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It was a Wild Finish!

Pictured are the Hopi Bruins Boys Basketball Team who played in the 2023 Camp Verde High School Yvonne Johnson Memorial Shootout in Camp Verde, Ariz. on December 27-28, 2023. Picture furnished by R. Greer - HJSHS Athletic Director. Details on pg. 2

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Hopi Vice Chairman Craig Andrews Declares Mask Man- date - Effective 11/3/23 for Hopi Tribal Government Offices, Employees and Its Visitors - Re-published

**By: Romalita Laban, Manag-
ing Editor - Hopi Tutuveni**

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz.– Friday,
November 3, 2023** At the end of
the October 29, 2023 work week,
Wilfred Gaseoma, Staff - Office
of the Vice Chairman issued an
email notification regarding,
“Re-mask memo” to the “HTAll”
List Serv with an undated MEM-
ORANDUM Word document
attachment addressed to “All Hopi
Tribal Staff” with subject line
“RE: Mask mandate for All Tribal
Employees and Visitors” noting
“mask coverings effective today.”

Hours later, at approximately
4:38 p.m. on the same day, Gas-
eoma issued another email with
Subject, “Emailing: Mask up”
with another undated “MEM-
ORANDUM” PDF document
attached. The memorandum was
addressed to “All Hopi Tribal
Staff” with Chairman Timothy
Nuvangyaoma’s signature “for”
Vice Chairman Craig Andrews
with an additional notation of the
effective date being “11/3/23.”

To provide the Hopi public
more information, Hopi Tutuveni
contacted Gaseoma and Vice
Chairman Andrews in attempts to
gather data and information and/
or a Press Release, noting what
prompted the mandate and how
long it would be in effect.

At publication submission dead-
line, no responses to the email,

which was sent by Hopi Tutuveni,
or a Press Release were received
from Gaseoma, Vice Chairman
Andrews or any other Hopi Tribal
Leadership, included in the email.

Other Hopi Tribal employees
did, however, make contact with
Hopi Tutuveni to express grati-
tude for submitting the inquiry, as
they too had questions and con-
cerns about why the mandate was
issued.

One employee provided statis-
tics about Arizona and noted that
Navajo County is listed as one of
three in the “yellow zone.”

While that information is true,
it still cannot be confirmed as the
reason for Vice Chairman issuing
the mandate, due to not having a
reply or Press Release confirming
reasons for the mandate.

To date, local businesses locat-
ed just a couple of miles away
from the Hopi Tribal Government
complex in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. are
not under a mask mandate. Nei-
ther are local Hopi schools or the
Hopi Health Care Center located
in Lower Polacca, Ariz.

For now, the public is being pro-
vided this limited notification that
masks must be worn in all Hopi
Tribal Government offices and by
Hopi Tribal employees, as well.

Questions regarding the Vice
Chairman’s mandate can be direct-
ed to his office.

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It was a Wild Finish!

By: Ricky Greer, HJSHS Athletic Director

Camp Verde, Ariz. - December 27, 2023 It was a
wild finish.

The Hopi boys got down by 3, came back and took a
1-point lead with under a minute to go.

Camp Verde scored with 10 seconds left to go up by
1 and we missed the last second shot. Camp Verde 64,
Hopi 63. The Bruins finished in 2nd place of the 2023
Yvonne Johnson Invite. It was a great tourney for the
team! We're proud of you Bruins!

Isaiah Silas and Jarious Lomayestewa were both
named to the all-tourney team.

Up next for the Bruins, we host the Pinon Eagles on
Thursday, January 4, 2024 starting with the freshman
boys' game at 1:30.

Happy New Year everyone!



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Hopi Tribal Council Approves the FY2024 General Fund Budget and the Expenditure Authorization & Appropriations Language for Hopi Tribal Programs via Resolution H-108-2023

By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor
HT

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – December 27, 2023 a notification sent out by Hopi Tribal Secretary, Judith Youvella via the Hopi Tribal Intergovernmental email system provided an attached memorandum noting, “This memorandum informs you that on December 6, 2023, the Hopi Tribal Council by motion and unanimous vote, approved the [above mentioned] Resolution” and further noted, “ By passage of this Resolution, the Hopi Tribal Council hereby approves and adopts the Hopi Tribe’s Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$17,480,255.00 (Seventeen Million, Four Hundred Eighty Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Five Dollars) for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.”

