Asset Management Systems for Small Transportation Departments

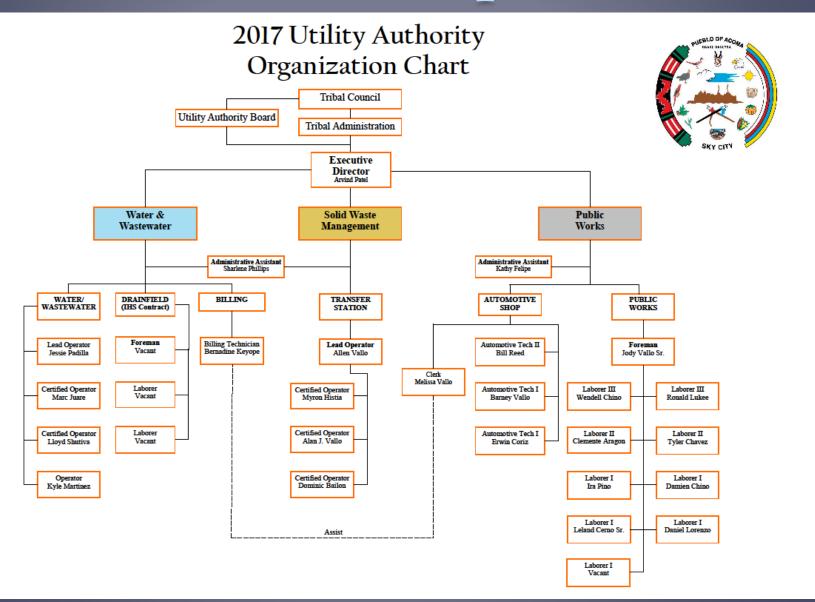




Public Works Department

- The Pueblo of Acoma Utility Authority Public Works Department currently employees 15 people:
 - 1 Director
 - 1 Foreman
 - 8 Labors (ranging from Level I to III)
 - ❖ 3 Automotive/mechanic staff
 - 2 Administrative support staff
- The Utility Authority is overseen by a community member at-large board
 - The Board provides oversight which sets policy and not day-to-day activities, personnel matters, etc.

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- Our daily operations consist of the following:
 - Road Maintenance: We have 374 miles of roads throughout the Pueblo of Acoma that are on our road maintenance inventory (LRTP). However there are 662 miles of roads throughout Acoma that need maintenance
 - Pothole patching, asphalt repair
 - Reshaping & grading of roads
 - Improving and maintaining drainage structures and shoulders
 - Maintaining & replace signage (signage that may be damaged, conversion to retro-reflectivity, graffiti, etic...)
 - Graffiti removal from signage, bridges, box-culverts and other transportation facilities
 - Maintain 8 bridges throughout the Pueblo, clean out box culverts to prevent debris from piling up and causing overflow onto roadway surfaces
 - Snow and ice control
 - Mowing and vegetation control
 - Delineators, guardrail, cattle guard repair/replacement
 - All items within the road right-of-way



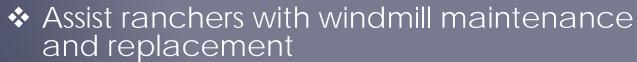




Other Duties



- Repair and and perform maintenance on the 47.8 miles of the farmland irrigation system
 - Mowing, silt removal, concrete patching and repair, slide gate installation and servicing, etc...



