Navajo President Joe Shirley, Jr., signs spending legislation totaling $6.7 million, includes $2.1 million for Speaker’s discretionary funds

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., on Friday signed several pieces of appropriation legislation into law totaling more than $6.7 million, and approved the purchase of the Double D Veterinary Services property and business operation at Black Hat/Tse Bonito, N.M.

The President also signed resolutions to approve the demolition of the Chinle District Police Headquarters Building, approve the Navajo Nation Gaming Distribution Plan, and to amend Title 5 of the Navajo Nation to allow the establishment of the Uniform Partnership Act, the Navajo Nation Limited Partnership Act, and the Navajo Nation Limited Liability Company Act.

Among the supplement appropriations signed into law is $2.1 million to the Speaker’s Office for discretionary funding at:

- $15,000 per delegate.
- $100,000 to the Speaker’s Office for financial assistance.
- $260,000 to the Speaker’s Office for various contributions at the Speaker’s discretion.
- Contributions to six rodeo associations throughout Navajoland at $25,000 each.

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This also includes $100,000 to the Speaker’s Office for financial assistance and an additional $260,000 to the Speaker’s Office for various contributions at the Speaker’s discretion, and for contributions to six rodeo associations throughout Navajoland at $25,000 each.

- $500,000 to the Speaker’s Office to hire a special investigator to investigate matters involving OnSat and BCDS.
- $1.67 million to the Controller’s Office to optimize the FMIS/HRIS upgrades.
- $750,000 for the Diné Power Authority for operations expenses.
- $975,000 for the Navajo Preparatory School for the completion of the boys dormitory, and
- $645,699 to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise for the development of a Class II gaming facility for the Tse Da K’aan Chapter.

The President also signed legislation to approve spending $1,744,055 from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to purchase of the Double D Veterinary Services property and business in Black Hat/Tse Bonito. The legislation calls for spending $950,000 plus $7,500 for the estimated closing costs, and $300,055 for the Double D Veterinary Services equipment.

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