

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 15, 2023

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

1. Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item. *Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda, at the discretion of the Chair.* (For Possible Action)
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on August 15, 2023. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Commissioner Marty Plaskett, District Attorney Ted Beutel, Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling, and Deputy Clerk II Jackie Berg. Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy was unable to attend the meeting. 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: Two items were removed from the agenda - approval of minutes and Human Resources Item #3 regarding position descriptions, promotions, and waiver of the hiring freeze. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the agenda with the noted changes; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public comment and discussion. *Notice: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Public comment may be allowed on "Action" items, in addition to the two times specified on the agenda.* (Discussion)

Chairman McKay opened the floor for public comments.

Deputy Clerk Recorder Betty Overson said a gentlemen called recently to let the County know he had come across some original land patents and mineral deeds for the Cortez Mine dating back to 1866. He plans on stopping by the Recorder's office later in the day; if he arrives before adjournment of the meeting, she will invite him to share the documents with the Board.

2. Consider items requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. *Notice: The public is welcome to request agenda items for future meetings during the Public Comment period, or may consult with one or more of the Board of Commissioners to request agenda items for future meetings.* (Discussion)

Nothing was added to the agenda at this time.

SENIOR CENTERS

1. Update report on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. (Discussion)

Update Report: Senior Center Program Director Linda Gordon reported on activities at the Senior Centers. In July, Eureka served 601 meals and Crescent Valley served 793 meals. A total of \$2,361.25 was deposited for the month.

Belles and Beaus hosted a bingo dart toss at the County Fair earlier in the month and raised over \$300.00 to help fund the senior trip to Lake Tahoe in September. Ms. Gordon informed the Board that a produce truck will be at the Senior Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. selling fresh produce to seniors and the community. Food Bank of Northern Nevada encouraged them to visit Eureka and this is their second trip.

COUNTY COMPTROLLER

1. Payment of expenditures. *Notice: Expenditures received after action has been taken under this Comptroller section may be presented and acted upon throughout the day.* (For Possible Action)

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented by Comptroller Kim Todd. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$4,347,708.86 for accounts payable, \$434,706.50 for payroll and benefit related expenses (including employee paid deductions), and pass-through payments of \$148,739.96 (\$142,382.66 in school taxes, and \$6,357.30 in general taxes) to the Nevada State Controller, \$20,040.00 to Nevada Division of Minerals, \$868.08 to Nevada Department of Taxation, and \$160.00 to Washoe County Crime Lab, for a grand total of \$4,952,223.40. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Review Fund Balance Report. (Discussion)

Fund Balance Report: The Board reviewed a report on current fund balances.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny a one-time credit limit increase, from \$1,000.00 to \$2,300.00, on the County purchasing card issued to Kim Todd, to allow annual payment of the Amazon Prime business subscription in the amount of \$1,300.00, to be paid in August 2023. (For Possible Action)

Ms. Todd requested a temporary credit limit increase on her purchasing card to cover the Amazon Prime annual payment. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a temporary credit limit increase of \$1,300.00 (\$2,300.00 total) in August on the purchasing card issued to Kim Todd in order to pay the annual Amazon Prime business subscription. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Consider request to transfer, by resolution, Eureka County's allocation of the 2023 tax-exempt private activity bond in the amount of \$109,909.22, to be used by Nevada Rural Housing Authority for its single-family home ownership programs. (For Possible Action)

The Board received a request to transfer its 2023 private activity bond to Nevada Rural Housing Authority, as has been done in previous years. District Attorney Ted Beutel explained that the transfer isn't monetary, but is a bond program for tax-exempt financing of eligible projects.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to transfer, by resolution, Eureka County's allocation of the 2023 tax-exempt private activity bond in the amount of \$109,909.22, to be used by Nevada Rural Housing Authority for its single-family home ownership programs. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

EUREKA COUNTY RESOLUTION – AUGUST 15, 2023

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA,
PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY’S 2022 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP TO
THE NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 348A of the Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) and Chapter 348A of the Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”), there has been allocated to Eureka County, Nevada (the “County”), the amount of \$109,909.22 in tax-exempt private activity bond volume cap for year 2023 (the “2023 Bond Cap”); and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (the “NRHA”), has requested that the County transfer its 2023 Bond Cap to the NRHA for the purpose of providing a means of financing the costs of single-family residential housing that will provide decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings at affordable prices for persons of low and moderate income (“Single Family Programs”); and

WHEREAS, the County is a local government as defined by NAC 348A.070; and

WHEREAS, Section 348A.180 of the NAC provides a procedure whereby the County may, by resolution, transfer to any other local government located within the same county, all or any portion of its 2023 Bond Cap; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS 315.983(1)(a), the NRHA is an instrumentality, local government, and political subdivision of the State of Nevada (the “State”); and

WHEREAS, the NRHA is located within the County, pursuant to NRS 315.963, which defines the NRHA’s area of operation as “any area of the State which is not included within the corporate limits of a city or town having a population of 150,000 or more.”

