

# BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 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 June 17, 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 9:35 a.m. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the agenda with the tabling of Commissioner item #6. 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 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)*

The Board considered placing the tabled item under Commissioners #6 to be on the next agenda.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2025, Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve May 20, 2025, Commission meeting minutes.  
Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## 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 Plaskett motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$3,106,192.21, with the pass throughs of \$466.93 to the Nevada Department of Taxation Room Tax, \$73,514.79 to the Nevada State Controller School Taxes, \$9,240.11 to the Nevada State Controller, \$430.00 to the Nevada Division of Minerals, \$150.00 to Washoe County Crime Lab, \$1,200 to N1 Grazing Board for a total of pass throughs of \$85,001.83. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

The Board reviewed the current Fund Balance Report.

## COMMISSIONERS

1. Update on Bills from the Nevada Legislature 2025 Session. **(Discussion)**

Assessor Michael Mears was first to report on the 2025 Legislative Session, informing the board that the session had ended. Mr. Mears informed the Board that the Governor received a total of 605 bills to approve and set a record with 87 vetoes. He also let the Board know that AB749 was signed by the Governor regarding Agrivoltaics.

Natural Resource Manager Jake Tibbitts spoke regarding Bills SB36 and AB104, pertaining to the groundwater rights retirement program. He let the board know that both of those bills passed and that it is now a formal program in the State to buy back groundwater rights and basins that are over pumped; but at this time there is no funding behind it.

Natural Resource Manager Tibbitts also spoke about SB180 which refers to liability insurance for motor carriers, letting the board know that it did not move forward, the Governor did not have to Veto this bill. He went on to speak about SB172, the Agriculture Workers Bill of Rights, that also did not move forward past the Senate.

2. Discuss, approve or deny accepting the new yearly base salaries set by SB116 which revised NRS 254.043 for all elected officials to begin July 1, 2025 as follows: Commissioners \$30,000, District Attorney \$136,417, Sheriff \$97,731, Clerk/Recorder \$80,612, Assessor \$80,612, and Treasurer/Public Administrator \$80,612. **(For Possible Action)**



Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the new salaries set by SB116 which revised NRS 254.043 for all elected officials to begin July 1, 2025, as follows: Commissioners \$30,000, District Attorney \$136,417, Sheriff \$97,731, Clerk/Recorder \$80,612, Assessor \$80,612, and Treasurer/Public Administrator \$80,612. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny adjusting the elected Sheriff salary to \$100,598 to meet the requirement in SB116 that any elected official's salary shall be 3% higher than the highest salary of all employees under the supervision of the elected official. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve adjusting the elected Sheriff salary to \$100,598 to meet the requirement in SB116 that any elected official's salary shall be 3% higher than the highest salary of all employees under the supervision of the elected official. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment from Crescent Valley was made by Lisa Wolf. She asked if SB116 included the Crescent Valley Town Board. Clerk Recorder, Bowling explained that Town Boards and School Boards were not included in this bill.

4. Discuss, approve or deny adjusting the Justice of the Peace salary to include the \$5,194 increase granted to the Commissioners through SB116 to also be granted to the Justice of the Peace effective July 1, 2025. The new salary for the Justice of the Peace will be \$60,278.85. *Note: The Justice of the Peace salary is set by NRS 4.040 and is not included in SB116 or NRS 254.043. In the past Eureka County has increased the Justice of the Peace salary whenever there was an increase to the Commissioners salary.* **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve adjusting the Justice of the Peace salary to include the \$5,194 increase granted to the Commissioners through SB116, to also be granted to the Justice of the Peace effective July 1, 2025. The new salary for the Justice of the Peace will be \$60,278.85. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Discuss, approve or deny appointing the Honorable Judge Dorothy Rowley, as a member of the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council for the upcoming meeting cycle beginning August 1, 2025. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve appointing Honorable Judge Dorothy Rowley as a member of the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council for the upcoming meeting cycle beginning August 1, 2025. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Review draft ordinance proposing updates and changes to portions of the 2018 Eureka County Code, by amending Title 4, Chapter 50 (County Room Tax), and propose the changes as presented or as otherwise amended by the Board. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.



