirmed case of COVID-19.

What's next: The Navajo Nation now must get enough health care workers in place to administer the vaccine and work with state officials in New Mexico, Arizona and Utah to ensure its tribal members living off tribal lands also get vaccinated.

Other tribal communities may seek a disaster declaration where the virus has disproportionately hit their members.

Notice to Hopi Tribal Government Essential employees (KUYI Social Media Post)

To preserve the public health and safety of Hopi Reservation residents and to support and reinforce the precautionary measures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission, the previously issued Reservation-Wide Lockdown Order (Hopi Executive Order No. 007.1-2020) has been extended through March 1, 2021 (Hopi Executive Order No. 007.2-2020). As part of this Order, a Hopi Tribal Government Shutdown will be implemented beginning February 8, 2021 and ending February 15, 2021.

A list of Essential Tribal Government Employees authorized to work onsite during the week-long shutdown has been prepared and sent to the Office of Human Resources to prepare badges for employees included on the list. The badges can be picked up at the Administrative Building beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021.

Only certain critical employees from the programs/departments below are included on the list. If your program/department is NOT listed below, you are NOT authorized for onsite work during the shutdown. Employees under the programs/departments listed below are instructed to contact the respective program manager/department director to determine if you have been authorized to work onsite during the Tribal Government Shutdown.

The following programs/departments include:

- Emergency Medical Services
- Hopi Law Enforcement Services
- Hopi Medical Transport
- Solid Waste Management
- Hopi Emergency Response Team
- Office of the Chairman
- Office of the Secretary
- Office of the General Counsel
- Office of the Treasurer
- Office of Information Technology
- Office of Financial Management
- Behavioral Health Services
- Hopi Tribal Court
- Hopi Tribal Prosecutor
- Hopi Public Defender
- Hopi Domestic Violence Office
- Structural Fire Services
- Department of Hopi Social Services
- Department of Transportation

Hopi People should begin to consider Candidates for the next Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman

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With upcoming elections for a Hopi Tribal Council Chairman and Vice Chairman looming in the near future, tribal members must already start deciding on potential candidates for the next leaders.

With the current Hopi state-of-affairs, including the rapid decline of revenue and the coronavirus pandemic, which no one was evidently prepared for; a strong, dedicated, and articulate individual with integrity and experience must be considered for the position of Council Chairman and Vice Chairman. Of equal importance is character and empathy and strong leaders willing to work cooperatively. Working in unison for the benefit and welfare of the Hopi people, is a key element for improvement and success.

Because of the current state of Hopi, someone with "know how" in working with the federal government, working with the US Congress, the State, County and Arizona Tribes, is important. Established relationships with these agencies can help our government through partnerships, endeavors, grants, inter-governmental agreements, etc.

As Tribal members, it is your right and responsibility to decide who is at the helm of the Hopi government. Your selection can make a statement about where you want the Tribe to go and who can help prosper, heal and unify its villages and members.

Per several requests, the Village Crier Staff feels compelled to print excerpts from the Hopi Constitution as it applies to Tribal Council Representatives and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Hopi Tribal Council.

The Hopi people established the Tribal Council on Dec. 19, 1936, through adoption of the Hopi Constitution and By-Laws (amended on Aug 1, 1969; Feb. 14, 1980; and Dec. 7, 1993).

Accordingly, the Tribal Council is vested with the power and authority to represent and speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the Tribe. The Constitution states the Council shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Representatives from the Nine recognized Villages including:

1. First Mesa Consolidated Villages (Walpi, Shitchumovi, and Tewa)
2. Mishongnovi
3. Sipaulavi
4. Shungopavi
5. Oraibi
6. Kyakotsmovi
7. Bakabi
8. Hotevilla
9. Moenkopi (upper and lower villages)

The villages of Shungopavi, Oraibi, Hotevilla and lower Moenkopi have not had village representation on the Council for many years, at their own choosing.

