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very safe and HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!



Free Hopi Tutuveni

The Hopi Tribe will be closed Wednesday, December 25, 2024 in observance of the Christmas Holiday and Wednesday, January 1, 2025 in observance of New Year's Day.

Hopi Tutuveni Staff and Board wishes all a very safe and pleasant holidays!

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HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

4th Quarter Session

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024

AGENDA – **AMENDMENT #1**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. CERTIFICATIONS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**
- 1. Oath of Office** – Maude Yoyhoeoma, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES OR GUESTS**
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE**
- VII. CALENDAR PLANNING**
1. Land Commission
 2. Water/Energy Committee
 3. Transportation Committee
 4. Law & Order Committee
 5. Investment Committee
 6. Health/Education Committee
 7. Hopi Gaming Committee
- VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- XI. NEW BUSINESS**
- 1. Discussion & Possible Action** – Letter dated September 24, 2024 RE: Council Appointment to the Hopi Benefits Committee. From Jim Davis, Finance Director **Tabled to December 1, 2024**
 - 2. Action Item #059-2024** – to modify Ordinance #36 Education Code. Author Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel **Time Certain - November 26, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.**
 - 3. Action Item #062-2024** – to rescind partially H-057-2022 Orayvi Well 3-phase power to replace HUC and pass through the money directly to the Village of Orayvi. Author Sarah Abney, Water Resources Manager - **Approved on November 6, 2024**
 - 4. Action Item #063-2024** – to approve Resolution in support for the protection of cultural resources and sacred sites on public lands for the Great Sage Plain and “The Lands Between” – Author/Alfred Lomaquahu, Registrar, Hopi Elections Office **Approved on November 6, 2024**
 - 5. Action Item #066-2024** – to join the Avi Kwa Ame National Monument Advisory Committee – Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Historical Preservation Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Office of the Chairman
 - 6. Action Item #067-2024** – to approve a Lease of Real Property with Verizon Wireless – Author/LeRoy N. Shingoitewa,

- Tribal Council Representative, Hopi Tribe - **Request OGC & Representatives from Realty and HTI to be present.**
- **Tabled on Nov. 6, 2024- Rescheduled with time certain for November 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**
- 7. Action Item #068-2024** - to approve an Amendment to the OGC’s Budget - Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel **AI Withdrawn by General Counsel Fred Lomayesva**
 - 8. Action Item #069-2024** - to approve applicants for membership in the Hopi Tribe - Author/LouEllen Nutumya, Enrollment Coordinator, Hopi Tribe Enrollment Office **Approved November 5, 2024**
 - 9. Action Item #070-2024** - to accept award for grant PLA ZFVPS from the Department of Health and Human Services for the next five years - Author/Theron Honyumptewa, Victim Advocate Interim Director, Hopi Domestic Violence Office
Program to Amend Action Item & resubmit
 - 10. Action Item #073-2024** - to approve engineering consultant, ARDURRA, to enter into a contract with the Hopi Tribe to perform construction management services on Project No. HIR 2(12)-Kachina Point Road-Phase 1 for the Hopi Department of Transportation - Author/Leonard Scott, Civil Engineer Technician, Hopi Department of Transportation **AI - Withdrawn**
 - 11. Action Item #074-2024** - to withdraw the Village of Mishongnovi’s carry over funds for the years 2005-2020 - Author/Malinda Andrews, Chairperson, Village of Mishongnovi Board of Directors **Approved Nov. 5, 2024**
 - 12. Added - Action Item #076-2024** - to authorize up to \$25 million for land acquisition pursuant 1996 Settlement Act - Author Leroy Shingoitewa, Water/Energy Chairman and HTC Representative, UVM - **Approved on Nov. 7, 2024**
 - 13. Action Item #077-2024** - to request for Special Revolving Account for Water Resources Program - Author/Carrie Joseph
 - 14. Moenkopi Day School, Basic Financial Statement and Single Audit Reports, Year ended June 30, 2023** - Steven Togliola, CSA Moenkopi Day School - **Request to present in December 2024**
 - 15. Presentation:** Research on Native Deaf Communities &

