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RESOLUTION # 14-82

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P.L. 93-531 as amended; and any insight into which of these proper-  
ties that the commission is currently considering.

ATTEST: Diane Russell  
Diane Russell, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: Pete Shumway

Pete Shumway, Chairman

DATED the 9th day of March, 1982.

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March 22, 1982

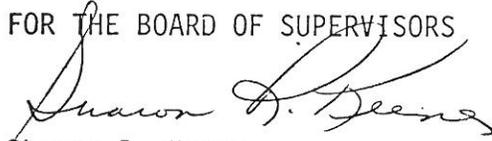
Navajo & Hopi Relocation Commission  
Box KK  
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Dear Sirs:

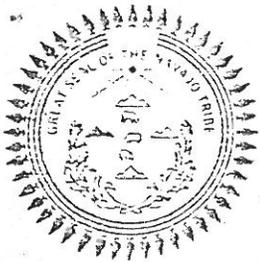
At their regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting held March 9, 1982, the Navajo County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Resolution #14-82 in regards to requesting additional information on the relocation of a significant number of the Navajo Tribe.

Sincerely,

FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
Sharon R. Keene  
Clerk of the Board

SRK:dr



# THE NAVAJO NATION

WINDOW ROCK, NAVAJO NATION (ARIZONA) 86515

PETER MACDONALD  
CHAIRMAN, NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCIL

February 24, 1982

FRANK E. PAUL  
VICE CHAIRMAN, NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mr. Pete Shumway, Chairman  
Navajo County Board of Supervisors  
Navajo County Governmental Complex  
State Route 77  
Holbrook, Arizona 86025

Dear Mr. Shumway:

The Navajo Tribe in recent months has observed the impact of our current economic situation upon local units of government in close proximity to the reservation. As each day progresses it is apparent that the new concept of Federalism will require State and local units of government to assume more responsibility for meeting the needs of their constituency.

We also are experiencing the need to examine programs instituted by the Federal government for which Tribal resources may or may not be available if necessary to assure their continuation.

In the meantime, the Federal government persists in carrying out the program of forced relocation of Navajo people from their traditional homelands in the Joint-Use Area. It is now estimated that this intended settlement of the problems in the area may cost taxpayers in excess of one-half BILLION dollars. These figures do not include costs for settlement of the problems in the Moencopi area which is still in litigation. Unfortunately the full impact of accommodating the thousands of Navajo people who are required to relocate is still not known.

The Report and Plan published by the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission estimated that 1,520 Navajo families would be subject to relocation. The actual number has not been provided and some think that this number could go as high as 2,000 families which would translate into approximately 10,000 individual Navajo people.

Your community has been identified as a major relocation site by the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission.

As you know, the official position of the Navajo Tribe is that this entire project represents a senseless expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars for which the only visible return is the infliction of trauma and misery upon a defenseless economically underprivileged population who as a result of the loss of their traditional homelands may also lose their culture.

We have repeatedly suggested alternatives to this process. The two most obvious alternatives are:

1. The United States should compensate the Hopi Tribe for the loss of the use of land upon which the Federal Government settled the Navajo people.
2. The United States should acquire new lands for the Hopi Tribe (without dislocating thousands of Navajo people) to replace the land upon which the Federal Government settled Navajo people.

It is not our intent, however, to involve you in this very controversial situation, although some communities who perceive themselves heavily impacted upon have given serious consideration to supporting repeal of P.L. 93-531, as amended. It is our intention to alert you to the potential of very significant impacts upon your community if relocation progresses in the extremely piecemeal fashion that it currently is.

Presently, the Navajo families who have given up and accepted relocation benefits are moving very slowly. The manner in which they are moving serves to conceal the actual impact of relocation upon a community. In a few short years it is very possible for a community to find itself host to several hundred Navajo families who are in very dire circumstances albeit possessing a brand new home. These families will of course represent a new segment of your constituency.

We already have a related problem on the reservation where families have relocated to other parts of the reservation and are jobless in addition to experiencing varied difficulties.

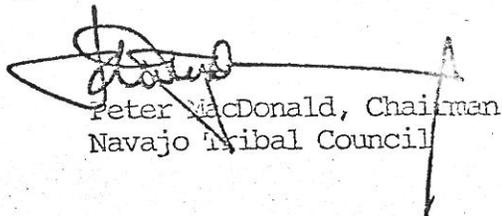
As this takes place off-reservation we are concerned that our long standing efforts to achieve greater cooperation with our neighbors will be eroded by the increased tensions and misunderstandings which may occur. In the meantime the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission which is directly responsible for these families will have been abolished leaving us with a potentially insolvable problem.

I am therefore suggesting that you give serious consideration to formally requesting by resolution to the Federal Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission that they provide you with the following specific information:

1. A comprehensive needs assessment of families who have relocated to your community in order to gain a better understanding of their problems.
2. A comprehensive social, cultural and economic impact analysis statement which provides the anticipated and projected impact of relocation upon our community facilities, services, and infrastructure.
3. A comprehensive action plan in which the Federal Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission intends to address the problems and impacts identified in 1 and 2 above.

We would appreciate your sharing this information with us should you request and receive it.

Sincerely,

  
Peter MacDonald, Chairman  
Navajo Tribal Council

inventory of all the proposed  
land to be acquired through  
the relocation. Where are they  
looking to. These are our concerns

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF \_\_\_\_\_

A Resolution Requesting the Federal Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission to Provide the \_\_\_\_\_ With a Comprehensive Family Needs Assessment, A Comprehensive Cultural, Social, and Economic Impact Analysis Statement and Actual Plan of Action

WHEREAS:

1. The Federal Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission has identified \_\_\_\_\_ as a primary relocation site for Navajo and Hopi families required to relocate in accordance with P.L. 93-531, as amended; and
2. Many families subject to relocation have already moved to \_\_\_\_\_; and
3. It has been reported that many of these families are now residing in \_\_\_\_\_ and are experiencing a variety of adjustment problems and other difficulties which as a result of their extremely unique situation may require special services and attention to their needs; and
4. It is anticipated that many additional families under similar circumstances may also be relocated to \_\_\_\_\_; and
5. The concern for the welfare of these families is a matter of interest to the \_\_\_\_\_, as well as concern for the impact upon existing facilities and services; and
6. The implementation of the relocation program is required by law to be generous, thorough, and assure that the cultural, social, and economic impacts of the programs are adequately addressed; and
7. The responsibility of carrying out the intent of P.L. 93-531, as amended is clearly that of the United States Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Federal Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission is requested to prepare and file with the \_\_\_\_\_ a comprehensive needs assessment of those families who have relocated to the \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with P.L. 93-531, as amended.
2. That the Federal Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission is requested to prepare and file with the \_\_\_\_\_ a comprehensive cultural, social and economic impact analysis statement outlining the anticipated and projected impacts upon the \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of being a host community to families who and may in the future relocate to the \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with P.L. 93-531 as amended.

3. That the Federal Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission is requested to prepare and file with the \_\_\_\_\_ a plan of action to be instituted by the United States Government in order to address the needs of families identified in Section 1, above and the projected impacts upon the \_\_\_\_\_ identified in Section 2 above.

CERTIFICATION

Passed and adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 1982.

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