There are many reasons why those villages choose not to have a representative on Council. The lack of full village representation on Council can be construed as unfair representation or

biased representation on the Tribal Council. Villages without representation claim they have never had a Tribal Council Report from any individual Village Council Representative, or the Council as a whole. Even villages with village representation, claim they are not receiving full reports from their Reps.

ARTICLE IV- THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

SECTION 1. The Hopi Tribal Council shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Representatives from the various villages. The number of representatives from each village shall be determined accordingly to its population, as follows: villages of 50 to 250 population, one (1) representative, villages to 251 to 500 population, two (2) representatives; villages of 501 to 750 population, three (3) representatives; villages of over 750 population, four (4) representatives.

The representation in the first Tribal Council shall be as follows:

*First Mesa.....4
Mishongnovi.....2,
Sipaulavi.....1,
Shungopavi.....2,
Oraibi.....1,
Kyakotsmovi.....2,
Bakabi.....1,
Hotevilla.....2,
Moenkopi.....2*

SECTION 2. The term of office of the representatives shall be two (2) years, except that at the first election or choosing of representatives following the adoption of this section, approximately one-half of the representatives shall serve for a term of one (1) year. The determination as to which representatives shall serve for one (1) year shall be made by the Tribal Council and announced to each village Kikmongwi or Governor on or before the first day of October 1969. Representatives may serve any number of terms in succession or otherwise.

SECTION 3. Each representative must be a member of the village which he represents. He must be twenty-five (25) years or more of age and must have lived in the Hopi jurisdiction for not less than two (2) years before taking office and must be able to speak the Hopi language fluently.

SECTION 4. Each village shall decide for itself how it shall choose its representatives, subject to the provisions of

SECTION 5. Representatives shall be recognized by the Council only if they are certified by the Kikmongwi of their respective villages. Certifications may be in writing or in person. SECTION 5. One (1) representative of the Village of Moenkopi shall be selected from the Lower District, and certified by the Kikmongwi of Moenkopi, and one (1) representative shall be selected by the Upper district and certified by the Official whom that District may appoint, or who may be specified in a village Constitution adopted under the provisions of ARTICLE III, SECTION 4. This section may be repealed, with the consent of the Tribal Council,

by vote of a two-thirds majority at a meeting of the voting members of Moencopi Village called and held subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 4.

SECTION 6. No business shall be done unless at least a majority of the members are present

SECTION 7. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected by secret ballot by all members of the Hopi Tribe. The Tribal Council shall choose from its own members or from other members of the Tribe, a secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms and interpreters and such other offices and committees as it may determine necessary, subject to the provisions of the By-Laws, ARTICLE I.

SECTION 8. All members of the Hopi Tribe eighteen (18) years of age or over shall be qualified to vote in any election or referendum other than village elections and referendums under such rules and regulations as may be prescribe by the Hopi Tribal Council.

SECTION 9. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Candidates for the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be members of the Hopi Tribe, twenty-five (25) years of age or older and must be able to speak the Hopi language fluently. Each candidate for either of said offices must also have lived on the Hopi Reservation for not less than two years immediately preceding his announcement of such candidacy.

SECTION 10. Candidates for the office of Chairman and Vice Chairman may declare their candidacy by filing with the Tribal Secretary or Tribal Chairman or Vice Chairman a petition signed by at least ten (10) adult members of the tribe at least 15 days before the date set for the election. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to post the names of the qualified candidates for both the primary and final elections in a public in place in each village at least ten (10) days prior to the election.

SECTION 11. A primary election shall be held on the first Wednesday in November in 1969 and on the first Wednesday in November in every fourth year thereafter, PROVIDED. That, no primary election shall be held in the years when there shall be no more than two (2) candidates for either of the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman. The two (2) candidates in primary election receiving the highest number of votes for each of said offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman shall have their names entered in the final election. In the event there are not more than two (2) candidates for either of such offices those candidates with no more than one (1) competing candidate shall have their names entered in the final election without the necessity if a primary election.

SECTION 12. The general election shall be held on the third Wednesday in November 1969 and on the third Wednesday in every fourth year thereafter.