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- Request to Distribute Survey to Hopi Community - Dr. Malanie McKay-Cody, Assistant Professor, UofA
16. **Presentation:** 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) - Brian Cole, Building Communities & Andrew Gashwazra, Director, OCPED/LIS **Completed - Nov. 6, 2024**
17. **Discussion & Possible Action** – Letter of Interest for Hopi Election Regular/Alternate member position from Meredith Qotswisiwma
Time Certain - November 25, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
18. Letter dated August 7, 2024 RE: Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee from Samuel R. Shingoitewa Jr.
19. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated August 23, 2024 From Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel. RE: Memorandum from Virgilyn Talas dated August 16, 2024.
20. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Email dated August 29, 2024 From Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel Re: ANDREWS NA AND LETTER 8.29.2024.
21. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated September 18, 2024 RE: Letter of interest in serving on the Hopi Elections Committee. From Timothy Randolph - Chairman Nuvangyaoma **Time Certain - November 25, 2024 @ 2:30 p.m.**
22. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Email dated September 25, 2024 From Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel RE: Justice Sekaquaptewa, Notice of Disclosure
23. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated September 30, 2024 From Wendell Honanie Sr., Kykotsmovi Tribal Representative RE: Resignation from the Pro Tem Designation - Hopi Tribal Council **Completed**
24. **Discussion & Possible Action - Letter dated October 14, 2024** RE: Suspension of Vice Chairman Craig Andrews and Councilman Norman Honanie. From Leroy Shingoitewa, Upper Village of Moenkopi HTC Representative
25. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated October 23, 2024 RE: Solid Waste Program bill and other matters. From Dale Siquah, FMCV/HTC Representative
26. **Letter dated October 4, 2024** - Request fro Time Certain Date with Hopi Tribal Council. From Eugene Talas, Chairperson, BOT - HTC proposed time certain for October 23, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. - **2nd Request received for November 4, 2024 time certain - Completed on Nov. 4, 2024**
27. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letters from Angeline Joseph dated October 3, 2024 RE: Grievance & Discharge with no due process.
28. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated October 15, 2024 from Wilber Kay, Village Administrator, FMCV RE: Request for copy of HUC's approval to construct HAMP and BIA water lines within ADOT's Rights-of-way. - Dale Siquah
29. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated November 1, 2024 from Selwyn Sekaquaptewa, Water Utility General Manager, HUC RE: Village wholesale Water Agreements Presentation- Selwyn Sekaquaptewa
30. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated October 24, 2024 from Todd Honyoama Sr.'s request for a Public Forum on Ordinance 36 - Chairman Nuvangyaoma
31. Letter of Interest for Hopi Tribal Secretary dated October 30, 2024 from Lamar Keevama- Interview Time Certain for November 25, 2024@ 1:00 p.m.
32. Letter of Interest for Hopi Tribal Secretary dated November 8, 2024 from Dwayne Secakuku - Interview Time Certain for November 25, 2024@ 1:30 p.m.

XII. REPORTS

1. Office of the Chairman
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary
4. Office of the Treasurer
5. Office of the General Counsel
6. Land Commission
7. Water/Energy Committee
8. Transportation Committee
9. Law & Order Committee
 - a. Letter dated July 21, 2024 - Timothy NV. Nelson regarding resignation of Hopi Conflict Prosecutor. **Tabled - Pending Report from 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 Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response - **Re-publication**

Submitted By Joyce Hamilton, Director

Kykostmovi, Ariz. – June 26, 2024 Immunizations are your best defense against severe illness if you are diagnosed with the Flu, RSV and CIVID-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. You may have been hearing family discussing COVID-19 diagnosis being a result of large gatherings within the month of June. Gatherings with family during the summer season is common due to the ceremonial and cultural activities, graduation celebrations, birthday celebrations and planting parties.

