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ALAMO COURTHOUSE REOPENED

Staff members of the Navajo Nation's Alamo Court have returned to full operation in the courthouse as of Monday, January 9, 2017.

The courthouse had closed in July 2016 for the safety of the public and staff due to mold and roof leaks. The Court staff had to relocate to the Alamo Peacemaking Program's hogan where they were stationed for more than five months.

The Judicial Branch, Navajo Nation Facilities Maintenance Department and the Safety and Loss offices cooperated to make sure the building is safe for occupancy. Temporary repairs have been made on the roof to prevent water and/or snow leaks.

"We are very happy to have our courthouse back in use for court staff and particularly the public," said Alamo Court administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse. "The Alamo community was very supportive to restoring a much-needed facility for our staff for their own safety and the safety of the litigants," she said. The Alamo courthouse also houses the Peacemaking Program and Office of Probation and Parole Services for the Alamo Navajo community.

"We are very fortunate to have the support of the Law and Order Committee, Council Delegate Norman Begay and our acting Chief Justice Allen Sloan to support our operations in this frontier Navajo community," Begay Roanhorse said.

Alamo Court is a part of the To'hajiilee-Alamo Judicial District, which provides judicial services to both remote communities. The Hon. William J.J. Platero is the presiding judge for the judicial district.

Alamo Court can be reached at (575) 854-2668.