The passage of the budget was put back on the usual scheduled time frame ensuring that a continuing budget resolution would not be necessary.



Pictured above are Chairman Nuvangyaoma and Vice Chairman Andrews. Below are Contract and Grant Program Directors who presented to HTC about concerns regarding the EAAL, being proposed by the BOT and at the bottom right are Secretary Youvella and Representative Danny Honanie



HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

4th Quarter Session

September, 2023

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023 AGENDA - Amendment #3

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CERTIFICATIONS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

III. ROLL CALL

IV. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES OR GUESTS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. CALENDAR PLANNING

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action – Letter dated September 19, 2022 Re: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – *Date Certain – November 22, 2023

2. Action Item #090-2022 – Intergovernmental Agreement between State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe – Author/Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit – Withdrawn

3. Letter dated May 23, 2023 from Edison Tu'tsi, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation, Re: Auditor requires the Tribal Treasurer sign and return the Debt Confirmation Letter - Rosa Honani, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi – Tabled

4. Action Item #087-2023 – To approve the Moenkopi Development Corporation (MDC) forbearance on its Hopi Loan payments as a temporary measure until MDC pays off the PNC Loan and secures the Tuuvi Travel Center Property – Author/William Charley, Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi (Author changed per UVM's Request) – Tabled

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #070-2023 - Authorize transfer of an estimated \$5.7 million of expenditures, from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF) – Jim Davis, Director, Office of Financial Management *December, 2023

2. Letter from Alfred Lomaquahu – Letter of Interest for the position of the Hopi Tribal Elections Registrar for discussion and possible action – Raymond Namoki, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi *Time Certain – November 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

3. Action Item #101-2023 – Approval of Hopi Tribe Office of General Counsel to represent Hopi Board of Education in appeal of the Bureau of Indian Education's denial of P.L. 100-297 Grant – Carlene Tenakhongva, Office of General Council *Time Certain – November 9, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

4. Action Item #103-2023 – To seek Hopi Tribal Council approval for the purchase of a customizable, high security, cloud based software from Club Automation, an intuitive club management solution – Elvia Sanchez, Wellness Center Manager, Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center *Time Certain – November 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

5. Action Item #104-2023 – Update Child Care Revolving Account – Cara J. Jackson, Program Administrator, Hopi Child Care Program, Department of Education and Workforce Development

6. Action Item #105-2023 – To approve the Construction Administration contract with Burns Wald-Hopkins Shambach (BWS) Architects, and a non-assignable waiver of sovereign immunity – Daryl Melvin, P.E., Principal, Principle Contract Oversight Team, Office of the Vice Chairman

7. Action Item #106-2023 – To approve the purchase of a bus in conjunction with the Hopi Tribe's One Time Volkswagen Corporation Settlement Funds (Resolution H-006-2021) for the Hopi Head Start Program – Rayma Duyongwa, Early Childhood Education, Manager, Head Start Administration

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Director, Hopi Department of Transportation

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8. Action Item #107-2023 – Norma Classen's Attorney Employment Contract and Appointment as Chief Prosecutor – Mervin Yoyetewa, Chairman, Hopi Law & Order Committee

9. Letter dated October 16, 2023 – Letter requesting time certain for a Water/Energy Committee (WEC) report along with Water Tribe Initiative (WTI) will present a memo that outlines a suggested Work Plan to Enhance Hopi's Water Resources Capacity – Dale Siquah, Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages; Water/Energy Committee Chairman *Time Certain, Monday, November 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

10. Letter dated October 17, 2023 – Letter is a request to discuss and act upon a recommendation by the Investment Oversight Standing Committee (IOSC) which would occur during report to Hopi Tribal Council during the month of November to recommend Representative Mervin Yoyetewa be placed on the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation (HTEDC) Board – Dale Siquah, Council Representative, - First Mesa Consolidated Villages

11. Letter dated October 10, 2023 – Letter from Wendi Lewis from the Hopi Relief Organization – Mervin Yoyetewa, Council Representative, Village of Mishongnovi *Time Cer-

tain, Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

12. Letter dated October 25, 2023 – Letter from Elvia Sanchez for presentation request from Hopi Tribal Contract and Grant Programs – Mervin Yoyetewa, Council Representative, Village of Mishongnovi *Time Certain, Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

