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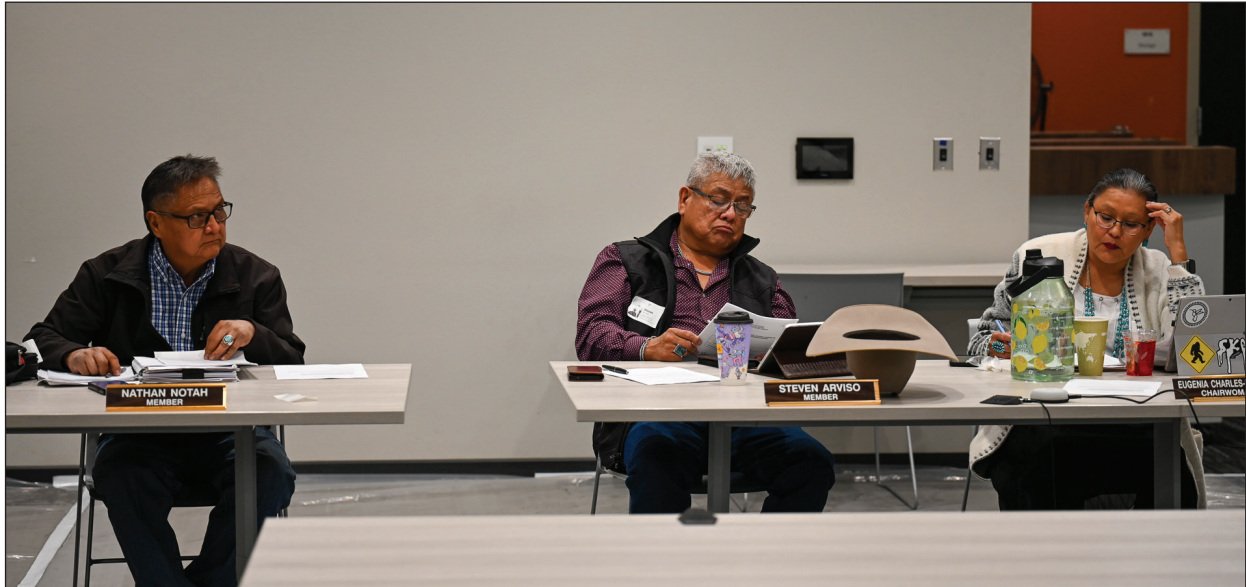
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Law and Order Committee approves \$34.25 million for judicial infrastructure, strengthens emergency response coordination



Law and Order Committee voted two in favor and none opposed for Legislation 0256-24.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Navajo Nation Council’s Law and Order Committee (LOC) finalized significant legislative action during its December 23rd meeting, including the approval of \$34,250,516 in funding to improve judicial and public safety infrastructure across the Navajo Nation.

Legislation No. 0259-24, sponsored by Council Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton, allocates resources from the Hashkééjį Nahata’á Béeso Bá Hooghan Fund to support six critical projects within the Judicial Branch.

The approved funding will enable the construction of the Aneth Judicial District Court, the establishment of the Administrative Offices of the Courts Warehouse, improvements for the Ramah Judicial District, the expansion of the Kayenta Training Program, and the creation of new facilities for the Peacemaking Program Building. These projects are designed to enhance access to justice and strengthen public safety services across the Navajo Nation.

Chair of the Law and Order Committee, Delegate Charles-Newton, praised the legislation as a significant step forward for the Navajo Nation. “This funding represents a critical investment in ensuring our judicial and public safety systems are prepared to serve the needs of our communities,” said Chair Charles-Newton. “The approved projects will strengthen our capacity to deliver justice and improve safety for the Navajo people.”

The committee also discussed preparations for upcoming legislatures of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah, scheduled for January 2025. These events will provide an opportunity to advocate for additional funding for public safety facilities and infrastructure projects, as well as to foster collaboration with state and federal partners. Chair Charles-Newton emphasized the importance of these legislative

efforts, noting that they align with the committee's ongoing commitment to improving safety and justice services for the Navajo Nation.

The next Law and Order Committee meeting is set for Jan. 6, 2025. The committee will continue its discussions on emergency management, infrastructure development, and other legislative priorities. Chair Charles-Newton expressed confidence in the committee's progress and highlighted the importance of maintaining momentum as the winter session approaches. "We remain dedicated in our mission to enhance public safety and ensure access to justice for our people," said Charles-Newton. "Our work is far from over, but together, we are making meaningful strides toward a stronger and more resilient Navajo Nation."

The Law and Order Committee voted with two in favor and none opposed in approving Legislation 0259-34. The Law and Order Committee is the final authority with this legislation.