- 30+ windmills of various sizes located throughout our open range lands
- Includes maintenance of stock tanks, dirt tanks, etc...
- Assisting with the conversion of windmills to solar applications





Other Duties

- Assist our Traditional & Cultural leaders
 - There are approximately 20+ traditional/cultural events throughout the year and we provide support for all events
 - Portable placement and cleaning, trash cans, setting up of partitions and signage to direct traffic/parking, earth work, preparing of corn fields, irrigation ditch repair, road work, cleaning of traditional leaders areas and any other items requested
- Provide services to the community
 - Land clearing/leveling and driveway repair
 - Portable rentals and cleaning including contractors
 - Funeral assistance
 - Demolition of old homes and sheds
 - Farm field disking and plowing
 - Any other request that comes in from the community
 - Provide assistance to the various community organizations and activities
 - Fun runs
 - Summer bash
 - Cross-fit activities
 - Employee association events



Other Duties

- Full service automotive shop
 - Provide maintenance and repair on our own fleet of vehicles, heavy equipment and light equipment
 - Provide these services to other Tribal Government vehicles and equipment
 - Provide these services to the community and neighboring communities
 - Towing service
 - Revenue (approximate)
 - **2012** \$23,000.00
 - **2**013 \$32,000.00
 - **•** 2014 \$12,000.00
 - **2**015 \$48,000.00
 - **2016** \$99,000.00
 - 2017 \$125,000.00 (Projected)







Funding Sources

- Currently the Public works Department receives
 2017 funds from the following agencies
 - Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Appropriations
 - **>** \$743,495
 - > FHWA
 - > \$313,166 which is around 18% of the Pueblo's annual allocation
 - > BIA SWRO
 - > \$42,111 to date

The Challenge

- Prior to 2017 our tracking method for performing this work including the issuing of work orders, tracking costs, submitting reports, etc...was performed using a paper system
 - Work orders were sometimes lost and not completed in order
 - Estimates were hand written taking additional time and open for mistakes
 - When we submitted reports we had to go through all the paperwork in the file to compile data
 - Preventative maintenance work on equipment and vehicles were not effectively scheduled
 - Inventory management was difficult with a paper system
- Inefficient data management
 - Reporting to funding sources
 - Reporting to Tribal leadership
 - Making operational improvements

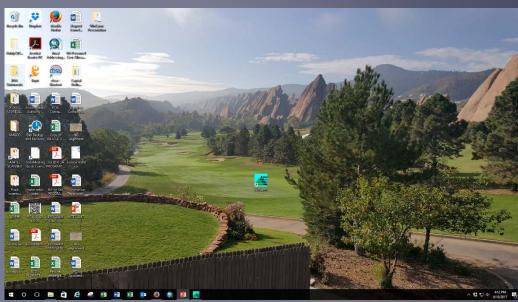
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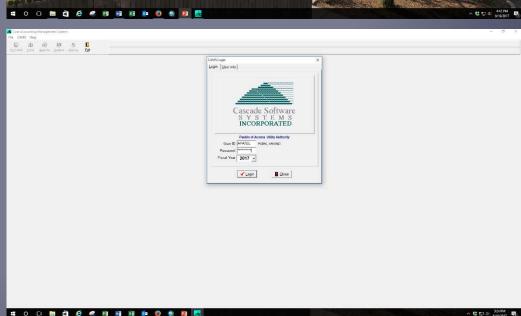
- In 2016 the BIA SWRO staff encouraged us to look at a new software they were exploring
 - We were introduced to Cascade Software Systems (CSS) through a webinar demonstration of their WinCams software system
 - This webinar demonstrated the capabilities of the software as it related to road maintenance activities. Although the software has all the capabilities to run a small government from accounting, facilities management, project management, road maintenance, utilities billing, automotive shop tracking, planning, inventory maintenance, etc....
 - The intention of the software was to be able to move towards tracking all costs (labor, material, personnel, etc) and to track all work for road maintenance activities in a single software platform
 - Through the webinar demonstration we also found that this software was able to provide a platform for tracking costs for our automotive shop which is turning out to be a big revenue generator for the Department

