

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 20, 2023

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on April 20, 2023. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy, Commissioner Marty Plaskett; District Attorney Ted Beutel, Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling, and Deputy Clerk II Jackie Berg. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman McKay noted that Item #1 under the Commissioners’ section of the agenda (rental fee for Fannie Komp Senior Center) has been taken care of; and presentation by Division of Child & Family Services will be taken at an earlier time than noted on the agenda.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the agenda with the noted changes; Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McKay opened the floor for public comments.

Laura Oslund, PACE Coalition, said she was in Eureka participating in the Leadership Summit hosted by the Sheriff’s Office, and the training has been very good. She commented that she appreciated the partnership with Eureka County, and welcomed new Commissioner Marty Plaskett.

Sheriff Jesse Watts provided Sheriff’s Office statistics for the quarter (January, February, March). There were 3,013 incidents consisting of 1,841 calls for service and 1,172 deputy-initiated incidents. Average inmate population for the quarter was 10.33 inmates per day. Lastly, the Sheriff said the annual walk-through of the jail needs to be scheduled for 2023. It was suspended in 2022 since inmates were being housed in neighboring counties.

Eureka resident, Kim Russell, said President Biden announced support for development of a US Central Bank and digital currency. She asked whether Eureka County had a strategy as a local government and for its citizens should this come about.

Chairman McKay responded that he met with the Treasurer and the Comptroller to discuss potential impacts, and he thanked Ms. Russell for her concern.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 20, 2023: The Board received written minutes for the meeting, but decided to table action until they had adequate time to review the draft.

NEVADA DIVISION OF CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

County Foster Care Crisis: Brandy Holbrook, Social Services Manager III, said she is based out of Elko but provides services to neighboring counties of Eureka, Lander, and White Pine. As part of Child Abuse & Neglect Awareness Month (April), she has been touring and speaking with community leaders in the region served by her office.

Ms. Holbrook said care and shelter for children who are victims of abuse or neglect is in a state of crisis, both locally and statewide. Eureka County doesn’t have a single foster home (and hasn’t had one for some time), despite having six children currently in the legal custody of the State. Four are transitioning back home under an in-home safety plan. Without available foster care locally, children taken into protective custody are not only displaced from their homes, but are

displaced from their schools, friends, and communities. Vital family visits are also limited when children cannot remain in close proximity.

Ms. Holbrook described the ways that the Division is dealing with the lack of foster care and shelter. Children are often housed in hotels under the supervision of staff, who are stepping up to help fill the gap. Transitional living is a solution for teens, 16 to 18 years old, where they can live independently in tiny homes with ongoing communication with their social worker. But securing this type of infrastructure requires collaboration with the counties and community leaders.

Laura Oslund commented that costs in preparing for foster care can be a bit daunting. Homes must have special equipment (fire extinguishers, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, etc.) and potential foster parents must have CPR training and be tested for TB. She felt financial assistance for these steps might encourage more people to consider becoming licensed.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED CHANGE IN BOARD MEETING DATES

Notice of Hearing: Notice was given that a public hearing would be held on April 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. to invite public comments and take action on an ordinance amending the 2018 EUREKA COUNTY CODE, TITLE 2, EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CHAPTER 10, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION .030, MEETINGS, by amending Section .030(B) to change the dates that regular meetings of the Board are held. The ordinance was proposed by the Board on March 6, 2023, and copy of the proposed ordinance has been on file with the County Clerk for public examination.

Open Hearing: Chairman McKay opened the public hearing and invited comments on the proposal to change meeting dates from the 6th and 20th to the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Chairman McKay invited input from department heads. Those responding supported the change. Being no further comments, the hearing was closed.