## **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 to the Board that the Staff at the Senior Centers will be wearing designated shirts during the month of June to raise awareness for Alzheimer's Month. Director Gordon also reported they would be taking 11 Eureka seniors on their annual trip to Virginia City, supported by the weekly Bingo Club. In addition to that, taking 10 or 11 Seniors from Crescent Valley in September to Las Vegas for four nights. Director Gordon reported to the board that both facilities deposited \$13,767.97 for the month of May. Eureka served 742 meals and Crescent Valley served 747. She also reported that the transportation for medical appointments to Elko and Battle Mountain has been getting a lot of good feedback and had three trips scheduled for the week.

## **EUREKA LIONS CLUB**-Michael Mears, Member

### **1. Discuss, approve or deny a request by the Lion's Club for a waiver of fees for the use of the Opera House for the Eureka High School Girls Track Team, State Championship dinner that was held on June 1, 2025. (For Possible Action)**

Lions Club Member Michael Mears spoke on behalf of the Eureka Lions Club asking for the waiver of the Opera House fees for the event they held on June 1, 2025. He explained that the Lions Club has a long-standing tradition of hosting dinners for the State Champion Athletic teams and Academic teams. This year they served dinner to the girls track team and their parents for becoming State Champions.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve waving the fees for the Eureka Lions Club for the use of the Opera House. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Chairman McKay recused himself. Motion carried 2-0.

## **IT** – Misty Rowley, CIO

### **1. Discuss, approve or deny granting the CIO authority to sign, outside of the meeting, the Addendum 5.1 from Quest to clarify payment terms for the Service Level Agreement dated January 31st, 2017. (For Possible Action)**

IT CIO Misty Rowley explained to the board that they will be mailing checks instead of paying ACH.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve granting the CIO authority to sign, outside of the meeting, the Addendum 5.1 from Quest to clarify payment terms for the Service Level Agreement dated January 31st, 2017. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## **AMBULANCE AND EMS** – Nichole Cooley, EMS Director/Coordinator

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

EMS Director/Coordinator Nichole Cooley reported on EMS runs for the month with Eureka having 18 and Crescent Valley having 8, for a total of 26 for the month. MedEx had 1 run for Eureka and 3 runs for Crescent Valley, for a total of 4 for the month. She informed the board that EMS had been reaching out to the communities, following up with patients to make sure they are



making their follow-up appointments with their providers and helping them with printing paperwork. They have also been providing vitals for patients in the community as well. Commissioner Schoenwald asked Director Cooley about the email he received regarding a Crescent Valley employee who submitted a letter of resignation. Director Cooley answered, explaining she had been trying to give the full-time employees breaks by bringing in MedEx, unfortunately the schedule and being on call was not working for the employee and his family. Director Cooley also informed the board that she had interviews scheduled and they are trying to fill two positions. One position is in Crescent Valley and the other position being a floater between Eureka and Crescent Valley. She also commented on possibly putting some beds in the office in the Crescent Valley ambulance bay for the MedEx employees to use, as finding places to live in the County is rare. Public comment by Adam Barron in Crescent Valley was made. He commented on his hours being around 300 hours of on-call every two weeks and that he had to stay within 10 minutes of the station. Another public comment was made by Jeremy Rice. He asked Director Cooley if she had been in contact with Guardian Flight, a paramedic service providing EMS services to Nevada Gold Mines, that can provide two full-time positions with 24/7 coverage, 365 days a year. Director Cooley stated that someone from the mine had been in contact with her and the concern was that they would not want to deplete their paramedic services from the mine. Another public comment was made by Laura Shivers. She shared her concerns about the number of paramedics that are staffed in the Crescent Valley area. Commissioner McKay answered stating that they run into housing complications with the more full-time paramedics they have. Commissioner Schoenwald voiced his concerns about the number of hours the paramedics were on call and brought up looking for another contract service. Commissioner McKay asked Jeremy Rice what he thought about bringing in another service. Jeremy Rice said he is also concerned about the number of hours and stated that something needs to change. Director Cooley then reported on the EMS class they offered to the public, where 11 people enrolled and 9 completed and passed the course. Out of the 9 that completed the course, she mentioned that 2 had applied to be drivers. She also spoke about a conversation between herself and the High School Counselor, Jaylene Callister, regarding students that are interested in pursuing a career in the medical field to come down to the EMS bay and work on their prerequisites. Director Cooley announced she is planning to create a program and get approval from the School Board. Next, she reported they had brought in \$3,900 for the month of May. She let the Board know that visits to the Eureka Clinic were as follows: Nurse Practitioner, Tamisha Pena had 239 patients and Nurse Practitioner, Maja Lee had 92. Dr. Harper had 5 with other providers having 11 for a total of 347 visits for the Eureka Clinic. She also reported that Crescent Valley Clinic had a total of 29 visits. Commissioner McKay gave Director Cooley and her team kudos for a call they responded to. McKay let her know that the patient/family was extremely happy with the care the patient received.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**-Tasha Dunlap, Human Resources Director