SECTION 13. Inauguration of the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall take place at the first regular Tribal Council meeting following their election.

Hopi Tribe Department of Health Services COVID-19 Report

KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – February 4, 2021 — Johnson & Johnson asked U.S. regulators Thursday to clear the world’s first single-dose COVID-19 vaccine, an easier-to-use option that could boost scarce supplies. The third type of vaccine from Johnson & Johnson, was safe and offered strong protection against moderate to severe COVID-19, according to preliminary results from a massive international study. It didn’t appear quite as strong as two-dose competitors made by Pfizer and Moderna – a finding that may be more perception than reality, given differences in how each was tested. But the Food and Drug Administration is asking its independent advisers to publicly debate all the data behind the single-dose shot – just like its competitors were put under the microscope – before it decides whether to green light a third vaccine option in the U.S. The panel will meet Feb. 26, 2021.

Meanwhile, the local Hopi Health care Center has already administered close to 3,900 doses of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. Steady progress is being made and the community engagement has been very promising. In large U.S. studies, two doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines proved 95% protective against any symptomatic COVID-19. Johnson & Johnson is also studying a two-dose version of its vaccine, but results won’t be available for several more months. While experts learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic. It is still possible to catch the virus and spread COVID-19 even after the first dose of the vaccine.

Here is a quick overview of the COVID-19 statistics on a national, state, and local level:

As of this date – February 4, 2021

The United States now has approximately 26.4 million confirmed positive cases with 121,212 new cases and over 449,020 deaths reported.

Over 775,366 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 14,835 are in Navajo County alone.

The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 8,414 patients to this date. Over 1,303 of those tests at Hopi Health Care Center came back positive with 942 from Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reported 248 positives for Hopi Villages with a combined number of 1190 positive Hopi Tribal members.

The information below provides a glimpse of the current numbers in those respective villages.

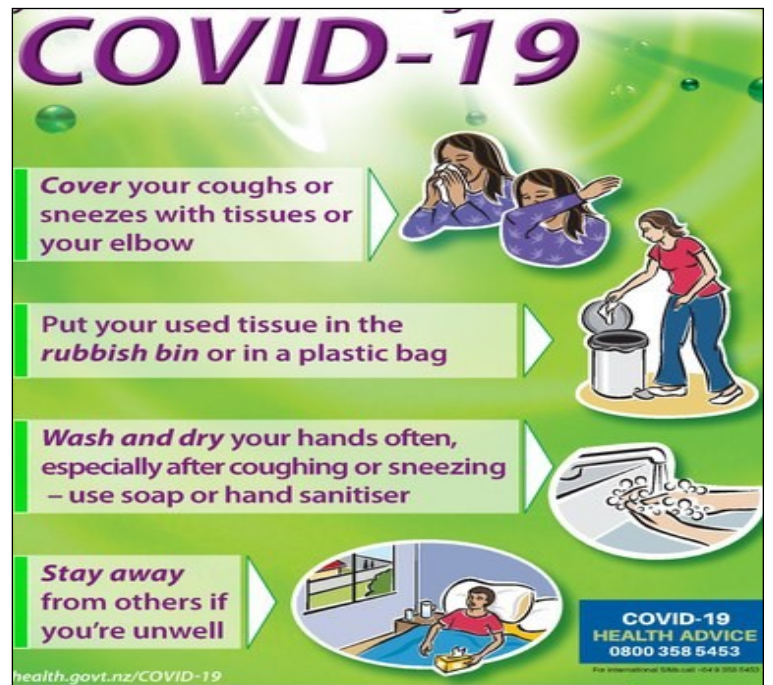
Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases* February 4, 2021					
	Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested
	28	1,303	7,033	26	8,414
Number of Cases per Village as of February 4, 2021	Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total		
Kiqötsmovi	84	23	107		
Orayvi	26		26		
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)	258	8	266+		
Musangnuvi	88		88		
Supawlavi	58	1	59+		
Söngoopavi	212		212+		
Yuwelu-paki	12		12		
Paaqavi	49		49		
Hotvela	117	44	161(+)		
Keams Canyon	31	10	41		
Flagstaff		1	1		
Munqapi	1	161*	162*		
Phoenix	1		1		
Winslow	4		4		
Prescott	1		1		
TOTAL	942	248	1190		