Adopt Ordinance: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt the MARCH 2023 EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER DATES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS ORDINANCE, setting regular meetings of the Board for the first and third Tuesdays of each month, effective June 1, 2023, following the required publication period. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMPTROLLER

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented by Comptroller Kim Todd.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$601,557.22 for accounts payable, \$313,976.88 for payroll and benefit related expenses (including employee paid deductions), and pass-through payments of \$551,329.60 to the Nevada State Controller (\$132,203.20 in school taxes and \$419,126.40 in general taxes), and \$111.00 to the Washoe County Crime Lab, for a grand total of \$1,466,974.70. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fund Balance Report: The Board reviewed the Fund Balance Report.

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET

Tentative Budgets: The Board had agreed to review the tentative budget with the goal of reducing or eliminating costs. After feedback from staff, he suggested that a special budget meeting be scheduled to allow for a more thorough review. The Board agreed to schedule a budget workshop on May 1st beginning at 10:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS

Opioid Settlement Funds: District Attorney Beutel explained that, as part of the ongoing opioid litigation settlement, the Board recently signed release forms accepting distribution of Walmart's portion of the settlement. Similarly, he now presented settlement and release forms for Allergan and CVS Pharmacy. He noted that funds will be distributed annually over a timeline identified by the court.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve signing settlement and release forms allowing Eureka County to participate in the Allergan and CVS Pharmacy opioid settlement funds. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Required Reporting Related to Opioid Settlement Funds: Chairman McKay visited with Treasurer Pernecia Johnson and she is willing to track receipt of the settlement funds and complete annual reporting on expenditure of the funds. The Nevada Attorney General's office is working to implement a cloud-based program to provide a uniform reporting platform for participating jurisdictions. The initial report is due July 1, 2023.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to direct the Treasurer to track disbursement and utilization of opioid recovery funds under the One Nevada Agreement, including coordination with the Nevada Attorney General's office on a cloud-based reporting system. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Draft Ordinance – Liquor Control Code: The Board reviewed a draft ordinance proposing an amendment to Liquor Control Code (EUREKA COUNTY CODE, TITLE 4, LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES, & TAXES, CHAPTER 30). The change would eliminate the District Attorney and Sheriff, and identify the three Commissioners as the Liquor Board. This would align the ordinance with recent changes to Title 2 of County Code.

Sheriff Watts commented on several points. He felt that changing Title 2 (to identify a Licensing Board) before addressing Title 4 had essentially put the "cart before the horse." He said the entire conversation began with a desire to standardize liquor license fees, but there were no proposed changes to the fee schedule.

Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling felt the changes upset a model that had been working for a long time and, ultimately, added more burden to her office.

Kim Todd noted that she and the external auditor have questioned why the Comptroller signs the liquor licenses. If changes are made, it should include removing her as a signer on the liquor licenses.

Chairman McKay said the idea of having a combination Licensing Board and eliminating separate meetings had resonated with him as a means to streamline the process; but now he felt all nuances of the change had not been explored and he asked that the draft ordinance be tabled to allow for further investigation.

Legislative Issues: Michael Mears reported that many bills are no longer relevant, having failed to meet the committee passage deadline of April 14th. Most disappointing was SB1, elected officials' salary bill, which didn't make it to the Senate Government Affairs Committee. He recommended maintaining a neutral position on the handful of bills he continues to track.

Jake Tibbitts said 13 of the 100-plus bills he has been tracking failed to make the deadline. AB313, which would place restrictions on open pit mining, is still alive. Two bills that didn't make the deadline were AJR3 and SB49. AJR3 would have started the process to amend the Nevada Constitution to recognize the rights of environment. SB49 would have enforced California's emission standards in Nevada. Other bills have been amended, but not substantially enough to change Eureka County's position.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to affirm the recommendations of Mr. Mears and Mr. Tibbitts, resulting in no change to the County's position on current proposed legislation; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

AMBULANCE & EMS

Quarterly Report: EMS Director Kenny Sanders reported on federally mandated write-offs of Medicaid and Medicare ambulance accounts for the quarter, totaling \$1,797.00 (\$277.00 in January, \$1,520.00 in February, and zero in March).

