

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 365

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Interior has, in the Constitution of the Papago Tribe of Arizona, given to the Papago Council the power to advise him as to it desires and wishes on appropriation estimates and federal projects for the Papago Reservations, and

WHEREAS, The Papago Council, after due investigation and deliberation, has come to the conclusion that certain improvements are of vital necessity to the welfare of the tribe,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Papago Council that we recommend to the Secretary and most urgently request the inclusion in the 1950 budget of the following construction projects:

1) The reconstruction of the General Hospital at Sells. It is unthinkable that our people, just as they are beginning to benefit by modern hospitalization, should be deprived of it. The present medical plan, wherein our ill and injured are sent away from us to San Xavier, prevents many of our people from accepting needed hospitalization. We need our hospital here at home, where it can be the center of our health program.

2) The reconstruction of the tent house school at Santa Rosa Ranch which we were told 12 years ago were just temporary buildings. We feel that the Schuk Toak children have suffered from these poor conditions long enough.

3) The provision of dormitories at Santa Rosa School to take care of the children of the village while their families are away at work in the cotton fields. These children must become educated, and cannot receive a proper education by going to school just a few months each year, and the only way we can find to keep them in school a full school year is to house them at the school. We believe that this suggestion of moving the teachers into homes of their own, and then using the old school house for dormitories, is the most practical that we can think of.

4) When the new school at Vaya Chin was built two years ago it was necessary to change the plan because of lack of funds and shortages of materials. The response of the Hickiwan children has been so good that all of them cannot be taken care of in the present two classrooms, so the third classroom now used as a dining room must be used as originally intended, and new dining room and kitchen provided.

5) Vaya Chin School must be connected with the doctor, the school office, and the Agency Office by telephone. In case of emergency, we cannot continue to have to travel ten miles to reach a telephone. Vaya Chin Village is the community center of Hickiwan District, and it as well as the school is now badly handicapped because of the present lack of communication.

6) Facilities for the repair, maintenance, and storage of heavy equipment at Sells are necessary.

7) The western portion of the Papago Reservation is so far from the Agency that that area cannot receive proper development of its resources. Quarters for a Resources employee should be provided at Schuchili Village or some other western point, so that such an employee will be right on the ground to take care of the important local needs now neglected.

8) Provision should be made at Sells for the consolidated storage of government passenger cars, which cannot be properly taken care of under present conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it be called to the attention of the Superintendent the District Office, and the Indian Office, that the Papago Council sent a delegation to Washington to present these recommendations to the Congress and to urge their adoption.

The foregoing resolution was on May 25, 1948, duly enacted by a vote of 13 for and 0 against, by the Papago Council, pursuant to authority vested in it by Section 2 (d) of Article V of the Constitution of the Tribe ratified by the Tribe on December 12, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937, pursuant to Sec. 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (48 Stat. 984). Said resolution is effective as of the date of its approval by the Superintendent of Papago Agency, and is subject to the rescission by the Secretary of the Interior, Pursuant to Section 6, Article of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

BY: /S/ Thomas A. Segundo  
Thomas A. Segundo, Chairman

ATTEST:

/S/ Ida N. Wilson  
Ida N. Wilson, Secretary & Treasurer

APPROVED: June 1, 1948

/S/ Burton A. Ladd  
Burton A. Ladd, Superintendent