

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

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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, in the direction of the Chair. (For Possible Action)
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on July 15, 2025. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, Commissioner Mike Schoenwald, District Attorney Ted Beutel and County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the meeting agenda with the tabling of the June 17, 2025 meeting minutes and changing Commissioner item #2 to a ratification. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

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 comments 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 called for public comment in both Eureka and Crescent Valley, hearing none in either he proceeded to the next item.

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)*

None considered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes of the June 17, 2025, Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**
Minutes were tabled.

COUNTY COMPTROLLER – Kim Todd, 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)**

The Board along with Comptroller Kim Todd reviewed the expenditures.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,352,903.88 with the passthroughs of, \$650.65 to the Nevada Department of Taxation Room Tax, \$6,578.73 to the Nevada State Comptroller School Taxes. \$17,164.68 to the Nevada State Controller, \$11,800.00 to the Nevada Division of Minerals, \$383 to the Washoe County Crime Lab for a total of \$36,569.06. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

2. Review Fund Balance Report. **(Discussion)**

The Board reviewed the current fund balance report.

3. Discuss, approve or deny adopting the Resolution Setting Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, as certified by the Nevada Tax Commissioner on June 25, 2025. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve adopting the Resolution Setting Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, as certified by the Nevada Tax Commissioner on June 25, 2025. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION
SETTING TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Eureka County Commissioners took action on May 20, 2025, to set the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, for the tax districts under their legal jurisdiction, and by this resolution are affirming that action; and

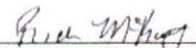
WHEREAS, the ad valorem revenues are assessed by tax rates on real and personal property as certified by the Nevada State Tax Commission; and

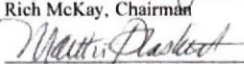
WHEREAS, in accordance with NRS 361.460, and following certification by the Nevada Tax Commission on June 25, 2025, tax rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, will be hereby levied as listed below:

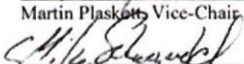
	Taxing Unit Rate	Imposed Legislative Tax Rate	Combined General County Rates	Combined Special District	School	State	Total
Eureka County	1.0675	.0783		.0085	.7500	.1700	2.0743
Crescent Vly Town	.2153		1.1458	.0085	.7500	.1700	2.2896
Eureka Town	.2153		1.1458	.0085	.7500	.1700	2.2896
Diamond Valley Rodent District	.0400		1.1458	.0085	.7500	.1700	2.1143
Diamond Valley Weed District	.0781		1.1458	.0085	.7500	.1700	2.1524
Eureka County TV District	.0085		1.1458		.7500	.1700	2.0743

THEREFORE, IT IS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that upon certification by the Nevada Tax Commission, the Board of County Commissioners of Eureka County, Nevada, does hereby certify the rates listed above for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

APPROVED this 15th day of July, 2025.


 Rich McKay, Chairman


 Martin Plaskett, Vice-Chair


 Mike Schoenwald, Member

Attest: 
 Kathy Bowling, Eureka County Clerk

4. Discuss, approve or deny budget transfers from the General Fund to the following funds: Regional Transportation Commission \$4,000,000, Eureka Road Department \$1,000,000, Eureka Town Water/Sewer Fund \$2,000,000, Crescent Valley Water Fund \$1,000,000 and Retiree Health Insurance Fund \$500,000. *Note: These budget transfers were approved in the final budget process.*
(For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the budget transfers from the General Fund to the following funds: Regional Transportation Commission \$4,000,000, Eureka Road Department \$1,000,000, Eureka Town Water/Sewer Fund \$2,000,000, Crescent Valley Water Fund \$1,000,000 and Retiree Health Insurance Fund \$500,000. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss, approve or deny accepting the amended and restated agreement from Southwest Gas Corporation to pay annually 2% of net profits described in NRS 709.110 **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the amended and restated agreement from Southwest Gas Corporation to pay annually 2% (\$15) of net profits described in NRS 709.110. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny out-of-state travel for Tasha Dunlap, HR Director to travel to Eureka from Arizona June 15-19, 2025. **(For Possible Action)**

The agenda item was changed to a ratification at the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to ratify the approval of out-of-state travel for Tasha Dunlap, HR Director to travel to Eureka from Arizona June 15-19, 2025. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny signing the Indigent Defense Financial Status Report for the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2025, which is due to the Department of Indigent Defense Services by July 15, 2025. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve signing the Indigent Defense Financial Status Report for the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2025, which is due to the Department of Indigent Defense Services by July 15, 2025. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