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Nevada Gold Energy RETA Application: Assessor Michael Mears attended (virtually) the April 18th hearing conducted by the Governor's Office of Energy to consider the Renewable Energy Tax Abatement (RETA) application from Nevada Gold Energy, LLC, for construction of two solar photovoltaic generating facilities in northern Eureka County.

In September 2022, the Commissioners conducted a public hearing concerning the requested tax abatement, which resulted in a letter to the Governor's Office of Energy recommending denial of the RETA application.

Mr. Mears relayed that Nevada Gold Energy offered no additional testimony or exhibits at the hearing, relying on its original application. Energy Director Dwayne McClinton reviewed the data supplied by Eureka County, pursuant to NRS 7701A.365(2). The Director ultimately determined that Nevada Gold Energy met the requirements under NRS 701A and granted the partial tax abatement. Mr. Mears explained that this provides a 5% abatement on property taxes for 20 years and a 2.6% sales tax rate for the first three years of the project.

HEALTHY PAWS OF EUREKA

Update on Spay & Neuter Program: Cindy Beutel thanked the Board for allocating funds to provide \$50.00 vouchers to help residents with the high cost of having their pets spayed or neutered. Ms. Beutel spoke with the local veterinarian and learned that 10 vouchers have been used since the Board funded the program earlier that month.

Contribution to Healthy Paws: Ms. Beutel explained that Healthy Paws of Eureka (HPOE) works hard to prevent and address animal overpopulation, whether it involves feral animals or a pet situation that has gotten out of control. She has a network of contacts, including the Humane Society, SPCA, and others, who assist in these efforts.

Recently the Sheriff's Office contacted her for assistance with a mother dog and three puppies. The dogs were fed, nourished, and transported to a shelter in Fallon, where they will be vaccinated, spayed/neutered, and placed for adoption. The Sheriff's Office also asked Ms. Beutel to assist a gentleman in northern Eureka County who is overrun with more than 40 cats.

Ms. Beutel said she is willing to capture and transport the animals to facilities in the State where they can be treated and placed for adoption, but HPOE's funds are depleted for the year. Addressing the current situation will involve trapping and transporting cats, requiring multiple trips to Crescent Valley as well as Reno. Ms. Beutel is willing to donate her time, but requested assistance from the County to cover vehicle costs.

Commissioner Sharkozy had concerns over the continual need for funds, but said he would support what the other Commissioners chose to do. Chairman McKay said he would like to see the pet owners take more responsibility. Commissioner Plaskett felt HPOE's work was beneficial and warranted support from the County, as long as the bulk of funding comes from other sponsors.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a \$5,000.00 donation to Healthy Paws of Eureka to assist with costs related to transporting animals, to be paid with monies budgeted for miscellaneous grants in the Commissioners' budget for the current fiscal year. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1, with Chairman McKay voting against the motion.

PERDIZ SPORT SHOOTING

Donation to Perdiz: Jerry White, Range Manager for the shooting range, presented a quote from Hansen Enterprises for a shipment of clay targets in the amount of \$21,411.30. The quote did not include freight since Commissioner Plaskett agreed that he would supply or sponsor trucking. Mr. White said this shipment will provide targets for about three years, and he plans to increase target fees to help recoup the up-front costs.

Mr. White also had an invoice for snow removal in the amount of \$1,370.00. The Commissioners indicated he would have to make a subsequent request, because they could not exceed the \$20,000.00 specified on the agenda.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a donation to Perdiz Sport Shooting, in the amount of \$20,000.00, to be paid with monies budgeted for miscellaneous grants in the Commissioners' budget. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Lease Extension: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve and sign a letter of extension for an additional one-year extension of the lease by and between Eureka County and Perdiz Sport Shooting Inc. through June 5, 2024, as approved by the Board on April 6, 2023. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Update on HR Activities: Human Resources Director Heidi Whimple reported that the County is currently seeking to fill the following positions: Public Works Administrative Assistant, Deputy District Attorney, and four Deputy Sheriff positions (with two candidates presently being vetted).

