

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 17, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF NEVADA)
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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 March 17, 2026. Present were Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, Commissioner Mike Schoenwald, District Attorney Ted Beutel and County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. Chairman Rich McKay was absent. The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the agenda with tabling the EMS #2 item, Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

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)*

Vice Chair Plaskett called for public comment in Crescent Valley, hearing none he called in Eureka, Elden Allred with the VFW commented that following the VFW Softball Tournament both the softball and baseball concession stands were audited by the Nevada Health District. They noted things to improve and suggestions, the lower baseball field concession stand needs the most improvement. Mr. Allred wanted to bring the improvements needed to the boards attention.

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 from the March 3, 2026 Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the March 3, 2026 Commission meeting minutes, Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

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 expenditures in the amount of \$3,260,306.60, with passthroughs of \$425.45 to the Nevada Department Taxation room tax, \$2,023,410.43 to Nevada State Controller-school taxes, \$13,342.56 to Nevada State Controller, \$50.00 to Nevada Division of Minerals, \$138.00 to the Washoe County Crime Lab for a total of \$2,037,366.44. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

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

The board reviewed the current fund balance report.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss, approve or deny accepting the Eureka County Library, MyBrary Contract for fiscal year 2026-2027, with a total increase of \$1,098.00 from the prior fiscal year contract. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the Eureka County Library, MyBrary Contract for fiscal year 2026-2027, with a total increase of \$1,098.00 from the prior fiscal year contract. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss and consider updating the Eureka County Personnel Policies: Leave Plans, 6.1 Holidays; to provide clarification of Holiday Leave during the 4 x 10 work week pilot program; and decide date and time to hold a public hearing. **(For Possible Action)**

Human Resource Director Cristina Lopez explained the clarification of Holiday leave during the 4x10 work week pilot program was never decided, she explained that for offices that are mandated to remain open the decision might be different. The Comptrollers office indicated the safest option would be to make sure there is no overtime or additional expenses. Holding a public hearing would allow county employees to give their opinions on holiday leave.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve holding a public hearing on April 21st at 10:30 am to allow comments and provide clarification on the Eureka County Personnel Policies: Leave Plans, 6.1 Holiday Leave during the 4x10 work week pilot program. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

EUREKA RESTORATION ENTERPRISES – Garney Damele, ERE

1. Discuss, approve or deny a donation in the amount of \$1,348.00 to purchase flower baskets for the beautification of the downtown area on Main Street, to be paid from Commissioners Misc Grants (010-001-53010-085). **(For Possible Action)**

Garney Damele with Eureka Restoration Enterprises went before the board to request a donation in the amount of \$1,348.00 to purchase flower baskets for the beautification of the downtown area on Main Street. She will order the flower baskets from the local nursery again and has volunteers lined up to help water the baskets.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the donation of \$1,348.00 to Eureka Restoration Enterprises to purchase flower baskets for the downtown area. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

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 collected \$5,091 for the month of February the Crescent Valley Fannie Komp Senior Center received an anonymous donation of \$2,900. Eureka's meal count was 667 and Crescent Valley's was 615.

HUMAN RESOURCES -Cristina Lopez, Human Resources Director

1. Report on Human Resources projects and activities. **(Discussion)**

Human Resources Director Cristina Lopez reported they filled the public works administrative assistant position with the county casual person, so they will be working on filling the county casual position. In March she received 2 more workers compensation cases. Director Lopez attended a Disability Rights Training with the Department of Labor, and she will be hosting a

supervisor training with POOL/PACT in the next week. In April she will host a workers' compensation training course for department heads.

2. Discuss, approve or deny the implementation of a Workforce Position Control and Vacancy Review Process in lieu of Hiring Freeze Resolution. **(For Possible Action)**

Director Lopez explained when it comes to revenue the County doesn't need to put a hiring freeze in place, looking into the future they want to make sure that all positions are reviewed prior to approval or postings. Kim Todd commented on proposed changes to the draft Workforce Position Control and Vacancy Review Process in lieu of Hiring Freeze Resolution; adding if the position was budgeted for and what year, adding additional costs that a department head would not know about, get rid of the county manager authorization spot due to the county manager position being removed. Rewording that the Commissioners "shall" confirm funding with the Comptroller's office, she also believes the board should always have the opportunity to authorize layoffs due to never knowing what kind of financial burden they may face. Vice Chair Plaskett commented the layoff section was meant to say that the resolution was not intended for layoffs. The board discussed proposed changes and re-wording of certain areas and bringing the resolution back onto a future agenda.