The Hopi Health Care Center encourages and 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 illness should continue to follow current guidelines for isolation including staying home and wearing a mask around others 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.

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).

Many individuals and family members have deterred from the practice of wiping down frequently touched surfaces and staying home when ill. Get back in the habit of wiping down frequently touched surfaces to eliminate germs to protect family from illness. Most important message is for one to stay home if you have flu like symptoms to avoid getting others ill.

For questions regarding services you may contact the Department of Health and Human Services at Jhamilton@hopi.nsn.us

New Tobacco Tax Signed into Law - **Re-publication**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By: **Dr. Patricia Nez Henderson**

Window Rock, Ariz — November 10, 2024, On Friday afternoon in the State Room at the Office of the President and Vice President, the Tobacco Products Tax was signed into law by President Buu Nygren. The law also includes the Nicotine Products and Electronic Smoking Products Tax.

The Navajo Nation Council passed the law during the Fall Session in October. The law increases the tax rate on tobacco and nicotine products at retail outlets on the Navajo Nation.

"The tax increases on tobacco and nicotine sends a strong message in our work to reduce purchases on addictive and harmful products," Dr. Patricia Nez Henderson said.

"Our mission in creating a healthier Navajo Nation is to dissuade cigarette, e-cigarette, and vaping purchases. This is unprecedented in any Tribal and State jurisdiction in the United States."

Youth on the Navajo Nation are at risk shown in statistics as high as 41 percent in usage. A rate of 40 percent of high school students have used e-cigarettes and vaping products.

The law signed by President Nygren became effective as he signed it on Friday. The Navajo Tax Commission will have charge in implementing the new law.

"We began this as a community base initiative," Thomas Walker, Jr. said at the signing ceremony. "Involved were elders, community members, traditional practitioners for years. We followed these efforts in making commercial tobacco control policies for the Navajo Nation. It's here now. Tax collection on these products will go to Department of Health to be used as a deterrent on smoking. Thomas Walker, Jr. is a member of the Air is Life Coalition, and a former Council Delegate of the Navajo Nation Council.

All tax collections on tobacco and nicotine products will put into a fund and transferred to the Navajo Nation Department of Health. It will fund the Office of Traditional Cultural and Spiritual Healing, while providing non-competitive grant opportunities to traditional healer organizations.

"This legislation is vital to our process of reclaiming our sacred ceremonial tobacco," Hershel Walker Clark said. "We need to stand firm against the injustices that the tobacco industry has done to one of our sacred plants given to us by the Diyin Dinéé."

The Air is Life Coalition thanks the many participants who worked for more than a year the tax amendments. Organizations such as the Arizona Tobacco Free Kids, American Nonsmoker's Rights Foundation, and the Arizonans Concerned About Smoking. Former Council Delegate for Teesto Chapter David S. Clark and his wife Geraldine sat besides President Nygren during the signing ceremony. Clark is also a long time spiritual leader of the Azee' Bee Nahagha' of Diné Nation.

Other dignitaries who were present were Council Delegate Carl Slater, the sponsor of the legislation, Effie Edsitty, executive director for the Navajo Tax Commission, and Mae Gilene Begay, president of Forrest Lake Chapter.

Other co-sponsors of the legislation are Council Delegates Helena Nez Begay, Curtis Yanito, Lester C. Yazzie, Shaandiin Parrish, and Nathan Notah.

The Air is Life Coalition extends appreciation to Sherlene Yazzie, executive director for the Department of Health, the staff for the department, and Kim Russell, former executive director for the Department of Health. Appreciation is also extended to the Office of the Legislative Counsel, Luralene Tapahe, attorney, and the Navajo Nation Department of Justice.