13. Letter dated October 18, 2023 – from Eugene Talas to act on FY 2024 General Fund Budget – David Talayumptewa, Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi *Time Certain, November 20-21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

14. Action Item #113-2023 – To approve the Hopi Health Care Center Renovation project, furniture, fixture and equipment contract with Goodmans, Inc., and a non-assignable waiver of sovereign immunity – Herman G. Honanie, Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi

XII. REPORTS

1. Office of the Chairman – report on a meeting related to Hopi Utilities Corporation (HUC)/Data Center approved by Resolution *Time Certain, Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 1:30 – 3:00 p.m

2. Office of the Vice Chairman

3. Office of Tribal Secretary – Report on Administrative Oversight of Program Depts.

4. Office of the Treasurer – Introduction of Mr. Gerald Cusick, Risk Administrator

5. Office of the General Counsel

6. Land Commission

7. Water/Energy Committee

8. Transportation Committee

9. Law & Order Committee

10. Investment Committee

11. Health/Education Committee

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item

**Time Certain Requests

Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee Announcement

December 20, 2023 Update

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. December 20, 2023 This update goes to all Hopi Tribal Members that it has come to the attention of the Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee that the staff processing the GWEAP Application have been receiving numerous phone calls and emails regarding the processing and disbursement of checks.

The staff and the committee understand the need and impact of the assistance resulting in the urgent inquiries. The Committee would like to inform everyone that we have a small determined staff who are working diligently and tirelessly to process thousands of applications currently. Multiple processes that involve numerous hard working personnel must be done in order to receive that assistance. Therefore there is [NO EXACT] turnaround time of when checks will be disbursed.

At this time, the Committee respectfully requests that individuals who have submitted applications, [PLEASE] be patient and understanding as the staff work to process, update and approve all submitted applications.

The Hopi Tribe will not tolerate any threatening or harassing phone calls, please be advised that all calls will be recorded and any calls of a threatening nature will be documented and forwarded to Hopi Law Enforcement Services.

In the time of prayer and respect, we thank you for your patience and understanding.

Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response

Submitted by: Joyce Hamilton, Director - DHHS

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - December 27, 2023 Happy New Year from the Department of Health and Human Services staff. The holiday season can bring out many stressors that impact our judgement, choices and decisions; now that we are past the Holiday season, it's time to roll up our sleeves to begin the New Year with healthy changes. The first step for you and your family is ensure you have immunizations against the Flu, RSV and COVID-19. The season of germs and viruses will continue to be amongst us; the best protection to avoid severe illness and sickness is to get updated on your family's immunizations.

Based on surveillance data from the Hopi Health Care Center the number of COVID positive cases appears to be decreasing. Hopi Health Care Center recommends the following:

1. Everyone 6 months and older, regardless of current vaccination status, should get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against COVID-19 illness.
2. People with symptoms should still mask and get tested for COVID-19.
3. Those with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should continue to follow current guidelines for isolation including staying home and wearing a mask around other for at least 5 days after their symptoms started or after a positive test if no symptoms.
4. Those exposed to COVID-19 should continue to follow recommendations including wearing a mask around others, monitoring for symptoms, and getting tested at least 5 days after last exposure.
5. People may choose to wear a mask at any time based on personal preference, but may be required in other places by local authorities (i.e., individual villages, businesses, and schools).
6. Those that are concerned they may be at risk for severe disease, should talk to their health care provider about additional prevention actions.