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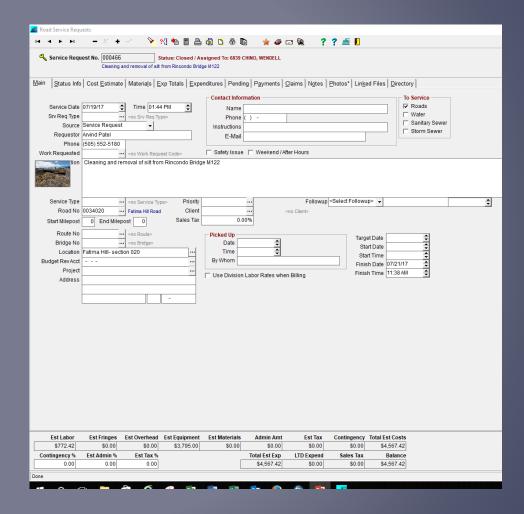
- We decided to move forward with this software and the BIA SWRO included the cost of the software in our annual 2016 allocation
- The purchase was made and software was installed November 2016
- In December 2016, CSS arrived at the Pueblo for the first of two on-site trainings for the new software. This on-site training was for two days. In January, CSS came back again to the Pueblo for the second two-day training
- Between November and December, we starting sending CSS all of our information and building our "codes" for the system
 - Personnel information including salaries/fringe
 - All of our vehicles, light equipment and heavy equipment including the cost rates for them
 - Payroll periods and timecard formats
 - Establishment of activity codes for work and services that we typically perform
 - Uploaded our road inventory data including sections, miles, ROW width, surface type, existing conditions and all the data that is within our LRTP
- In February 2017, the Acoma Public Works Department went live utilizing the new software, tracking all activities and efforts regardless if it was road maintenance related or not
 - Best advice is for management to make a commitment to move forward with the new system
 - Change is most often met with hesitation

- We are using this software on our Windows 10 desktops and laptops computers
 - Software is loaded up by the CSS and is put on our server. As long as we have access to the server we can have access to the data
 - Our server backs up nightly so the information is always saved and protected
- Software will allow for multiple users, unlimited seats and all modules unlocked (36 modules)
- Permission levels can be set for the entire staff from active user to administrator
 - This is helpful if you have multiple people accessing the data
 - Mobile applications and data entry
 - Staff has different levels of computer skills



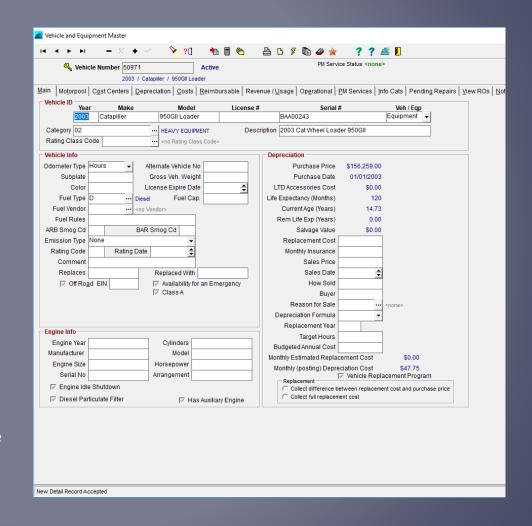


- Currently we are using just a few of the modules that are offered with this software
- Road Service Requests
 - We use this to track all of our activities for everything but our automotive and mechanic work
 - Estimates
 - Daily Work Orders
 - Time Tracking
 - Road and section number
 - Status of work orders
 - Payments
 - Photos
 - Costs
 - Keeps data on the work that you complete and can be as specific as you need it to be



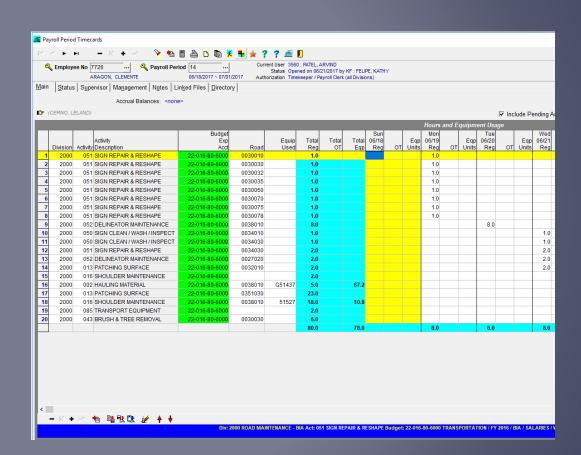
Vehicle and Equipment Master

- This is a detailed list of the entire public works inventory
 - Vehicles
 - Small equipment
 - Heavy equipment
- Keeps key information such as license plate, company asset #, make, model, fuel type, etc...
- We can also assign multiple "rates" for usage on different types of projects
- Can easily retrieve maintenance records
- Again, it is easy to retrieve and compile data using this in this system