1. Discuss, approve or deny updates to the Public Works Facilities Operations Assistant Casual job description. **(For Possible Action)**

Human Resource Director Tasha Dunlap described to the board that the Public Works Facilities Operations Assistant would assist in the setup, maintenance and general operations of County



facilities, with a focus on the Sentinel Museum. The position provides for a variety of support functions related to facility preparation, event and exhibit coordination, custodial tasks and visitor engagement. This position would report to the newly created Facilities/Events Coordinator. Commissioner McKay commented on the position hoping the employee would have knowledge of Eureka History.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Public Works Facilities Operations Assistant Casual job description. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**2. Discuss, approve or deny the Public Works Facilities Parks and Events Manager job description. (For Possible Action)**

Human Resource Director Tasha Dunlap notified the board there was a correction to the Public Works Facilities Parks and Events Manager job description. It was listed as starting on the salary scale as a range E18 and should be a range E14.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Public Works Facilities Parks and Events Manager job description with the salary scale range E14 correction. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**3. Discuss, approve or deny updates to the Public Works Swimming Pool Supervisor job description. (For Possible Action)**

Human Resource Director Tasha Dunlap reported updates to the board of The Swimming Pool Supervisor job description. Those updates included operating the day-to-day function and maintenance of the Eureka Swimming Facility and reporting to the Facility Parks and Events Manager. Public Works Director Jeb Rowley added that the Swimming Pool Supervisor will supervise the staff and oversee scheduling.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Public Works Swimming Pool Supervisor job description. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**4. Discuss, approve or deny updates to the Public Works Assistant Director-Buildings and Utilities job description. (For Possible Action)**

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley explained to the board that under the administrative direction of the Public Works Director, the Public Works Assistant Director-Buildings and Utilities position will serve as the assistant department head for the Public Works Department with specific responsibility for oversight of county buildings, facilities and public water utility systems. The position also assists the Director in administering business affairs, supervising operations and staff in the buildings and utilities divisions, coordinating capital improvement projects and acting as a liaison with regulatory and state agencies for compliance and permitting. This position is a high-level leadership role reporting directly to the Public Works Director and may serve as the acting department head in the absence of the Public Works Director and will exercise direct supervision over the Buildings and Utilities Divisions, including County utility and water systems for Eureka and Crescent Valley. The employee in this position is an “at-will” employee and serves at the pleasure of the Public Works Director

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Public Works Assistant Director-Buildings and Utilities job description. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**5. Discuss, approve or deny updates to the Public Works Administrative Assistant Series job description. (For Possible Action)**

Human Resource Director Tasha Dunlap described to the board that the Public Works Administrative Assistant will coordinate assigned activities with other departments, outside agencies and the public. The position provides highly complex administrative support to the Public Works/Emergency Management Director and acts as administrative assistant to LEPC, (The Planning Commission) and various advisory boards and to the Road, Buildings and Grounds, Water and Landfill departments.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approved updates to the Public Works Administrative Assistant Series job description. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**6. Discuss, approve or deny a hiring freeze waiver for the Public Works Facilities Parks and Events Manager. (For Possible Action)**

Human Resource Director Tasha Dunlap explained the Public Works Facilities Parks and Events Manager positions will be hired and filled in the new 2025-2026 fiscal year. Commissioner McKay asked what the range is for an E14. Comptroller Todd informed the board that the annual salary for this range would be between \$73,174-\$102,000, she also added that this is what this position was budgeted for.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the hiring freeze waiver for the Public Works Facilities Parks and Events Manager. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**7. Discuss, approve or deny a hiring freeze waiver for the Public Works Facilities Operations Assistant Casual position. (For Possible Action)**

Human Resource Director Tasha Dunlap informed the board the agenda item is to advertise and fill the position of Public Works Facilities Operations Assistant Casual that was approved earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the hiring freeze waiver for the Public Works Facilities Operations Assistant Casual position. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



**8. Discuss, approve or deny a promotional waiver for the Public Works Senior Administrative Assistant. (For Possible Action)**