No action was taken.

TREASURER – Pernecia, Johnson, Treasurer

1. Review and approve Eureka County's acquisition of any of the tax delinquent parcels pursuant to NRS 361.603. **(For Possible Action)**

Assistant Public Works Director Jayme Halpin explained they would like to acquire parcel 005-030-17 on the tax delinquent parcel list to build a gravel pit in the Northern end of the county. The parcel is 80 acres off the Geothermal Road near the power plant.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve Eureka County's acquisition of parcel 005-030-17 of the tax delinquent parcels pursuant to NRS 361.603. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

AMBULANCE AND EMS – Nichole Cooley, EMS Director/Coordinator

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

EMS Director/Coordinator Nichole Cooley reported the ambulance runs for February were Eureka 11, Crescent Valley 13 and they brought in \$15,718. The dentist had 34 visits, Genesis had 18 visits, the Eureka clinic had 296 patients and Crescent Valley clinic had 17 and rehab services had 73 patients.

2. Discuss, approve or deny the contract with Intermountain Health ground services to cover Crescent Valley for one year, with the option to extend, in the amount of \$300,000.00, utilizing funds budgeted for EMS salaries (010-054-51010-000) through June 30th. *Note: Beginning July 1st, Fiscal year 2026-2027, will then utilize funds from EMS service contracts going forward. (For Possible Action)*

Item was tabled.

SHERIFF- Miles Umina, Sheriff

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

Sheriff Miles Umina reported the patrol statistics for February, total incidents were 1,476, there were 53 traffic stops with 13 citations. There were 6 felony arrests and 2 misdemeanors. Sheriff Umina reported that their guy at the POST academy is halfway through.

2. Announcement that the annual walk-through and inspection of the Eureka County Justice Facility and Detention Center will be conducted upon adjournment of the April 7, 2026 meeting. *Note: No deliberation or action will take place during this annual walk-through and inspection. (Discussion)*

The board announced that immediately following the April 7th board of county commissioners meeting they will conduct the annual walk-through and inspection of the Eureka County Justice Facility and Detention Center. Commissioner Schoenwald noted he will be absent from the April 7th meeting.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE – Jeb Rowley, Chairman

1. Discuss, approve or deny application by the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) for the Fiscal Year 2027 State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) grant. *Note: LEPC will ratify the grant application at its next scheduled meeting but is seeking Commission approval now in order to meet the March 20th deadline. (For Possible Action)*

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Chairman Jeb Rowley explained the Fiscal Year 2027 State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) grant will help cover the expenses of 9 turnouts, 8 boots, 12 gloves, 8 helmets and all structure-rated SCBA equipment. LEPC will hold their meeting following the commission meeting where they will sign off on the grant.

Vice Chair Plaskett motioned to approve the application by the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) for the Fiscal Year 2027 State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) grant. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported that 3 water operators attended the annual Nevada Water and Wastewater Operators conference in Reno, monthly elevator inspections are scheduled and will also be inspected by the state. Water meters will be read over the next week, and billing usage will be sent out in May. The pool upgrades are still coming along well; the plaster will have to be cured for 2 weeks so they are looking at the middle of April to have the pool reopen. Red card certifications are scheduled in March for the southern departments and April for the northern.

2. Discuss, approve or deny ratifying work change order directive number 1 with Parsons Drilling Inc. for PWP-EU-2025-272, Test Borehole Drilling for Groundwater Exploration, Kobeh Valley Well and Transmission Main Project. (For Possible Action)

Director Rowley explained that the project is still within the original contract price, the change order increase was to manage the stability of the upper 120 feet of the exploration borehole.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve ratifying the work change order directive number 1 with Parsons Drilling Inc. for PWP-EU-2025-272, Test Borehole Drilling for Groundwater Exploration, Kobeh Valley Well and Transmission Main Project. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny Tenabo Solar Upgrade purchase for an amount not to exceed \$12,936.95 (includes 15% contingency), utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-094) in the Radio Repeater Upgrades Fund. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the Tenabo Solar Upgrade purchase for an amount not to exceed \$12,936.95 (includes 15% contingency) and the Bald Mountain Solar Build Upgrade purchase for an amount not to exceed \$7,683.33 (includes 15% contingency), utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-094) in the Radio Repeater Upgrades Fund. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny Bald Mountain Solar Build Upgrade purchase for an amount not to exceed \$7,683.33 (includes 15% contingency), utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-094) in the Radio Repeater Upgrades Fund. (For Possible Action)

Approved with item #3.