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PAID PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

IN THE HOPI CHILDREN'S COURT, HOPI JURISDICTION
KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	Case No. 2020-CC-0023
D. M.)	
DOB: 04/09/2010)	
Minor Child,)	NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF FILING OF PETITION FOR PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP; AND NOTICE OF INITIAL APPEARANCE-PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP HEARING
The Hopi Tribe, and)	
Hopi Tribe Social Services Department,)	
Petitioners,)	
)	
AND CONCERNING:)	
Sharon Mansfield,)	
Parent/Respondent.)	

THE HOPI TRIBE TO SHARON MANSFIELD, BIOLOGICAL PARENT OF THE ABOVE-NAMED MINOR CHILD:

PETITIONER, THE HOPI TRIBE, has filed, pursuant to the Hopi Children's Code, Chapter IV § B, a Petition for Permanent Guardianship of D.M., a Minor Child, to adjudge the minor child in need of permanent stability.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said Petition for Permanent Guardianship is set for **Initial Appearance-Petition for Permanent Guardianship Hearing** on the **16th day of January 2025, at 01:30 p.m. (MST)** in the Hopi Children's Court, Courtroom II, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034; for the purpose of determining whether said parent contests the allegations contained in the Petition and to provide testimony.

A COPY OF THE PETITION may be obtained by submitting a request in writing to the Office of the Hopi Prosecutor, PO Box 306, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034; by telephone at (928) 738-2245 or 738-2246; or by fax at (928) 738-2203.

FAILURE TO APPEAR at the **Initial Appearance-Permanent Guardianship Hearing** or to otherwise notify the Court in writing of good cause for inability to appear prior to the date of the hearing will result in default being entered against the Parent. This means that the Parent's rights to legal and physical custody of the child may be vested with the Hopi Tribe Social Services Department.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 04 day of December 2024.

HOPI CHILDREN'S COURT

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Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. Provides Notice of Discontinuance of Certain Services

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By: Wayne Sekaquaptewa, President/General Manager - HTI

Flagstaff, Ariz. - November 21, 2024 This notice is to inform that on or after December 1, 2024, Hopi Telecommunications, Inc., subject to approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), will no longer be providing certain services within the state of Arizona. Specifically, the following services will be discontinued.

- Directory Assistance
- Operator Assisted Services

This discontinuance is limited to the above services and will not affect your other Hopi Telecommunications services in any other way. Many telephone numbers can be found using Internet search sites such as Google.

If you have any questions about this notice or Hopi Telecommunications' discontinuance of Directory Assistance or Operator Assistance services, please contact our office at (928) 738-4674 or (877) 522-8428.

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FCC Required Notice: The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, 45 L Street, NE, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.



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Local First Mesa Woman Hosts 3rd Annual First Mesa Christmas Parade and Holiday Bazaar Experience



First Mesa, Ariz. - December 8, 2024 I have so many good things and many “thank yous” to say about yesterday’s event. The 3rd Annual First Mesa Christmas Parade and Bazaar went very well. It was nice to see everyone’s smiling faces and the excitement that filled the air. We had 40 vendors which was a lot more than last year. 12 parade entries. Everyone did a good job at decorating and the spirit of Christmas shined through. Thank you to the volunteers, the Grand Marshals Neil David Sr. Lyda Poocha Harris, Geraldine Lacapa Youvella, FMCV, Walpi Village, family, friends, for your donations toward the parade, raffle and bazaar from the bottom of my heart Koonah, Thank you! *Special Thank you to my dad Randall Ami for all you did to help bring this together. I love you dad! (He said he’s retiring now lol) Parade winners: 1st Place Neil David Sr & family, 2nd Lyda Harris & family, 3rd Hopi Day School Royalty

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The Moenkopi Developers Corporation (MDC) is a tribally chartered non-profit 501c-3 organization that operates within the boundaries of the Hopi Reservation. The primary objective of the MDC Board of Directors is to enhance community stability and growth through increased employment and business development in the Upper Village of Moenkopi

Minimum Qualification Required:	Resume (3) Professional References Letter of Interest
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