Promotion Request: Ms. Whimple stated paperwork was complete and qualifications were in line with the job description, for a promotion to Deputy Clerk Recorder II. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to authorize promotion of an employee to Deputy Clerk Recorder II. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION #3

Application for Recognition: Phillip Herring, Senior Business Agent for Operating Engineers Local Union #3, said he is based out of Elko and his office represents public employees (under NRS Chapter 288) and law enforcement (under NRS Chapter 289). He described his work in Nevada, noting he has a good working relationship with Joe Lock, counsel engaged by Eureka County for representation in collective bargaining issues. He presented Authorization Petitions signed by staff of the Sheriff's Department to serve as Application for Recognition, along with his written pledge to honor NRS 288.160(c) the no strike clause for public employees.

Commissioner Plaskett asked why there were only six signatures on the petition. Mr. Herring replied that he was unable to secure signatures from staff still in the probationary period of their employment.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to officially recognize Operating Engineers Local Union #3 as the employee organization representing employees of the Eureka County Sheriff's Office including Dispatch and Administrative Staff, Sergeants, and Deputies. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for March was submitted by Treasurer Pernecia Johnson, showing an ending General Fund balance of \$48,458,755.03.

Affidavit of Delinquent Property Tax Notices: Ms. Johnson submitted the Treasurer's Affidavit of Mailing Delinquent Tax Notices. On March 22nd, 295 first year notices, 63 second year notices, and 25 third year notices were sent to property owners informing them of the delinquent status of their properties. As a result of the notices, outstanding taxes have been paid on 111 parcels.

JUVENILE PROBATION

Grad Night 2023: Juvenile Probation Officer Steve Zimmerman requested a donation for the annual Grad Night celebration, a safe alternative to alcohol or drug related parties. He expects 75 students at the event, which is about 75% of the high school population.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to donate \$1,500.00 to the 2023 Eureka County High School Grad Night event scheduled for June 9th, to be paid with monies budgeted for miscellaneous

grants in the Commissioners' budget. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HEALTH SERVICES

Dental Services: Chairman McKay relayed that Dr. Shannon Sena, DDS, has decided to suspend dental services in Eureka and intends to sell the dental practice. Dr. Sena was invited to participate by phone, but was with a patient when the call was placed. Chairman McKay asked that the discussion be tabled so arrangements could be made to speak with Dr. Sena at the next meeting.

Veronica Tognoni introduced herself, explaining that she was a licensed Dental Hygienist working for Dr. Morris Gallagher in Elko. Depending on what direction the County takes for future dental services, she and Dr. Gallagher might be willing to discuss options.

Update on Eureka County Medical Clinics: Matt Walker, CEO of William Bee Ririe Hospital and Rural Health Clinic (WBR), was in attendance to discuss services at the medical clinics.

Mr. Walker informed that Dr. Jack Sutton, OD, has seen about 30 patients at the clinic. The hospital assisted him in becoming licensed to practice in Eureka and is managing his billing.

Mr. Walker said his staff has been working to address other issues. They are managing supply chain issues with online ordering. They continue working on how best to provide radiology services (State law now requires that these services be done by a licensed radiology technician). The hospital pharmacy is utilizing the 340B Drug Pricing Program, which can provide certain prescription medications at a greatly reduced price. The local practitioners are aware of the program and have been asked to share the information with patients who are prescribed these high-dollar medications, particularly patients who are uninsured or underinsured.

Mr. Walker said Nik Hirschi, APRN, has seen 102 patients at the Crescent Valley Clinic since January. There was a bit of a slow start, but patient numbers have plateaued and he is seeing an average of 28 patients per month. Feedback from the community has been positive.

Mr. Walker said patient numbers for the weekend on-call service at the Eureka Clinic were historically running an average of two patients per month, but there has been a slight increase and providers are now seeing about four patients per month. Since January 1, over 1,500 patients have been seen at the Eureka Clinic.

