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## **Navajo President Shelly States Key Navajo Issues to Gov. Brewer**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly outlined key Navajo issues to Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer during a meeting Tuesday morning in the President’s office.

Gov. Brewer was in Window Rock to meet with President Shelly and to attend the Code Talker’s Day celebration in Veteran’s Park.

“These are issues that are important to the Navajo people,” President Shelly said.



President Shelly presented Gov. Brewer with the Navajo Nation’s position statement about ongoing issues in Arizona like Navajo Generating Station (NGS), double taxation for businesses, tribal gaming, education and health issues.

NGS is facing a possible U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule proposal that endangers about 1,000 jobs because the EPA’s rules would cause NGS to install costly emissions reduction technology.

“NGS is a major employer. The impacts of a NGS closure cannot be estimated,” President Shelly said.

Gov. Brewer said she supported the President’s stance regarding NGS.

President Shelly also presented issues about the Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) in Arizona, and that businesses on the Navajo Nation are being dually taxed.

“The double taxation of businesses by the state and the Navajo Nation is a drag on the ability to attract investment to the Navajo Nation,” President Shelly said.

Gov. Brewer acknowledged that the TPT issue needs a solution and recommended the Navajo Nation work with the Arizona Commerce Authority to solve the TPT issue.

“I was hoping someone would come over and talk to our Commerce Authority,” Gov. Brewer said.

President Shelly said he hopes that off track betting won’t interfere with Twin Arrows Casino Resort potential profits. Earlier this year, Gov. Brewer signed into law allowing off track betting for a Tucson dog track.

But President Shelly said he supported Gov. Brewer in opposition of a proposed gaming enterprise in Glendale.

President Shelly thanked Gov. Brewer for her continuing support of Diné College and keeping Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) funding in tact.

“I know we can work together to make more improvements to the Navajo Nation,” President Shelly said.

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