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the County does hereby find, resolve, determine, and order as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth herein above are true and correct in all respects.

Section 2. Transfer of Private Activity Bond Volume Cap. Pursuant to NAC 348A.180, the County hereby transfers 2023 Bond Cap in the amount of \$109,909.22 to the NRHA for its Single Family Programs.

Section 3. Use of 2023 Bond Cap. The NRHA will use the 2023 Bond Cap for single family purposes in calendar year 2023 or carry forward any remaining amount according to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for such purposes.

Section 4. Representative of County. Pursuant to NAC 348A.180(1), the Director of the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry (the “Director”) may contact Jackie Berg, Deputy Clerk II, point of contact for the Eureka County Board of Commissioners, regarding this Resolution at (775) 237-7211 or by email at JBerg@EurekaCountyNV.Gov or in writing at PO Box 540, Eureka, Nevada 89316.

Section 5. Additional Action. The Chair of the Board of Commissioners and Commissioner Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions as necessary to effectuate the transfer of the 2023 Bond Cap, and carry out the duties of the County hereunder, including the execution of all certificates pertaining to the transfer as required by NAC 348A.

Section 6. Direction to the NRHA. The NRHA shall notify the Director in writing as soon as practicable of the occurrence or nonoccurrence of any term or condition that would affect the disposition of the 2023 Bond Cap.

Section 7. Representative of the NRHA. Pursuant to NAC 348A.180(3), the Director may contact Diane Arvizo, Director of Homeownership Programs of the NRHA, regarding this Resolution at (775) 886-7900 or by email at Diane@NVRural.org or in writing at Nevada Rural Housing Authority, 3695 Desatoya Drive, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

Section 8. Obligation of the County. This Resolution is not to be construed as a pledge of the faith and credit of or by the County, or of any agency, instrumentality, or subdivision of the County. Nothing in this Resolution obligates or authorizes the County to issue bonds for any project or to grant approvals for a project or constitutes a representation that such bonds will be issued.

Section 9. Enforceability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. This Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED this 15th day of August, 2023.

EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSION

/s/ Rich McKay

Rich McKay, Chairman of the Board

Attest: /s/ Kathy Bowling

Katherine J. Bowling, County Clerk

2. Discuss, approve, or deny a resolution to clarify the Board's intended application of the Eureka County Personnel Policy as amended August 1, 2023, or in the alternative propose additional changes to the Policy for distribution to all employees and a future public hearing. (For Possible Action)

During a public hearing on August 1st, the Board adopted changes to the Eureka County Personnel Policy (a copy of the policy, with proposed changes in red text, was provided to all employees prior to the hearing).

Human Resources Director Heidi Whimple explained that some changes were in addition to those noted in the redline version. For complete transparency, she advised that the added changes should be subject to another public hearing or, at a minimum, memorialized in a supplemental resolution.

After a brief discussion with comments from staff, the Board decided to schedule a second public hearing. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to schedule a hearing at 10:00 a.m. on September 19, 2023, to consider additional changes to the Eureka County Personnel Policy. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

ASSESSOR

1. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel for Matt Crimm to attend a land appraisal class in Idaho Falls, Idaho, September 25-29, 2023. (For Possible Action)
2. Discuss, approve, or deny a one-time credit limit increase, from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00, on the County purchasing card issued to Matt Crimm, needed to book lodging in Idaho Falls for training in September. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve out-of-state travel and a temporary credit limit increase of \$500.00 (for \$1,000.00 total) on the purchasing card issued to Matt Crimm (Assessor's office) for travel and lodging to attend a land appraisal class September 25th-29th, 2023, in Idaho Falls. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

TREASURER

1. Review Treasurer's Report for June 2023. (Discussion)

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for July was submitted by Treasurer Pernecia Johnson, showing an ending General Fund Balance of \$37,596,188.07 (a \$15.5 million decrease from the previous month).