WBR continues offering the 75% discount for Eureka County residents at the local clinics. Local staff is being trained to help patients navigate the billing process to claim the discount, and will call the hospital's billing department directly if requested.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES

Plan for Provision of Indigent Defense Services: Contract Public Defender, Kelly Brown Esq., forwarded Eureka County's Annual Plan for Provision of Indigent Defense Services. In correspondence he explained that the only changes made to the County Plan were effective dates.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Eureka County Plan for Provision of Indigent Defense Services, due to the Department of Indigent Defense Services by May 1, 2023. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Annual Financial Status Report: Data was not available at meeting time, so the Annual Financial Status Report was tabled until the next meeting.

EUREKA COUNTY STAR

Star Owners: Trina Machacek and Dana Freund were in attendance to continue the discussion regarding plans to publish and distribute a newspaper throughout Eureka County. Initially, they would like to provide a copy of the newspaper for every postal box in the County, as well as providing stacks of papers at local businesses. Once the paper is better known, they will offer subscriptions.

Contribution Request: The ladies asked for a commitment from Eureka County to sponsor a community calendar, which will be published in each weekly issue of the newspaper for an annual cost around \$9,000.00. Commissioners Plaskett and Sharkozy voiced concerns that the newspaper wouldn't be viable without a contribution from the County.

Chairman McKay noted that the agenda item was listed as discussion only; he invited the ladies to attend the next regular meeting to restate their request for County support.

PUBLIC WORKS & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Status Report on Flooding: Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported that the State Department of Emergency Management was advocating for the Governor to sign a Declaration of Emergency for the flood event period of March 8th through 31st. The Governor identified Eureka, Lander, and Churchill Counties as having extensive flood damage, along with substantiating documentation of the damages (necessary to secure disaster funding).

In regard to current flood conditions, Mr. Rowley said that a lot of water was backed up in the Third Street area in Diamond Valley; portions of the Roberts Creek Road are still under water; and crews are working to repair multiple washouts on the Three Bars Road.

Public Works Update: Crescent Valley road paving and municipal water tank recoating should be complete by the end of June. The contractor (SNC) will then move to the Eureka townsite. Other ongoing projects include repairs to the Crescent Valley Fire Station, backup generator for the Administrative Facility (Annex), and flooring installation at the Eureka Clinic.

Free Dump Days: Mr. Rowley said flyers are being mailed to all County residents as notice of the Free Dump Days every Saturday in May (6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th).

New Water Service: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the application for a 3/4-inch residential water service at APN 002-015-18 in the Town of Crescent Valley; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Devil's Gate Mainline Extension: Mr. Rowley obtained a quote for pipe and materials to complete the Devil's Gate mainline extension. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the quote from Western Nevada Supply for the Devil's Gate mainline extension, in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00, utilizing monies from the LATCF (Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund). Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Wildland Fire Protection Program: Mr. Rowley explained that the Interlocal Contract between Eureka County and Nevada Division of Forestry will expire on June 30, 2023, and he recommended renewing the contract for a two year period.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve signing the two-year Wildland Fire Protection Program (WFPP) Interlocal Contract with Nevada Division of Forestry for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, for an annual cost of \$60,289.00 utilizing funds budgeted for contract services (010-040-53010-058) in the Emergency Management budget. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Operating Plan for Wildland Fire Management: As part of the Wildland Fire Protection Program, Mr. Rowley presented the Operating Plan for Board approval. He explained that a repeater is being installed on Bald Mountain, and the radio frequency will be included in the Operating Plan once it is identified. He requested authorization to sign the Operating Plan outside of the meeting once the frequency is added.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve, and authorize signing outside of the meeting, the Operating Plan between the Eureka County Fire Protection District and the Bureau of Land Management (Battle Mountain and Elko Districts) pursuant to the Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management & Stafford Act Response Agreement (BLM-CFPA-LLNV913-9210-2022-003) signed and dated May 13, 2021, and the Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies, Wildland Fire Protection Program (WFPP), approved on April 20, 2023. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

