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NEWS RELEASE:

Law and Order Committee regular meeting

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Law & Order Committee meeting held their regular meeting last week in the North Conference room of the Navajo Nation Council Chambers on December 12.

The Committee considered five legislations and received three reports during their meeting.

The first legislation the Committee considered was legislation 0471-11. The act approved a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$498,366.

The grant is for the Alamo/To'Hajilee Youth Court and Substance Abuse Prevention initiative and the funding period begins on October 1, 2011 and ends on September 30, 2014. The primary sponsor of the legislation was Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie.

The Committee passed the legislation with two amendments; three (3) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

The Committee also considered legislation 0472-11, which is another grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$4898,298.

This grant is for Aneth and Alamo/To'Hajilee Community Wellness Courts and the funding period begins on October 1, 2011 and ends on September 30, 2014. The primary sponsor of the legislation was honorable Edmund Yazzie.

The Committee passed the legislation with two amendments; four (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

The Committee also considered legislation 0473-11, which would approve the priority listing for the judicial/public safety facilities fund management plan for fiscal years 2011-2012. The primary sponsor of the legislation was Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd.

The Committee passed the legislation with no amendments; four (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

The Committee also considered legislation 0474-11, which would amend the judicial/public safety facilities fund management plan. The primary sponsor of the legislation was Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd.

The Committee passed the legislation with no amendments; two (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

The final legislation considered by the Committee was legislation 0477-11, which would approve and authorize a contract for funding for the Judicial-Tribal Courts between the Navajo Nation and the U.S. Department of the Interior. The primary sponsor of the legislation was Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd.

The Committee passed the legislation with no amendments; three (3) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

The Law and Order Committee also received reports from Maggie George (President of Diné College), Dominic Beyale (Director of Office of Management & Budget), and Bernadine Martin (Chief Prosecutor, Office of the Chief Prosecutor).

All the committee members were present at the meeting: Edmund Yazzie (Chair), Alton Joe Shepherd (Vice Chair), Duane Begay, Elmer Begay, and Russell Begay.

The next Law and Order Committee meeting is scheduled for today at 10:00 AM in the North Conference Room of the Navajo Nation Council Chambers.

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