5. Review and consider approval of proposal 2024020 from 2862 Communications for eight (8) mobile radio replacements for Eureka Fire, Crescent Valley Fire and Emergency Medical Services vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$13,053.70 (includes 15% contingency) to be paid with monies budgeted for capital outlay/radio repeater upgrades (042-140-55010-094) in the Capital Projects Fund. **(For Possible Action)**

Director Rowley explained the current radios are 13 years old, they will replace the radio in Ambulance 981 and radios in Crescent Valley and Eureka.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve proposal 2024020 from 2862 Communications for eight (8) mobile radio replacements for an amount not to exceed \$13,053.70 (includes 15% contingency) to be paid with monies budgeted for capital outlay/radio repeater upgrades (042-140-55010-094) in the Capital Projects Fund. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

6. Discuss, approve or deny a quote from Flowpoint Environmental Systems in the amount of \$95,000.00 (includes 10% contingency) for a water fill station with access terminal for the Town of Crescent Valley using funds budgeted (042-140-55010-747) in the Capital Projects Fund. **(For Possible Action)**

The Flowpoint Environmental Systems is the card reader to be placed at the Crescent Valley laydown yard for the new water fill station. Diana Kersey asked if the water would be drinking water or non-potable. Director Rowley explained the water will meet drinking quality, but it will be non-potable. The amount \$95,000.00 (includes 10% contingency) includes concrete work and pipe that may be needed for the project.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve quote from Flowpoint Environmental Systems in the amount of \$95,000.00 (includes 10% contingency) for a water fill station with access terminal for the Town of Crescent Valley using funds budgeted (042-140-55010-747) in the Capital Projects Fund. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

7. Discuss, approve or deny quotes from NNE in the amount of \$40,000.00 (includes 35% contingency) for fiber and power bore holes utilizing monies budgeted in (010-018-55010-203) in the Fiber Optics/Network Upgrades Capital Outlay Fund. **(For Possible Action)**

Assistant Director Halpin explained \$40,000.00 will cover the fiber and power bore holes at the Boys and Girls club and the tank project.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the quote from NNE in the amount of \$40,000.00 (including 35% contingency) for fiber and power bore holes utilizing monies budgeted in (010-018-55010-203) in the Fiber Optics/Network Upgrades Capital Outlay Fund. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

8. Discuss, approve or deny the temporary credit limit increases to cover travel and training expenses for the Tyler Connect User Conference, April 7th – 10th, 2026, on County purchasing cards as follows: (a) total credit limit of \$1,500.00 for Leah Smith; and (b) a total credit limit of \$1,500.00 for Annette Broad. **(For Possible Action)**

Leah Smith and Annette Broad plan to attend the Tyler Connect User Conference in Las Vegas April 7th – 10th, 2026, the credit card increases will help cover their travel expenses.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the temporary credit limit increases to cover travel and training expenses for the Tyler Connect User Conference, April 7th – 10th, 2026, on County purchasing cards as follows: (a) total credit limit of \$1,500.00 for Leah Smith; and (b) a total credit limit of \$1,500.00 for Annette Broad. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

Vice Chair Plaskett called the meeting back to order at 11:26am.

EUREKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1. Discuss, approve or deny a grant of \$25,000 (as budgeted), or other amount deemed appropriate by the Board, to the Eureka Conservation District to be used for match towards various conservation projects benefiting Eureka County citizens and natural resources. **(For Possible Action)**

The Eureka Conservation District submitted their approved work plan and budget to the State Conservation Commission.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a grant of \$25,000 (as budgeted) to the Eureka Conservation District to be used for match towards various conservation projects benefiting Eureka County citizens and natural resources. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES – Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager

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

Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts reported he and Commissioner Plaskett attended the Fallon Range Training Complex meeting, they are trying to keep tabs on the grazing loss payments. Manager Tibbitts attended the Water Law Working group, the next legislative session looks as though there will be a lot of water rights discussed. The State Conservation Commission will meet on the 18th and the Humbolt River Basin Water Authority will meet on the 20th. March 26th NACO Public Land and Natural Resource Subcommittee will meet, on March 31st Manager Tibbitts has a meeting with BLM and other counties to discuss the socio-economic analysis of all the NEPA

projects submitted. Nevada Gold Mines will be presenting at the next Crescent Valley Town Board meeting.

2. Discuss and consider response to BLM for their consideration in the September 2026 oil and gas parcel lease sale. **(For Possible Action)**

The oil and gas industry looks at parcels they want to potentially explore and develop into gas and oil resources, the parcels of interest are located in the Union Pass, Mineral Hill, Blackburn, Pine Valley area near the current operating oil field. The letter from the BLM is asking for any information Eureka County would want the BLM to consider as they develop their environmental assessment. NRAC would like to address the grazing parcels along with private property, a lot of which people live on that would be affected.

Vice Chair Plaskett motioned to approve the letter as written to the BLM for their consideration in the September 2026 oil and gas parcel lease sale. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss and consider response, including request of BLM state director review, of Record of Decision and associated Determination of NEPA Adequacy for Mount Hope Project Environmental Impact Statement. **(For Possible Action)**

The original record of decision was signed in 2012 and was appealed by an environmental group and a farming family in Diamond Valley; the 9th circuit vacated the case back to the BLM to address issues. The supplemental EIS process was issued a second record of decision in 2019 that was again appealed, the case went to the federal district court and eventually General Moly went bankrupt and a new company called New Molly LLC is continuing the case. The new Mount Hope Project Environmental Impact Statement discusses the amended plan of operation and redesigns facilities to avoid any use of occupancy of the withdrawn lands; however, the plan does not discuss how it will conform with the Greater Sage Grouse plans. The Board discussed reviewing the BLM state directors review of the record of decision and sending a letter to the company asking to reengage in conversations reminding them of their commitments to Eureka County.

Vice Chair Plaskett motioned to approve reviewing the BLM state directors review of the record of decision and sending a formal letter to the company. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The board recessed for lunch break.

Vice Chair Plaskett called the meeting back to order at 12:18pm.

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET

1. Review Tentative Budgets and discuss, approve or deny possible eliminations of expenses, additions of expenses, personnel requests, capital outlay requests and any other budget related items listed in the tentative budgets. *Note: These changes will be incorporated into the Final Budget which is due to the Nevada Department of Taxation no later than June 1, 2026. Final budgets will be reviewed and approved on May 19, 2026. (For Possible Action)*

The Board along with department heads reviewed the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 tentative budget, they discussed expenses, personnel requests and capital outlay requests. With the absence of Chairman McKay the board decided to not make any changes until the entire board could be in attendance.

No action was taken.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Surface Transportation Board office of Environmental Analysis consultation request, Nevada Gold Rail LLC surface transportation request. Fallon Range Training Complex Intergovernmental Executive Committee March 2026 member packet, Governor's Office Press Release: Arrest Made following investigation into large scale fraud scheme, Governor's Office Press Release: Nevada convenes inaugural meeting of the rural health transformation steering committee to strengthen health care access and support rural communities. Poll for the June 2026 Fallon Range Training IEC meeting, March 6, 2026 NACO newsletter, March 11 Rec Board agenda, March 11 NRAC Agenda, March 18 Eureka Conservation District agenda, March 18 Crescent Valley town board meeting agenda.

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

None considered.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Vice Chair Plaskett called for public comment in both Eureka and Crescent Valley, Lisa Wolf with the Eureka Sentinel asked for clarification if the board would request for a review by the state director not just a letter.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting.

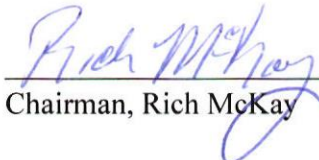
Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder Katelyn Ziemann.

Approved this 7th day of April, 2026 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

ATTEST:


Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling


Chairman, Rich McKay