GUARDIAN FLIGHT – Michael Cogsdill, Program Director

1. Presentation of Guardian Flight ground operation. **(Discussion)**

Michael Cogsdill the Program Director with Guardian Flight and Fernando Rayna a flight paramedic for Reach and Guardian presented to the board the opportunity to provide contracted EMS services to the county. Guardian Flight has experienced AEMT's and Paramedics that currently work at the Cortez Mine and could also work out of Crescent Valley. Crescent Valley audience member Jeremy Rice commented on the positive collaboration Guardian Flight could be for the community in Crescent Valley. Crescent Valley audience member Laura Shivers asked if they would be an afterthought from the mine or if there would be designated shifts for Crescent Valley. Mr. Cogsdill reassured her that Crescent Valley would have their own schedule. Crescent Valley audience member Kim Sewell commented that many of their EMT's and drivers will work in the back with the MedEx teams to learn and gain experience, she asked if Guardian Flight would be willing to do the same. Mr. Cogsdill responded that Crescent Valley EMT's would be the tip of the spear and Guardian paramedics would only be there for paramedic intervention, they would absolutely invite people the opportunity to learn. Crescent Valley audience member Dave Mason commented that the people of Crescent Valley are not receiving quality care, he understands the EMTs they have are doing their best, but it needs to be better. He commented that there is going to

be more people moving there and with that more challenges. He asked the Board on behalf of the seniors in the Crescent Valley community to do something better.

SENIOR CENTERS - Linda Gordon, Senior Center Program Director

1. Report on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. **(Discussion)**

Senior Center Program Director Linda Gordon reported they brought in \$9,768.83 for the month of June. Eureka served 774 meals and Crescent Valley served 725 meals. The Eureka Bingo group traveled to Virginia City for their annual trip and took 10 seniors and 1 non.

AMBULANCE AND EMS – Nichole Cooley, EMS Director/Coordinator

1. Report on EMS projects and activities. **(Discussion)**

Commissioner Schoenwald read the EMS report for Director Cooley, Eureka had 12 runs and Crescent Valley had 10. The EMS brought in \$4,768.33.

2. Review quarterly report on mandatory ambulance bill write-offs for Medicaid and Medicare accounts. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve \$19,849.27 in mandatory ambulance bill write-offs for the Medicaid and Medicare accounts. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

3. Update on contract services activity. **(Discussion)**

The Board included the update in item #1.

4. Discuss, approve or deny directing EMS Director Nichole Cooley to generate RFP to query for contracting EMT services in Crescent Valley. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve directing EMS Director Nichole Cooley to generate RFP to query for contracting EMT services in Crescent Valley. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES-Tasha Dunlap, Human Resources Director

1. Discuss, approve or deny the IT Professional Trainee I - Casual job description. **(For Possible Action)**

IT CIO Misty Rowley explained the new IT Professional Trainee job for her office.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the IT Professional Trainee I - Casual job description, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF- Charles Cobb, Undersheriff

1. Report on Sheriff's Office projects and activities. **(Discussion)**

Undersheriff Charles Cobb reported for July they have had 62 traffic stops with 21 citations and have 3 people in custody. They sent 2 officers to POST for a 19-week academy, they will graduate in November.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a one-time credit card increase for Sgt. Brian Shoaf of \$1,000.00 (\$2,000.00 Total) to attend the IACME Coroner Conference in Las Vegas, NV July 20-24, 2025. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a one-time credit card increase for Sgt. Brian Shoaf of \$1,000.00 (\$2,000.00 Total) to attend the IACME Coroner Conference in Las Vegas, NV July 20-24, 2025. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

EUREKA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT-Jeb Rowley, District Chief

1. Report on Fire Protection District activities and recent incidents. **(Discussion)**

District Chief Jeb Rowley reported to the board the busy fire season all the departments have been responding to. The Board decided District Chief Rowley would be providing more updates during the busy seasons.

2. Discuss, approve or deny ratification of Ty Sestanovich as Chief of the Diamond Valley Volunteer Fire Department. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the ratification of Ty Sestanovich as Chief of the Diamond Valley Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

1. Report on Public Works/County Facilities projects and activities. **(Discussion)**

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported the Opera House had 315 visitors, the pool had 138 monthly swimmers, 6 private lessons, 49 seniors and 11 on the swim team. The landfill had 614 deliveries for 764 yards of waste. They are looking to install the new X-ray machine the week of July 21st.

2. Discuss, approve or deny signing a one-year lease agreement with William Bee Ririe Hospital and Rural Health Clinic for the residence located at 351 Well Street in Eureka. **(For Possible Action)**

Director Rowley explained the new provider at the Eureka clinic will be leasing the house at 351 Well Street in Eureka.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve signing a one-year lease agreement with William Bee Ririe Hospital and Rural Health Clinic for the residence located at 351 Well Street in Eureka. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny Quote No. 349910 from L.N. Curtis & Sons for ten (10) G1 4500# SCBA units and accessories for an amount not to exceed \$108,930.00, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-040-55010-000) in the Emergency Management Fund. **(For Possible Action)**

Director Rowley explained to the Board the ten G1 4500# SCBA units and accessories will replace the expired air packs in Crescent Valley. The Arctic High-Pressure Air Compressor System in Item #4 is the air compressor to fill the packs. The Board approved item #3 and #4 at the same time.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Quote No. 349910 from L.N. Curtis & Sons for ten (10) G1 4500# SCBA units and accessories for an amount not to exceed \$108,930.00, and Quote No. 329361 from L.N. Curtis & Sons for an Arctic High-Pressure Air Compressor System for an amount not to exceed \$52,392.16, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-040-55010-000) in the Emergency Management Fund. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny Quote No. 329361 from L.N. Curtis & Sons for an Arctic High-Pressure Air Compressor System for an amount not to exceed \$52,392.16, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-040-55010-000) in the Emergency Management Fund. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was approved with #3.

