BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 18, 2026 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 August 18, 2026. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, Commissioner Mike Schoenwald, District Attorney Ted Beutel and Deputy Clerk Recorder Katelyn Ziemann. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 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 tabling the County Facilities item and Human Resources 2 and 5. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The 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 Eureka and Crescent Valley, Kim Todd thanked everyone who responded to the hay barn fire at the Todd Farm on Sunday morning. She personally thanked Clara Bundy, Undersheriff Hicks, Deputy Harris, Jeb Rowley, Danny Brown, Mike Allen, Mike Gonzales, Steel Raine, Pat Damele, Ty Sestanovich, Andy Goettle, Scooter Mentaberry, Sean Smith, Edward Dechambeau, JD Damele, David Jones and Etchegary Farms, MedEx and Eureka EMS.

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 discussed the medical providers that will attend the September 15th meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes of the July 21, 2026 Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was 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 Plaskett motioned to approve the expenditures in the amount of $1,855,279.69 with passthroughs of $68.77 to Nevada Department of Taxation Room tax, $110,664.06 to Nevada State Controller School Taxes, $16,670.98 to Nevada State Controller, $20,490.00 to the Nevada Division of Minerals and $129.00 to the Washoe County Crime Lab. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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

The board reviewed the current fund balance report.

COMMISSIONERS –

1. Discuss and consider any ideas or proposals under Eureka County's allocated Bill Draft Request for the upcoming 2027 Nevada Legislature. **(For Possible Action)**

Jake Tibbitts explained the proposal for Eureka County's allocated Bill Draft Request for the upcoming 2027 Nevada Legislature would recognize 2 acre- foot per year in any basin as a de minimis use of water for road maintenance. The Board will hold a public hearing about the proposed Bill Draft Request on September 1st.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a public hearing on September 1st at 10am for the proposals under Eureka County's allocated Bill Draft Request for the upcoming 2027 Nevada Legislature. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0

2.	Discuss and consider response, including appeal to Interior Board of Land Appeals, of Record of Decision and associated Determination of NEPA Adequacy for Mount Hope Project Environmental Impact Statement. **(For Possible Action)**

The Board discussed responding to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, of Record of Decision and associated Determination of NEPA Adequacy for Mount Hope Project Environmental Impact Statement or file an appeal. In February the Board reviewed the decision and requested the state director review under BLM regulations related to public water reserves, consistency with the Greater-Sage Grouse Plan as well as coordination with the county and consultation consistencies.

The Board chose not to appeal and take no action on the item.

3.	Discussion regarding the release of Paypoint HR PVPs and instructions on how to request a copy from the Office of the County Clerk. **(Discussion)**

To request a copy of the Paypoint HR PVP individuals will contact the Office of the County Clerk and fill out a public records request form. If the person requesting the file workd internally they can provide a USB drive, if they are outside the organization they will have to pay the $7 USB fee.

<u>WILLIAM BEE RIRIE</u> - Matt Walker, CEO and Beth Humphries, COO Clinic Manager

1.	Report on services provided at the Eureka and Crescent Valley Medical Clinics. **(Discussion)**

William Bee Ririe CEO Matt Walker and COO Clinic Manager Beth Humphries reported on services they provide to Eureka and Crescent Valley, Tamisha Pena will be leaving at the end of October and they have filled her position. William Bee Ririe has teleconsultants for pharmacy needs, lab, ortho, cardiology, OB, ENT and ER.

2.	Discuss, approve or deny renewing contract with William Bee Ririe for FY 2026-2027. **(For Possible Action)**

William Bee Ririe requested an 8% increase to the Eureka clinic for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the William Bee Ririe contract for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 with an 8% increase to the Eureka clinic and approved the contract would be drawn up and signed outside of the meeting with final review going before the board. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

<u>GALLAGHER DENTAL</u> - Morris Gallagher, DDS

1.	Report on dental services provided at the Eureka Medical Clinic. **(Discussion)**

Dr. Morris Gallagher with Gallagher Dental reported he saw 450 patients in the last year, he commented the need was greater than he anticipated.