As we move into the New Year, begin by making positive choices that will benefit you, your family and friends. Take advantage of the variety of activities, educational opportunities, and preventative screenings offered by the programs under the Department of Health and Human Services. The Hopi Wellness Center offers a variety of programs to help you begin reaching your fitness goals, reducing unwanted pounds and healthy eating tips. The Hopi Cancer Support Services program offers well woman exams for Breast and Cervical screening for prevention and early detection of cancer. The Hopi Women Infant and Children's (WIC) offers nutritional supplements to pregnant mothers and children up to age 5 as well as breastfeeding promotion and support. The Hopi Tobacco Program offers tips and education for cessation of commercial tobacco use. The Hopi Community Health Services CHR program provides in-home visitation for anyone requesting for follow-up on health screenings of blood sugar, blood pressure along with knowledge on how to properly install and use of car seats for our children. The Office of Adult and Aging Program offers healthy meals for members 55+ on a weekly basis as well as family support for ALTCS referrals and case management. The Office of Public Health Compliance provides food establishments with health and safety inspections to protect the community against food borne illnesses. The Hopi Medical Transportation Program provides transportation for non-emergency transportation to health care facilities and ensures you reach your health care facility on-time for your scheduled medical appointment. The goals of the Tribe Department of Health Services is to advocate, educate, inform and promote healthy holistic life styles while incorporating culturally appropriate values and health concepts within our communities. For questions regarding services you may contact the Department of Health and Human Services at Jhamilton@hopi.nsn.us



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice of Availability for Public Comment on Proposed Fencing Improvements within a 500-year floodplain at Polacca Airport (P10), Polacca, Ariz.

By: Andrew Gashwazra, Director - Hopi Tribe OCPD and LIS

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – November 11, 2023 The Hopi Tribe, as sponsor of Polacca Airport, intends to replace and realign the existing perimeter fencing at the Airport. The improvements would replace failed and deteriorated fencing surrounding the airport with new fencing to enhance the operational safety of the airport. The fencing would consist of seven-foot-tall chain-link fencing topped with barbed wire around the perimeter of the Airport property.

Access gates would be included as part of the fencing improvements. The improvements would have no anticipated impacts to the floodplain's natural functions. The functions of the existing floodplain would not be impacted as a result of the proposed project.

Due to the Tribe seeking Federal Aviation Administration funding and approval of federal actions occurring within a 500-year floodplain, a public notice and opportunity for comment is being provided.

The public may submit comments on the proposed projects and their potential effects on the 500-year floodplain for a period of thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice.

All comments received during the review period will be taken into consideration prior to the FAA making an environmental determination.

Please contact fshupla@hopi.nsn.us for questions or additional information regarding the proposed project.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

November 27, 2023 - I read a Memorandum of November 22, 2023, from the Hopi Tutuveni, to "All", relating to the General Welfare Emergency Assistance Program (GWEAP), regarding application requirements for Hopi tribal members to apply and qualify for services. I respond specifically to the requirement for tribal members to submit an IRS Income Tax Form, the W-9 "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification" form.

There appears to be confusion by the Hopi Tribe and its HTPRC regarding the need for tribal members to file an IRS W-9 form to receive this financial assistance. That is not correct. Funds made available by the U.S. Congress; and implemented by the U.S. Treasury Department, and other federal agencies, are intended to address direct impacts experienced by U.S. citizens resulting from COVID-19 pandemic.

These funds are intended to be provided to individuals as "Beneficiaries" or as "End Users". The U.S. Congress intended for these funds to be used direct grants to individuals to address the hardships they experienced due to COVID-19. Congress did not intend for these funds to be "earned as taxable income" because no work is required to be performed by individuals to receive this money. In other words, there is no federal requirement for individuals to submit W-9 forms (and be taxed).

The above reflects the same misunderstanding by the Hopi Tribe (its CARES Act Committee and consultants) when the initial CARES Act (and later ARPA) allocations were received by the Hopi Tribe. Villages were not or are not required to perform any portion of the work stipulated in the Hopi Tribe's federal grant awards (or the State of Arizona's federal grant awards). Accordingly, Villages did not serve as Subgrantees or Subcontractors to the tribe, nor to the State of Arizona. Instead, they are correctly regarded as "Beneficiaries" or "End Users" to use the funds to address their direct impacts, as they saw fit. In this regard, Villages are not subject to the Single Audit Act requirements.