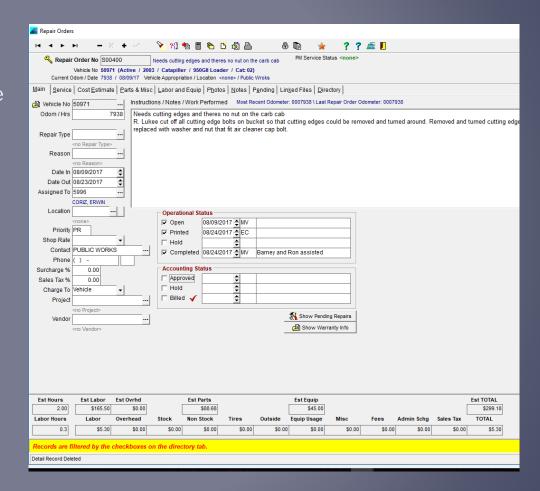
Payroll Period Timesheets

- Identify work "activity"
- This allows us to allocate staff time to various road/section numbers
- Allocate equipment usage and costs
- Allocate multiple funding sources
- Can be used to process you payroll or produce an output to submit to your Tribe's payroll department for official time card submission



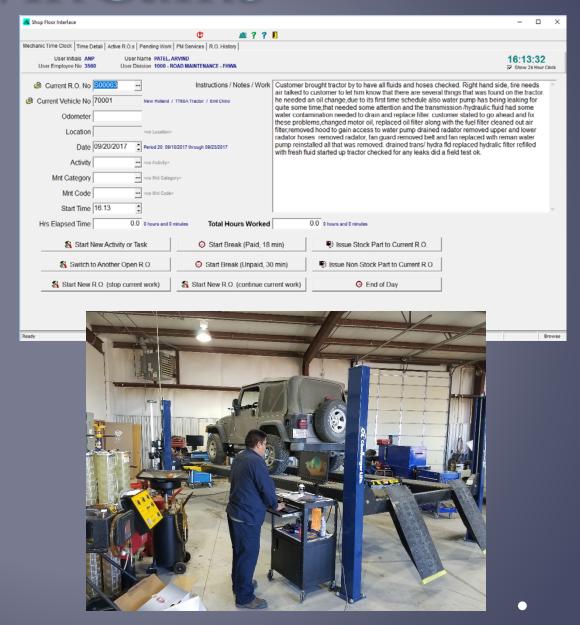
Repair Orders

- This is used to track all activity/work order requests that are for the automotive/mechanic portion of our department
- Date-in/date-out
- Odometer readings
- Photos
- Tracking labor, materials, equipment (cost)
- We have wifi enabled mobile workstations for each of the mechanics where they can interface with the system directly



Shop Floor Interface

- Module specific for automotive and mechanic technicians
- Allows for the auto techs to enter their time, parts, material in "real-time" to the system database
- We have mobile stations set up on the shop floor to have their workstations next to their work. This is an example of a mobile application of the software
- Whether it be through wifi or mobile network card, data entry can be made from staff at any location



Next Steps

- Now that we have a good familiarity of the base modules we use, we are arranging for CSS to come back for additional on-site trainings
 - Inventory Management
 - Completing Level of Service surveys and reporting required by BIA
 - Tracking depreciation of assets
- Bringing on our Planning and Engineering Office on-board to start using the software for their planning purposes
 - Formation of the TIPs
 - Project Management
 - others