Human Resource Director Tasha Dunlap explained to the Board the promotional waiver for the Public Works Senior Administrative Assistant and the position will be an internal hire that would be bumped up to an E13. Public Works Director Jeb Rowley also included that it is a 5% promotion. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a promotional waiver for the Public Works Senior Administrative Assistant. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLERK RECORDER**-Kathy Bowling, Clerk Recorder

**1. Discuss, approve or deny The Fourth Amendment to the Voting System Agreement between Eureka County and Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. (For Possible Action)**

County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling informed the board that the Fourth Amendment to the Voting System Agreement between Eureka County and Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. is an 8-year contract with Dominion. Clerk Recorder Bowling stated the reason the Clerks in the State, that work with Dominion, decided to go with an 8-year contract is because they can lock in that pricing now and save the County money in the long run. The contract states it can only increase by 3% every year and if for some reason a future Clerk decides to go with a different company, they can end the contract with Dominion in 30 days.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve The Fourth Amendment to the Voting System Agreement between Eureka County and Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**2. Discuss, approve or deny accepting the updated license for the Dominion Express Server and quote for the 5.20 smart cards in the amount of \$4,427.50. *Note: The Secretary of State will reimburse the full cost.* (For Possible Action)**

Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling explained the updated license for the Dominion Express Server and quote for the 5.20 smart cards came down from the Secretary of States office based on legislation that was recently passed. Clerk Recorder Bowling explained this update was going to happen in the future and is now happening sooner rather than later to accommodate President Donald Trump's executive order.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve accepting the updated license for the Dominion Express Server and quote for the 5.20 smart cards in the amount of \$4,427.50. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**SHERIFF**-Miles Umina, Sheriff

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

Sheriff Miles Umina reported on the motorcycle gang that came through town, stating they were not the gang they were expecting. Sheriff Umina stated they were very respectful and spent quite a bit of money here in Eureka. Commissioner McKay made a statement regarding feedback he received from the community not being thrilled about the "Motorcycle Gang" bringing strippers to town with them. Commissioner McKay stated that he informed the community members there



is no law or statute against having strippers in Eureka. Sheriff Umina spoke regarding the Cops and Kids event letting the board know they had a good turnout. He also mentioned that he had a new employee that started with the Sherriff's office, and there will be 2 new deputies attending the Academy in July. Sheriff Umina also reported that the deputies would be doing a traffic day. He talked about his department having made 468 traffic stops since January 1, 2025. Sheriff Umina also mentioned they had 3 DUI's on 278 between JD Ranch Road and Palisade; he plans to have more deputies patrolling in that area in the future.

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT** – Raymond Hodson, Assistant Public Works Director

##### **1. Report on Road Department projects and activities. (Discussion)**

Assistant Public Works Director Raymond Hodson reported on Fish Creek & Todd Roads saying those were finished and they were able to move the blade to the JD Ranch Road and have 2 blades running out there. They have a blade between 3 Bars Road and Roberts Creek Road. He also mentioned they finished with Gabel Canyon, Vinini Creek, Whistler and finished up with firebreaks around town. He reported they had been spraying weeds and were about to finish that project. Next, he reported on the North End and that his crew had finished with Maggie Creek and they had moved on to the Geothermal road. He reported they had a 3-day training session with Empire/Cat. Sheriff Umina let Director Hodson and the board know that his deputies would be patrolling the JD Ranch Road more often, especially when the crew is out there working. Jeremy Rice made a public comment from Crescent Valley stating that people drive way to fast on the JD Ranch Road.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS/COUNTY FACILITIES** – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported for the month of May that the Eureka County Opera House had 751 attendees, including the Fiddlers Contest, Eureka High School Baccalaureate, the High School Rock Band concert and the Eureka High School Alumni dinner. The VFW also brought in about 122 people for the Memorial Day ceremony. He also mentioned that the Children's Missoula theater would be held later in the month of June. Next, he then reported on the Eureka County Swimming Pool saying there were 73 daily swimmers, 35 senior citizens, 13 kids on the swim team and 1 party rental. The landfill received 549 deliveries of solid waste totaling 613 yards with 260 of those loads coming from Olcese Garbage collection service with 237 deliveries totaling 1,524 yards. Director Rowley updated the board on Mr. Sparkle Carpet Cleaning Service on what they had done with the County and what they still needed to complete. He also mentioned the Storm drain project behind the Elementary School was running on target and they would then start working on looping water from West McCoy Street to Bullion Street. He reported the CCRs (Consumer Confidence Reports) have been submitted to NDEP (Nevada Department of Environmental Protection) for approval. Also mentioned was that all the Public Lands are looking at going into Stage 1 of the burn restrictions on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