New Holland Tractor: Mr. Rowley explained that it makes sense and would be more efficient to have a tractor stationed full time at the Eureka Fairgrounds. He proposed purchasing a new tractor for Public Works and assigning the existing tractor to the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve purchase of a New Holland T5.110 tractor from Carter Agri-Systems utilizing Sourcewell Contract pricing in a total amount not to exceed \$97,500.00 using monies budgeted for capital outlay as follows: \$63,500.00 (including 10% contingency) from the Road Department budget (020-106-55010-000), and \$34,000.00 from the Commissioners' budget (010-001-55010-000). Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Transfer Tractor to Fairgrounds: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize transfer of the 2013 New Holland TS6.110 tractor to the Eureka Fairgrounds; Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Black Widow Drag: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchase of a 9511 Black Widow Drag from Black Widow Arena Drag in an amount not to exceed \$10,395.00 utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-001-55010-000) in the Commissioners' budget. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Kodiak Roofing Quote: As discussed at the April 6th meeting, Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Quote #6402 from Kodiak Roofing to make repairs to the Administrative Facility (Annex) roof, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (040-130-55010-000) in the Building Reserve Fund. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Report on Activities: Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts reported on recent activities.

Skull Creek & Cowboy Rest Riparian Exlosures: The BLM issued the final decision on the Skull Creek & Cowboy Rest Riparian Exlosures (Grass Valley Allotment). Mr. Tibbitts noted that the BLM did address some of the County's concerns outlined in the February 2022 response letter, and committed to better consultation with affected permittees when grazing and other rights may be impacted.

Roberts Mountain Complex: The BLM issued the final decision on the Roberts Mountain Complex Wild Horse Gather Environmental Assessment. It provides a 10-year timeframe for the BLM to conduct multiple gathers and fertility treatments to reduce the horse population to Appropriate Management Level.

Robertson Mine Workshop: At the request of Lander County, the BLM held a workshop on April 12th regarding the Robertson Mine Project. The purpose of the meeting was to update cooperating agency participants who joined later in the NEPA process.

Cooperating Agency MOU - Robertson Mine Project: Mr. Tibbitts reviewed several changes recommended for the Memorandum of Understanding with the BLM on the Robertson Mine Project.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the Cooperating Agency Memorandum of Understanding with the BLM on Nevada Gold Mine's Robertson Mine Project contingent upon the BLM accepting the recommended changes from Eureka County, and authorized the Chairman to sign the MOU outside of the meeting. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Cooperating Agency MOU - Stagecoach Wind Energy Project: Mr. Tibbitts stated the Memorandum of Understanding on the Stagecoach Wind Energy Project was received earlier in the week. He felt the Board could approve it as is, because it reflects the changes that the County negotiated with the BLM on the Greenlink North Project MOU.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the Cooperating Agency Memorandum of Understanding with the BLM on the Stagecoach Wind Energy Project Environmental Impact Statement; Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Nevada Wildfire Awareness Campaign: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a proclamation supporting the May 2023 Nevada Wildfire Awareness Campaign with the theme, "Protect Our Home, Prepare for Wildfire." Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Tibbitts invited everyone to participate in the Firewise events scheduled on May 5th in Eureka and May 6th in Crescent Valley.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence: Correspondence was received from: Nancy Sellard; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board; Juvenile Probation; Humboldt River Basin Water Authority; Central Nevada Regional Water Authority; Nevada Div. of Water Resources (2); Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection; America First Works; and Governing newsletter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McKay called for public comments.

Jeb Rowley said that Sierra Nevada Construction plans to host a barbecue at the Crescent Valley Town Park on May 18th and all residents are invited to attend and meet the contractor.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 2:109 p.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 20th day of June, 2023.

/s/ Rich McKay
Rich McKay, Chairman

I, Jackie Berg, Deputy Clerk II, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the April 20, 2023, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

/s/ Jackie Berg
Jackie Berg, Deputy Clerk II

I, Katherine J. Bowling, Clerk Recorder of Eureka County, acknowledge and accept the attached minutes as approved by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners and attested to by the Deputy Clerk.

/s/ Kathy Bowling
Katherine J. Bowling, Clerk