Hope this clarifies this confusion. You might want to consult the ARPA Final Report of 2022 which stipulates requirements on the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) appropriations. Kwak'wha - Ben Nuvamsa

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Attention Shungopavi Public Water System Users (12/27/23)

Arsenic Above Contaminant Level

This notice is to inform everyone that the water delivery service provided by the Shungopavi Public Water System, PWS, **WILL NOT BE TURNED OFF** on December 31, 2023. The Administration has been in communication to negotiate a purchase agreement with the Hopi Utility Corporation, HUC, since October 2022 and finally received a response on proposed changes to the Wholesale Water Purchase Agreement on Tuesday December 19, 2023. The HUC has agree to provide the Shungopavi Public Water System with water prior to the deadline of December 31, 2023, imposed by an Administrative Order issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA. The Order was issued for not complying with the arsenic contamination level set in the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The water that will be received from the HUC will still contain arsenic but at a level below the maximum contaminant level of ten parts per billion. By using this water to distribute to our water users, the Shungopavi Public Water System will avoid the money penalties stated in the act for violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Continued use of the water from the HUC will bring Shungopavi PWS back into compliance with the arsenic contaminant level. The Administration will continue negotiations with the HUC on a purchase agreement and once the terms of the agreement have been agreed to by both parties, the agreement will be signed.

We have scheduled opening the valve to receive the water from the HOPI ARSENIC MITIGATION PROJECT regional distribution system operated by HUC on Thursday morning, December 28, 2023.

After the Wholesale Water Purchase Agreement has been signed with Hopi Utility Corporation, a notice will be sent out to inform all users about any changes to user fees and other use terms that will result from the signing of the purchase agreement. Throughout the negotiation with HUC the Shungopavi PWS will continue to bear in mind minimizing the impact to our end user. We understand the frustration many are feeling as we have experienced the same in waiting over a year to receive a response from the HUC on our proposed changes. Now we have the opportunity and welcome time to negotiate an agreement, we may not get all we ask but we will put forth our best effort on your behalf.

Shungopavi Public Water System

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HOPi WORDS

Tuwi'yta - Able (skillful)

Yuki'at - Accomplishment

Tukopna - Accuse

Hintsakpi - Activity

Pu'ason - Afterward

Qe'ti - Back out of

Novaki - Bakery

TuPtsiwni - Belief

Kwusiva - Bring

Pàato - Burst

Pitanakts - Cap/Hat

Sikiki - Car (Auto)

Kansulmongwi - Chairman

Namora - Choice

Iyoho'ti - Cold (Weather)

Kyesmismuyaw - December

Pö'i'yta - Debt (Have)

Öqala - Determined

Alögö - Different

Hötsiwa - Doorway

Hiihiko - Drink

Nan'ip - Each (of two)

Tutuqayiw - Education

Töövü - Ember

Tumal'aya - Employee

Tunatya - Endeavor

Naatsiki - Factionalize

Qöppö - Fire place

Saavu - Fire wood

Tuuqayta - Fluent

Qalaptu - Get Over (Recover)

Wiiki'yma - Guide (Singular)

Sivaqöppö - Heater

Hopiiqatsi - Hopi Way of Life

Nü'okwa - Kind Hearted

Ngahu - Medicine

Muytala - Moon Light

Tömö - Season (Winter)

Nuvati - Snowed

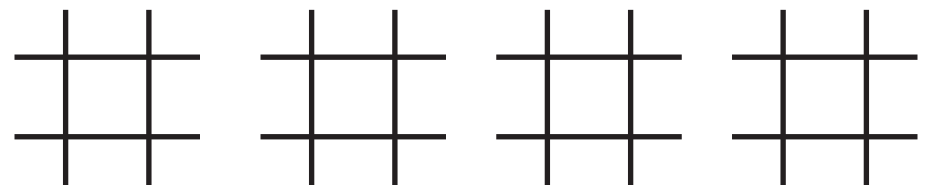
Nawini - Suggestion

Tsangaw - Thank Goodness

Kyaamuya - Winter (Solstice)

Hihiiyà - Wow!

TICK-TACK-TOE





FIRST MESA CONSOLIDATED VILLAGES

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A Temporary Agreement has been Reached between the First Mesa Consolidated Villages and the Hopi Utility Corporation to Connect to the New Hopi Water System

A Temporary Agreement has been reached between the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) and the Hopi Utility Corporation (HUC) to connect to the new Hopi water system. The connection to the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP) was activated yesterday, Dec. 28.

Water payments will remain at the current rates for January and February, as negotiations are being made with HUC for reasonable water rates. Water customers will be informed of the new rates prior to March, when the new payment amounts will begin.

There will be No Water Shut-off as negotiations continue. The First Mesa Water program will keep Customers informed as they continue negotiating with HUC for a reasonable water payment fee for Customers.

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