##### **2. Review, discuss and consider approval of MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with NGM (Nevada Gold Mines, LLC) for road maintenance on Eureka County roads utilized by NGM, including authorization for the Public Works Director to secure all required signatures outside of the meeting. *Note: The MOU is for an initial three-year term with the option of one additional three-year term and reflects NGM's commitment to fund an annual amount of \$231,568.00.* (For Possible Action)**

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley explained the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with NGM (Nevada Gold Mines) for road maintenance mainly on the JD road and other roads being



utilized by the mine. He made the board aware that it would be a huge cost savings to the County to have a county employee maintain the road instead of contracting it out to an outside source. According to the Director Rowley the estimated savings would be \$225,000 against contracting out annually for the same number of miles being maintained. Public Comment in Crescent Valley- Jeremy Rice asked if there had been any discussion with NGM about applying Mag Chloride to the road to help with dust suppression. Jeremy Rice also voiced his concerns about the amount of traffic on the JD Ranch Road with all the dust. Director Rowley explained that there is latitude and flexibility in the MOU for those funds going towards an Equipment Operator for dust suppression.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with NGM (Nevada Gold Mines, LLC) for road maintenance on Eureka County roads utilized by NGM, including authorization for the Public Works Director to secure all required signatures outside of the meeting. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Review Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification and, contingent upon securing all Eureka County and NGM signatures, consider authorizing recruitment and hiring of an equipment operator to meet Eureka County's obligations under the road maintenance MOU. (For Possible Action)

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley mentioned the cost justification waiver for an Equipment Operator was included in the MOU referenced, \$103,000 for the full-time equivalent side of it upon the execution of the agreement. Director, Rowley explained he did not have the correct paperwork with him but asked if once he had it, could the Chair sign outside of the meeting.

Commissioner McKay tabled Item #3 under Public Works/County Facilities to wait on paperwork. Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the Chair signing the Hiring Freeze Justification waiver outside of the meeting. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (This item was then moved upon at the end of the meeting during Public Comment.)

4. Update regarding modifications to the funding mechanism for the Fiscal Year 2026 SERC OPTE Grant (applied for by LEPC and approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 18, 2025) and provide affirmation that the Board authorizes LEPC to proceed with steps to secure and administer the grant funding. **(For Possible Action)**

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley made the board aware that SERC did reduce the total grant amount for the equipment from \$30,000 to \$28,000. With LEPC meeting later that day, he said they would make a recommendation to reduce the number of handheld radios to 2 to offset the \$2,000 difference.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the modifications to the funding mechanism for the Fiscal Year 2026 SERC OPTE Grant (applied for by LEPC and approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 18, 2025) and provide affirmation that the Board authorizes LEPC to proceed with steps to secure and administer the grant funding. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



5. Discuss, approve or deny authorizing Public Works to advertise a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) to identify and approve a list of qualified contractors for Eureka Town Water 1.2 million Gallon Storage Tank Re-Paint. *Note: Responses to the RFQ will be opened in the Public Works office and a recommendation for recommended contractors will be presented at a future board meeting. (For Possible Action)*

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley explained to the board they would be looking for qualified contractors based on experience and qualifications to completely repaint the inside of the 1.2-million-gallon tank that is in Eureka on Tank Hill. He made the board aware that the interior of the tank had been identified, through dive inspections by NDEP sanitary survey, as being in need of repaint. It had also been documented in the short-term capital improvement plan of the Waste Master Plan.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve authorizing Public Works to advertise a Request for Statement of Qualifications to identify and approve a list of qualified contractors for Eureka Town Water 1.2 million Gallon Storage Tank Re-Paint. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES** – Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager

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

Natural Resource Manager Jake Tibbitts reported the BLM kicking off the NEPA process for the Bullion Underground Exploration Project for Barrick located in Mill Canyon, on County Road G227. He also mentioned that the County Advisory Board had their meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. He reminded the board that the county has a formal policy on not supporting the pioneering of Elk north of Highway 50 and keeping area 14 under a depredation hunt whereas NDOW issues depredation tags to try and keep the population down in this area. Manager Tibbitts also mentioned that in June, the State's Engineering office held meetings regarding the Humboldt River Basin about the groundwater pumping that is capturing water flowing to the river. He said they have a Humboldt River group that is working on some potential opportunities for managing these conflicts. He reported meeting with the I-80 mine, letting the board know that I-80 had hired Stantec Consulting to start moving forward on the groundwater flow project. Next step would be taking the data to BLM. He then discussed his meeting with Fallon Range Training Complex that is the Navy Expansion, letting the board know they are moving forward with the grazing closures, and they are starting to fence off the bombing ranges. Manager Tibbitts made the board aware that he would be attending a Western Water and Environmental Law Conference and he was offered free registration, saving the county \$400. He mentioned that by attending this conference, he would miss the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting but would make himself available virtually if needed. He also reminded the board that he would be attending the Western Land Grant meeting in Wyoming coming up and made the board aware of what was going on with the Federal Administration, updating the board on the executive orders on streamlining permitting. He then discussed the Bighorn Sheep release in the Cortez area. Public Comment from Crescent Valley-Jeremy Rice did confirm that there had been some sheep released already.



2. Discuss and consider response, including protest, of Greenlink North Transmission Project Final Environmental Impact Statement. **(For Possible Action)**

Natural Resources Manager Tibbitts explained to the board the final EIS on the Greenlink North Transmission line has been issued, the Board discussed sending a letter to NV Energy outlining the remaining issues and asking for them to work with Eureka County on a company-based approach for localized mitigation and requesting they enter into a road maintenance agreement.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve sending a response, not including protest to Greenlink North Transmission project. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss and consider response to Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP) and gather environmental assessment for the Antelope and Triple B Complexes. **(For Possible Action)**

The board discussed commenting on the direct impacts that effect the county regarding the Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP) for the Antelope and Triple B Complexes. Commenting that horses from the Triple B Complex have been known to mix with the horses from the Diamond Complex.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve considering a response to Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP) and gather environmental assessment for the Antelope and Triple B Complexes. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling read the meeting Correspondence; a letter from Stacy Woodbury, Manager of Southwest Gas Corp. on Amendment to NRS 709.110. NACO Newsletters for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June. Letter attention to Marty Plaskett, Draft Permits for the Deseret Bonanza Power Plant. Nevada Water Resources Association Aquifer Geometry and Structure Webinar save the date, NWRA 2025 Northern Nevada Dinner Forum save the date, Rec Board Agenda, CVTAB Agenda, Fallon Range Training Complex Intergovernmental Executive Committee Agenda. Press release from the Governor's office, Department of Business and Industry Public Activity Bond Council Meeting Agenda, Notice of Public Hearing for the State of Nevada's 2025 Annual Action Plan Analysis of impediments to fair housing, Statement from Governor Lombardo following the completion of Bill signings, Statement from Governor Lombardo on the 2025 Legislative Session. Letter from George Nolte sharing his personal research initiative and partnership with UNR's DeLaMare Mapping and GIS Library. Certificate of Appreciation for the BOCC in recognition of the 2025 ECHS Scholarship Program and just to note a \$1,500.00 scholarship went to Makenzie Hudson who will be attending UNR and a \$1,500.00 scholarship went to Corbi Brown who will be attending Utah State University.

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

Commissioner Plaskett spoke on behalf of the Deseret Bonanza Power Plant Letter that was addressed to him stating it was letting them know they would be adding better emissions to the unit so they can run the power longer into the future and maintain our reasonable rates.



## 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 called for public comment in Crescent Valley. Lisa Wolf with the Eureka Sentinel requested Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts to send over the information on the GreenLink Project and the information on the Herd Management he had discussed during the meeting. Manager Tibbitts informed Lisa Wolf that he would forward the information to her. Lisa Wolf then asked Comptroller Kim Todd to send the expenditure documents and pass through accounts to her as well. Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling also let Lisa Wolf know that all documents discussed in the meeting are posted in the backup on the website. Chairman McKay called for public comment in Eureka;

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley asked the board to re-visit Item #3 under Public Works/County Facilities. He presented the board with the correct hiring freeze justification paperwork that they had requested.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification and contingent upon securing all Eureka County and NGM signatures, consider authorizing recruitment and hiring of an equipment operator to meet Eureka County's obligations under the road maintenance MOU. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

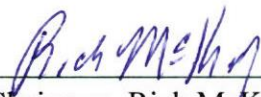
1. Adjournment of meeting

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:10p.m.**

*Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder, Kim Christiansen.*

*Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2025 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.*

  
Chairman, Rich McKay

ATTEST:   
County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling