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Special Session to be held to address several legislations

WINDOW ROCK – The Navajo Nation Council is scheduled to convene in a special session at 10:00 a.m. on March 23 in the Council Chamber in Window Rock, to address 12 legislations according to the proposed agenda that was released Friday.

“On behalf of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, we welcome all of our Diné Citizens to attend Wednesday’s special session or to view online as we address issues that impact our people and communities,” stated Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse’Daa’Kaan, Upper Fruitland)

Among the bills to be considered is Legislation No. 0404-15 sponsored by Council Delegate Dwight Witherspoon (Black Mesa, Forest Lake, Hardrock, Pinon, Whippoorwill), which was tabled during the Winter Council Session in January. The legislation seeks supplemental funding from the Navajo Nation’s Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$340,000 to renovate and remodel a modular building to be used for court facilities for the Dził Yijiin District Court.

According to documents attached to the bill, the existing facility is in need of improvement to allow court hearings to be conducted to address the district’s growing caseload.

Council will also consider Legislation No. 0014-16, which requests supplemental funding from the UUFB in the amount of \$1.6 million for the renovation or replacement of approximately 63 homes in the Former Bennett Freeze Area. On Feb. 11, the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee unanimously approved the legislation with a vote of 12-0.

The bill is sponsored by Council Delegate Walter Phelps (Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Leupp, Tolani Lake, Tsidi To ii), who represents several chapters in the Former Bennett Freeze Area and chairs the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission.

The special session will be live-streamed via the Council’s designated Ustream channel. To view live proceedings during Wednesday’s session, please visit ustream.tv and search for “Navajo Nation Council” in the search box. The entire proposed agenda for Wednesday’s special session is available at navajonationcouncil.org.

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