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### President Nez and Vice President Lizer congratulate newly elected Navajo County Supervisor Alberto L. Peshlakai

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer recognize and congratulate Alberto L. Peshlakai, a member of the Navajo Nation, who was elected on Nov. 3, 2020 to serve as the next Navajo County Supervisor for District 2. President Nez was in attendance on Monday, as Navajo County Justice Court Judge Evelyn Marez administered the oath of office to Peshlakai, who will officially begin his four-year term in office on Jan. 1, 2021, replacing retiring Navajo County Supervisor Jesse Thompson.



**PHOTO:** Navajo County Justice Court Judge Evelyn Marez administers the oath of office to Alberto L. Peshlakai, who will begin his term as Navajo County Supervisor for District 2 on Jan. 1, 2021 during a small ceremony held at the Holbrook Justice Court facility in Holbrook, Ariz. on Dec. 28, 2020.

President Nez previously served as Navajo County Supervisor for District 1, while Peshlakai was the Tribal Government Relations Director for the county. During the swearing-in ceremony, which was limited to a few family members with COVID-19 prevention guidelines in place, President Nez reflected on their previous work together and said he is certain Peshlakai will do a great job for all citizens of Navajo County. Prior to his election in November, Peshlakai served as an Executive Staff Assistant under the Nez-Lizer Administration.

“I am very happy and excited for Mr. Peshlakai and his family. I think everyone who has had the opportunity to work with him knows that he is very committed, ambitious, and a go-getter. We, his colleagues, recognized his work ethic very early on and we knew he would move on to greater things down the road. I am very proud of Mr. Peshlakai and I am looking forward to continuing to

build a stronger partnership with him as he continues to serve the county, which includes many of our own Navajo citizens,” said President Nez.

Peshlakai is Tódích'íi'nii and born for the Kinyaa'aanii clan. His maternal grandfather is Nash'teezhi Tábaahí and his paternal grandfather is Tódík'ózhí. He is originally from Indian Wells, Ariz., located in the southwestern portion of the Navajo Nation.

Alberto joined Navajo County in 2008 as the Public Works Department/Planning & Zoning Secretary. He also served as the District II Transportation Project Manager for Public Works. Prior to his work with Navajo County, Alberto served as a tribal official with Indian Wells Chapter and eventually became the Secretary/Treasurer of Indian Wells Chapter for two terms.



**PHOTO: (left to right) Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Navajo County Supervisor-elect Alberto L. Peshlakai, and retiring Navajo County Supervisor Jesse Thompson at the Holbrook Justice Court facility in Holbrook, Ariz. on Dec. 28, 2020.**

“I am very honored to be here. Local government is where it all begins – I’ve learned this while employed at my local chapter and at Navajo County. This is part of the reason I got involved, to make a difference. I’ve had the chance to work with great people and I’ve learned a lot from them. I look forward to serving my constituents of District II and Navajo County as a whole alongside four other Board of Supervisors with our County administration. Thank you to our voters for entrusting me to be of service in this new leadership role,” said Peshlakai.

Current County Supervisor Jesse Thompson, also a member of the Navajo Nation, will officially retire on Dec. 31, 2020 after 28 years of service with Navajo County. He is the longest serving Board of Supervisor for the state of Arizona.

“On behalf of the Navajo people, we thank Supervisor Thompson for his tremendous service and contributions over many years. He is a great leader and voice for our people. We are truly proud of Mr. Peshlakai and we are confident that he will do a great job for all of the citizens of Navajo County. He has great potential and I am happy to see him moving forward and continuing to serve the people,” said Vice President Lizer.

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