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Review and consider approval of updated job descriptions for the following: (a) Emergency Medical Services Director/Coordinator; (b) Assistant Emergency Medical Services Director; and (c) Emergency Medical Technician I, II, III. (For Possible Action)

Human Resources Director Heidi Whimple worked with EMS Director Kenny Sanders to update position descriptions in his department, and she noted that changes were minimal. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve updated job descriptions for Emergency Medical Services Director/Coordinator, Assistant Emergency Medical Services Director, and Emergency Medical Technician I, II, III. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Review Promotion Request and consider authorizing the Swimming Pool Supervisor to promote within her department to the position of Casual Manager. (For Possible Action)

Ms. Whimple recommended approval of the request from Brenna Rogne, Swimming Pool Supervisor, to promote a casual employee within her department to the position of Casual Manager. This position requires lifeguard certification and one year of lifeguard experience.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the promotion request to advance a casual employee at the Eureka Swimming Pool to the position of Casual Manager; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

SHERIFF

1. Discuss, approve, or deny purchase of three (3) Lenovo ThinkStation P360 Tower, Core i7 12700 2.1 GHz, vPro Enterprise (CDW Quote #NLRN149) for Dispatch, in the amount of \$8,727.21, to be paid with monies budgeted for communications support (010-034053010-044) in the Sheriff's budget. (For Possible Action)

Sheriff Jesse Watts requested approval to purchase three new computers for Dispatch, explaining that these computers are operational 24 hours a day, seven days per week, and are crucial to overall operations of the Detention Facility.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchase of three Lenovo ThinkStation P360 Tower, Core i7 12700 2.1 GHz, vPro Enterprise computers (CDW Quote #NLRN149), in the amount of \$8,727.21, to be paid with monies budgeted for communications support in the Sheriff's budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny purchase of 911 system upgrades, analytics, Text to 911, and Higher Ground 911 recording system, as itemized in various quotes from AT&T, for a not to exceed amount of \$64,083.25 (\$55,725.00 plus 15% contingency), to be paid with monies budgeted for Sheriff's Office remodel and capital outlay (042-140-55010-093) in the Capital Projects Fund. *Note: In addition to these components and software, there will be a monthly recurring charge of \$335.00.* (For Possible Action)

The Sheriff presented quotes for upgrades to the 911 system including VESTA® analytics, Text to 911, and Higher Ground Live 911. He explained that the Higher Ground Live software will allow officers to hear 911 calls in real time, enabling faster response times and providing details on the nature and status of an emergency.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchase of the 911 system components and software upgrades for a not to exceed amount of \$64,083.25 (includes 15% contingency) to be paid with monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Capital Projects Fund, along with a \$335.00 monthly recurring fee. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Report on Public Works projects and activities. (Discussion)

Assistant Public Works Director Jayme Halpin reported on Public Works projects and activities.

Sierra Nevada Construction, contractor for the Road & Utility Improvements Project, should complete the underground utility work in Eureka by week end, and will move in equipment next week to begin pulverizing asphalt.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract with Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC) for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) construction services for the 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs under the Eureka County Road & Utility Improvements Project for a GMP amount of \$3,265,251.00, using monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-040-55010-123) in the Emergency Management Fund, and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Halpin showed the Board exhibits prepared by Lumos & Associates for flood damage repairs that will be added to the overall Road & Utility Improvements Project. Flood damage repairs should be eligible for reimbursement by FEMA.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price contract with Sierra Nevada Construction for Construction Manager at Risk services related to flood damage construction and repairs under the Eureka County Road & Utility Improvements Project for a GMP amount of \$3,265,251.00 to be paid with monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Emergency Management Fund, and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing a contract with Lumos & Associates for engineering services during construction, including construction management and administration, inspection, and materials testing, for the 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs under the Eureka County Road & Utility Improvements Project, for an amount not to exceed \$241,200.00, using monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-040-55010-123) in the Emergency Management Fund. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Halpin explained that, similar to other components of the overall road/utility project, Lumos & Associates will be engaged for engineering, construction management, administration, inspection, and materials testing.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the contract with Lumos & Associates for services related to emergency repairs of flood damage under the Eureka County Road & Utility Improvements Project, for an amount not to exceed \$241,200.00 to be paid with monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Emergency Management Fund. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing a change order to the Crescent Valley Road Rehabilitation Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract with Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC) for additional work to provide a cape seal to the roads in Crescent Valley in the amount of \$243,843.60, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (025-110-55010-000) in the RTC Fund, and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Halpin said the Crescent Valley portion of the road improvements included a fog seal, but enough contingency funds remained in the overall project that the team proposed applying the more expensive, but more durable, cape seal.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a change order to the Crescent Valley Road Rehabilitation Guaranteed Maximum Price contract with Sierra Nevada Construction for additional work to provide a cape seal to roads in Crescent Valley, for a cost of \$243,843.60, to be paid with

monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Regional Transportation Commission Fund, and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Report on current and emerging natural resource issues affecting Eureka County. (Discussion)

Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts reported on recent activities.