The information by villages presented above is released by the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services, and the data shown reflects patients tested at the Hopi Health Care Center and at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation specifically on Hopi tribal members. The data from Lower and Upper Munqapi is consolidated until specific data can be re-verified. (+) number decreased due to individual being identified from another village. The community of residence for one Hopi Tribal member who tested positive at HHCC is in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The community of residence for four Hopi Tribal members who tested positive at HHCC is in Winslow. The data here does not include all state-wide data from other facilities such as Flagstaff, Winslow, Phoenix or other hospitals.

*Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020

** A total of 1190+ individuals who tested positive are members of the Hopi Tribe.

+ Includes Village member(s) retested positive



Prevention:

Watch for symptoms. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Or at least two of these symptoms:
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness.

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



FIRST MESA CONSOLIDATED VILLAGES

STAFF:

Ivan Sidney
Village Administrator

Brannon Sidney
Accountant

Merideth Qotswisiwma
Water Clerk

Alphonso Sakeva, Jr
Water Operator

Joshua Huma
Public Safety Officer

Ramon Howato
Public Safety Officer

Louella Furcap
Editor/PIO
Website Administrator

TRADITIONAL LEADERS

James Tewayguna
Kikmongwi

Leo Lacapa, Jr.
Soyal Mongwi

Sam Tenakhongva
Katsin Mongwi

Dickson Silas
Kikmongwi Spokesman

Albert Siquah
Kikmongwi Spokesman

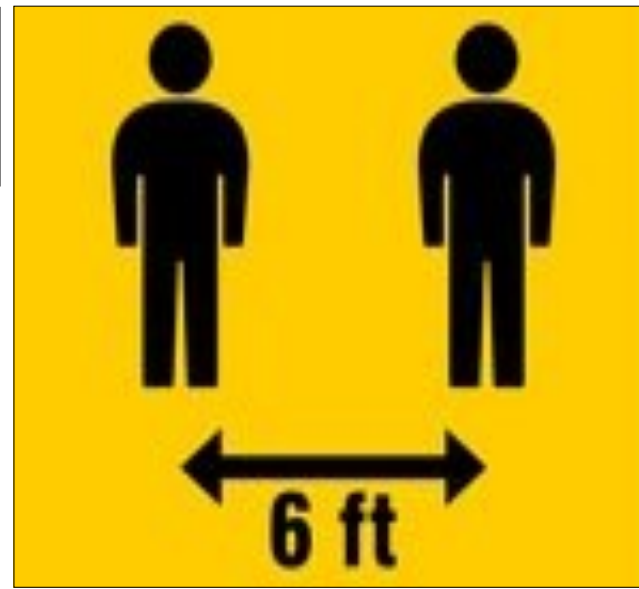
Albert Silas
Kikmongwi Spokesman

TRIBAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Albert Siquah
Dale Siquah
Wallace Youvella, Sr.
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2021 First Mesa Consolidated Villages Water Payment Due Date Schedule

MONTH	DUE DATE (\$10.00 Late Fee Assessed After)	DATE PAYMENT MADE
JANUARY	Wednesday, February 10, 2021	
FEBRUARY	Wednesday, March 10, 2021	
MARCH	Monday, April 12, 2021	
APRIL	Monday, May 10, 2021	
MAY	Thursday, June 10, 2021	
JUNE	Monday, July 12, 2021	
JULY	Tuesday, August 10, 2021	
AUGUST	Friday, Sept. 10, 2021	
SEPTEMBER	Monday, October 11, 2021	
OCTOBER	Wednesday, November 10, 2021	
NOVEMBER	Friday, December 10, 2021	
DECEMBER	Monday, January 10, 2022	



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Wear A Mask
To protect yourself and others you Love



Coronavirus Vaccine is Available at the Hopi Health Care Center



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