5. Discuss, approve or deny a Lease Agreement with Central Nevada Health District for use of designated space at the Eureka Medical Clinic. **(For Possible Action)**

Bringing in Central Nevada Health District will bring more health services to Eureka such as family planning, disease surveillance, and environmental health.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a Lease Agreement with Central Nevada Health District for use of designated space at the Eureka Medical Clinic. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

6. Discuss, approve or deny Quote No. 020888 Version 1 from Quest Technology Management for installation of an Access Control System (wall mount with keypad) at the Eureka Opera House for an amount not to exceed \$2,541.49, utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Buildings & Grounds Budget. **(For Possible Action)**

The quote for the access control system (wall mount with keypad) would cover the costs for parts, installation, configure access control for the rear door of the Opera House.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Quote No. 020888 Version 1 from Quest Technology Management for installation of an Access Control System (wall mount with keypad) at the Eureka Opera House for an amount not to exceed \$2,541.49, utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Buildings & Grounds Budget. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES – Hallee Dechambeau, Natural Resources Department Assistant

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

Nothing was reported.

2. Discuss and consider commenting on Notice of Proposed Action for a major modification of the Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0096103 for the Ruby Hill Mine Project. **(For Possible Action)**

The letter for the Notice of Proposed Action for a major modification of the Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0096103 for the Ruby Hill Mine Project will comment on the ecological risk assessment and the open-ended language around the harmful effects from the Pitt Lake's constituents.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve commenting on Notice of Proposed Action for a major modification of the Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0096103 for the Ruby Hill Mine Project. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss and consider response to Environmental Assessments for BLM October 2025 Competitive Geothermal Lease Sale. **(For Possible Action)**

The comments to the Environmental Assessments for BLM October 2025 Competitive Geothermal Lease Sale will include coordination with Weed District and noxious weed issues, reference to the required use of Nevada's Conservation Credit System. Also, compliance with Nevada's Sage Grouse Conservation Plan, grazing impacts and potential impacts.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a letter in response to the Environmental Assessments for BLM October 2025 Competitive Geothermal Lease Sale and allow for Chairman McKay to sign outside of the meeting. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss and consider response to proposed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations and handbooks from US Departments of Interior and Agriculture. **(For Possible Action)**

The Board discussed allowing Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts to work with other counties and interest to determine the impact of the NEPA regulations proposed.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve allowing Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts to create a response to proposed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations and handbooks from US Departments of Interior and Agriculture and allow the Chairman McKay to sign outside of the meeting.

5. Discuss, approve, deny or provide other direction regarding federal fiscal year (FFY) 2026 Joint Funding Agreement 26ZJJFA00102 with US Geological Survey (USGS) for continuation of multi-year Hydrologic Monitoring Program in the Kobeh Valley, Mount Hope and Roberts Mountains Vicinity with no increase from last FFY in the amount of \$161,800.00 with Eureka County's portion at \$105,170.00 and USGS match at \$56,630.00. **(For Possible Action)**

The Joint Funding Agreement with US Geological Survey was crucial in the flood response a couple years back for the gauging systems.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve federal fiscal year (FFY) 2026 Joint Funding Agreement 26ZJJFA00102 with US Geological Survey (USGS) for continuation of multi-year Hydrologic Monitoring Program in the Kobeh Valley, Mount Hope and Roberts Mountains Vicinity with no increase from last FFY in the amount of \$161,800.00 with Eureka County's portion at \$105,170.00 and USGS match at \$56,630.00. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence. **(Discussion)**

County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling read the meeting correspondence; Announcement of NWRRA Community Service Webpage, Probing Aquifer Geometry and Structure Webinar, Water rights in Nevada Class signups and schedule. Hunt and Sons Notice of no "further action determination", First Quarter 2025 Groundwater Monitoring Report for Sam's Corner Store. Notice of Conclusion of a Series of public outreach presentations to discuss critical water rights issues in the Humboldt River Region. Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) July Newsletter, Natural Resources Advisory Commission (NRAC) Agenda, Eureka County Television District (ECTVD) Agenda. Thank you card from Juvenile Probation for the Boards donation to Grad Night.

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

Nothing reported.

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The Board discussed items for the next agenda, minutes and a hiring freeze waiver for IT CIO Rowley's position, and ratify out of state travel for deputies.

ADJOURNMENT

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| 1. Adjournment of meeting. |
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Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder, Katelyn Ziemann.

Approved this 5th day of August, 2025 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

ATTEST:


County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling


Chairman, Rich McKay