2.	Discuss, approve or deny renewing contract with Morris Gallagher, DDS of Gallagher Dental for FY 2026-2027. **(For Possible Action)**

Dr. Gallagher presented to the Board a $25,000 monthly increase to the contract, he also requested a wall to divide the 2 dental chairs. He discussed the need for a third room and more staff to continue to service the community of Eureka.

The board chose not to decide yet and tabled the contract approval.

GENESIS HOME HEALTH - Dr. Jun Iguban, Owner and Judy Covarrubias, Eureka Manager

1.	Report on home health services provided in Eureka. **(Discussion)**

Judy Covarrubias with Genesis Home Health reported to the board they provide home health which involves medication reminders and wound car, hospice which involves quality of care at the end of life and personal care aid services which involve cleaning homes and running errands.

2.	Discuss, approve or deny renewing contract with Genesis Home Health Services for 2026-2027. **(For Possible Action)**

Ms. Covarrubias explained that Medicare normally pays 100% of all care, but what they are starting to see more of is younger individuals who have a serious condition and insurance does not cover home health. The board discussed subsidizing the extra care that is needed. Judy Covarrubias explained there is an individual in the community who could use the extra services currently. The board discussed adding to the next agenda that the County will agree to help an individual get the extra care that is needed.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the $45,000 contract request and adjust the qualifying amounts for people to receive and to draw up the contract and sign outside of the meeting with the final review going before the board. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The board took a 10-minute lunch break.
Chairman McKay reconvened the meeting at 11:56am.

SENIOR CENTERS - Linda Gordon, Senior Center Program Director

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

The board reviewed the July Eureka and Fannie Komp Senior Centers reports.

COUNTY FACILITIES – Brenna Rogne, Facilities/Events Manager

1.	Report on activities and events at County-managed facilities. **(Discussion)**

Item was tabled.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Cristina Lopez, Human Resources Director

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

Human Resources Director Cristina Lopez reported that the Public Works department asked to extend the time of their summer intern. The PR firm is wrapping up the 4-10 survey results.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a request to establish a new classification for the Human Resources Generalist for the Human Resources department. **(For Possible Action)**

The item was tabled.

3. Discuss, approve or deny a request to authorize immediate recruitment and posting for an existent full-time vacant position for Public Works Administrative Assistant I position, along with the corresponding position justification and hiring freeze forms. **(For Possible Action)**

The board approved item 3 and 4 together.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the immediate recruitment and posting for an existent full-time vacant position for Public Works Administrative Assistant I position and a Public Works Mechanic I or II position, along with the corresponding position justification and hiring freeze forms. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny a request to authorize immediate recruitment and posting for an existent full-time vacant position for Public Works Mechanic I or II position, along with the corresponding position justification and hiring freeze forms. **(For Possible Action)**

Item 4 was approved with 3.

5. Discuss, approve or deny a request to authorize the purchase of one replacement copy machine for the Human Resources Department utilizing funds previously approved in the Fiscal Year 2026–2027. *Note: The amount was approved under Capital Outlay account 010-006-55010-000 for $20,000.00.* **(For Possible Action)**

The item was tabled.

SHERIFF - Miles Umina, Sheriff

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

Sheriff Miles Umina reported Deputy Harris passed his advanced POST certificate, the Sheriffs Office received a donation of 18 LifeVac's from Leonard Kyle. National Night Out in both Eureka and Crescent Valley were successful; they covered the Fair and High School Rodeo. The Sheriff's office is preparing for the end of summer activities.

AMBULANCE AND EMS – Nichole Cooley, EMS Director/Coordinator

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

Item was tabled.