Meetings: In late July, Central Nevada Regional Water Authority scheduled a special meeting and voted to submit an application for funds allocated to water retirement programs under the Nevada Water Conservation Infrastructure Initiative. Humboldt River Basin Water Authority met on August 3rd and decided to do the same.

The State Land Use Planning Advisory Council met in Eureka on August 4th. Primary topics of the meeting were the BLM's proposed Renewable Energy Rule, and a presentation on the White Pine Pumped Storage Project.

On August 7th, Mr. Tibbitts participated in a meeting with the Nature Conservancy and community engagement consultant, The Langdon Group, related to the water retirement and agrivoltaics study in Diamond Valley.

Mr. Tibbitts traveled to Fallon on August 8th to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Intergovernmental Executive Committee meeting. As a follow-up to concerns raised in an earlier Commission meeting, Mr. Tibbitts asked about potential GPS jamming with expansion of military airspace in Diamond Valley (for farming operations that rely on GPS signals). The Navy committed, on the record, that there will be no lower altitude GPS jamming.

At the IEC meeting, the Navy announced it is working with the BLM to send two-year closure notices to ranchers whose allotments are impacted by the B-16 bombing range. It was not clear whether the two-year limit will be extended if the Navy doesn't reach expansion milestones by that time.

Following the regular IEC meeting, Mr. Tibbitts was able to sit in on a separate meeting with affected ranchers. He felt there was some positive movement, as the Navy has hired an independent ranch appraiser who will value grazing allotments as an integral part of the entire ranching operation.

On August 9th, the BLM hosted a cooperating agency meeting regarding management of Greater Safe-Grouse and proposed amendments to the land use plan.

Bald Mountain Expansion: Mr. Tibbitts reported that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Kinross Bald Mountain Mine Juniper Project has been released for the public comment period.

Golden Lake Exploration Project: At the August 1st meeting, Mr. Tibbitts discussed the lack of inclusion and coordination by the BLM and the mining company related to the Environmental Assessment for the Golden Lake Exploration Project. After attending the environmental kickoff meeting in March 2022, he heard nothing further until a letter showed up recently stating the EA was complete and comments were due in 30 days.

Eureka County submitted a comment letter to the BLM voicing concerns over total exclusion from the Golden Lake Exploration Project environmental process, and noting that despite multiple commitments by the proponent (stated in the EA), nobody had contacted Eureka County regarding any issues, particularly impacts to and reclamation of County roads.

Following the letter, Golden Lake Exploration reached out to Public Works in an email stating the company wanted to coordinate with the County on road issues. Mr. Tibbitts was able to speak with the District Manager and Acting Field Manager at the Battle Mountain District Office, and they agreed there was a breakdown in communications and they committed to engaging Eureka County moving forward.

2. Discuss and consider comments on BLM proposed Renewable Energy Rule. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Tibbitts prepared a comment letter in response to the BLM's proposed Renewable Energy Rule. The letter cited lack of coordination with State and local government, asked for proper consideration of the County's plans and policies, and stated support of "Smart from the Start" energy development.

The proposed Rule considers reducing the fee, by 80%, for renewable energy leases on public lands, a potential \$3 million revenue loss to the BLM. The letter points out that the demand for renewable energy space is progressing rapidly and there is no need to offer taxpayer subsidies. A recent record-breaking solar energy lease sale in Nye County showed what the industry is willing to pay.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to submit comments on the BLM proposed Renewable Energy Rule as presented; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss and consider response to US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposed revisions to their Endangered Species Act (ESA) regulations. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Tibbitts provided the Board with a written summary of three proposed revisions to the Endangered Species Act by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The first, concerning interagency cooperation, would narrow some of the procedural regulations governing interagency cooperation. It would allow the Fish & Wildlife Service to re-evaluate an already permitted project and impose changes to the permit conditions.

The second, would provide broader application of the "4D blanket rule." This would allow the highest level of restrictions, created for protection of endangered species, to be applied to threatened species as well.

The third, would allow designation of critical habitat, and the associated restrictions, to areas that simply have characteristics of the desired habitat regardless whether the species has ever inhabited the area.

Mr. Tibbitts explained there are hundreds and hundreds of pages to review related to the three proposed regulation changes and he would like to complete a more thorough review and continue refining the comment points. In addition, Mr. Tibbitts asked the Board to join with other entities and jurisdictions in requesting an extension of the comment period.

In relation to proposed regulation changes in the Endangered Species Act, Commissioner Plaskett motioned the following: (a) to submit a request for extension of the comment period; (b) to authorize Mr. Tibbitts to further refine the comment points presented; and (c) to authorize the Chairman to sign the comment letter outside of meeting for submittal by the deadline of August 21st or as extended. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss and consider comments to BLM November 2023 Geothermal Lease Sale Environmental Assessments for both Elko and Battle Mountain BLM Districts. (For Possible Action)

Eureka County received notice that Environmental Assessments were prepared for Geothermal Lease Sales by both the Elko and Battle Mountain BLM Districts. Mr. Tibbitts stated the EAs are improved because changes have been incorporated based on Eureka County's comments on previous lease sales, but there is still room for improvement. Mr. Tibbitts felt the EAs should include more information on several issues including water rights, roads, weeds, coordination with the County, and recognition of socioeconomic impacts.

Mr. Tibbitts explained that the geothermal leases will give exclusive rights for a company to do baseline studies and evaluate the property for potential development. If development is proposed, there will be additional analysis, giving Eureka County further opportunity for input and comments.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to authorize the Natural Resource Manager to complete comments on the BLM November 2023 Geothermal Lease Sale Environmental Assessments and authorized the Chairman to sign comment letters outside of the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

5. Discuss, approve, deny, or provide other direction regarding federal fiscal year 2023 Joint Funding Agreement 24ZJJFA00109 with US Geological Survey (USGS) for continuation of multi-year Hydrologic Monitoring Program in the Kobeh Valley, Mount Hope, and Roberts Mountain Vicinity in the amount of \$153,512.00 with Eureka County's portion at \$99,786.00 and USGS match at \$53,726.00. (For Possible Action)

The County has had an agreement with US Geological Survey for multiple years to monitor groundwater and stream flows in the Mount Hope and Roberts Mountain Area, with Kobeh Valley added in 2018. Mr. Tibbitts pointed out that Kobeh Valley data has been valuable in providing data that appears to support the suspected connection between groundwater in Kobeh Valley and Diamond Valley. This past year the stream gaging sites, that are monitored as part of this contract, were helpful in providing flood data.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Federal Fiscal Year Joint Funding Agreement 24ZJJFA00109 with US Geological Survey for continuation of multi-year Hydrologic Monitoring Program in the Kobeh Valley, Mount Hope, and Roberts Mountain Vicinity in the amount of \$153,512.00 with Eureka County's portion at \$99,786.00 and USGS match at \$53,726.00. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

CRESCENT VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Discuss, approve, or deny waiving the facility rental fees for the Crescent Valley Community Center to allow the Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department to host a Celebration of Life in memoriam of resident and volunteer Dewane Ralls on August 27, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Mike Schoenfeld, member of the Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department, said Dewane Ralls served many years as a volunteer firefighter. The Department is hosting a Celebration of Life in his honor, and requested that the facility rental fee be waived for this event.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to waive the Crescent Valley Community Center rental fee for the Volunteer Fire Department to host an event in honor of Dewane Ralls on August 27, 2023. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence and place requests for action items on the next agenda. (Discussion)

Correspondence was received from: Fabrizio & Valeria Cartagena; Sheriff Jesse Watts; IT Director Misty Rowley; Eureka County Television Dist.; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board (2); Tri-County meeting agenda; Nevada Dept. of Business & Industry; Nevada Senator Ira Hansen; Nevada Water Resources Assoc. (2); Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection (2); US Senator Jacky Rosen; National Assoc. of Counties; and America First Works.

2. Commissioner reports on pertinent correspondence or other matters. (Discussion)

Chairman McKay reported that he had planned to participate in the Gold Bar Mine (McEwen) tour on August 16th, but his schedule has changed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public comment and discussion. *Notice: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Public comment may be allowed on "Action" items, in addition to the two times specified on the agenda.* (Discussion)

Chairman McKay opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

2. Consider items requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. *Notice: The public is welcome to request agenda items for future meetings during the Public Comment period, or may consult with one or more of the Board of Commissioners to request agenda items for future meetings.* (Discussion)

Future agenda items include the clinical services contract on September 5th and a public hearing on the Personnel Policy on September 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adjourn the meeting; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 7th day of November, 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 August 15, 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