2.	Discuss, approve or deny purchasing the remaining 3 Life Pak 35s in the amount of $162,453.90 from EMS capital outlay account 010-054-55010-000. **(For Possible Action)**

Before EMS budgeted for the Life Pak's they tested one out for a time and saw the benefit they would offer to Eureka Counties emergency medical services. EMS purchased a Life Pak in the 2025-2026 fiscal year and the remaining 3 were budgeted for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve purchasing the remaining 3 Life Pak 35s in the amount of $162,453.90 from EMS capital outlay account 010-054-55010-000. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported the crews have been servicing AC units around the county buildings, they have worked on the credit card machine issues at the airport and well buildings. Maintenance is scheduled for the fire systems in the county buildings. The Public Works staff were busy prepping the Fairgrounds for the Eureka County Fair and the High School rodeo. The new pool coping and steel has arrived and installation should begin soon. The Phase 2C is set for paving to begin mid to late September.

2.	Discuss, approve or deny accepting the proposal from Paul Cavin Architect LLC, for an update to the 2023 Facility Needs Assessment Report at the Eureka Sheriff's Office (411 North Main Street), in the amount of $29,800.00, utilizing funds from Capital Outlay in the Building Maintenance Fund (040-130-55010-000). **(For Possible Action)**

Since 2023 there have been walls, doors and entry point modifications to the Eureka Sheriff's Office. The Facility Needs Assessment Report will include architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical systems along with an ADA review.

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3. Discuss, approve or deny accepting the proposal from Paul Cavin Architect LLC, for a Facility Needs Assessment at the Eureka County Public Works Annex Building (701 South Main Street), in the amount of $39,300.00, utilizing funds from Capital Outlay in the Building Maintenance Fund (040-130-55010-000). **(For Possible Action)**

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<u>NATURAL RESOURCES</u> – 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 attended the Joint Interim Standing Committee; they passed the proposals to draft bills related to omnibus water legislation. The Nevada Gold Rail Cooperating agency met and discussed the approach to analysis under the MOU. Thursday the 20th I-80 is hosting another Coffee and Conversations town hall meeting at the Eureka Depot. The Legislative Committee on Public Lands has a work session in Moapa on the 21st. Manager Tibbitts will attend the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council meeting on the 26th, as well as the NACO Public Land and Natural Resources Committee meeting on the 27th.

2. Discuss and consider response to Nevada Gold Mines Proposed Cortez Pit Expansion Project Modification to Plan of Operations. **(For Possible Action)**

Nevada Gold Mines Proposed Cortez Pit Expansion Project Modification includes shifting facilities and acreage, as well as expanding their open-pit mining. The Cortez Pit Expansion plan involves moving the waste dumps and re-categorize leach pads and waste pads. The board chose to take no action but wanted the public to be aware of the proposed changes.

3. Discuss and consider commenting on Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Greenlink North Transmission Line Project. **(For Possible Action)**

Eureka County has provided many comments, considered protests, submitted letters to NV Energy and NRAC has discussed the topic at 12 different meetings. The board discussed submitting a letter highlighting the Sage Grouse issues that are included in the EIS, NRAC will be discussing the topic at their meeting later the same day.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve sending a comment after NRAC has a chance to review the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Greenlink North Transmission Line Project and allow Chairman McKay to sign outside of the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation Public Notice of Mount Hope Project, USDA Designates Eureka County and Lander County as Primary Natural Disaster Areas due to Drought, Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar announces an increase in active registered voters in July 2026. Fallon Range Training Complex save the date announcement, Fallon Range Training Complex participation form, NACO July 31, August 7 Newsletters, NACO Virtual Energy Forum announcement, NACO Early bird registration announcement. NACO June and July Board meeting summary's, NACO postcard, NDEP Response soil investigation and remediation work plan, NV Div of Water Resources Water Applications, August 18 NRAC agenda, August 10 Eureka County Advisory board to manage wildlife agenda. TV Board CV August 5 meeting agenda, Eureka County AU 260 Letter, Eureka TV Board July 8 meeting minutes, thank you Card from Juvenile Probation Department, thank you Card from Kaycee Venteracci, thank you card from Glady Goicoechea.

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

Nothing reported.

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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 considered.

ADJOURNMENT

1.	Adjournment of meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder Katelyn Ziemann.
Approved this 1st day of September, 2026 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

Rich McKay
Chairman, Rich McKay

ATTEST: Kathy Bowling
Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling