

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 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 February 17, 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 Schoenwald motioned to approve moving the Comptroller items to 11am and adjusting the Senior Center item #2 amount to \$4,819.00, Commissioner Plaskett 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 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)*

None considered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2026 Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the commission meeting minutes from January 20, 2026, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss, approve or deny a Resolution to Establish a Special Revenue Fund for the “Treasurer Technology Fund” based on newly passed legislature and forward the resolution to the Nevada Department of Taxation for approval. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a Resolution to Establish a Special Revenue Fund for the “Treasurer Technology Fund” based on newly passed legislature and forward the resolution to the Nevada Department of Taxation for approval, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Eureka, Nevada

February 17, 2026

RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE TREASURER
“TREASURER TECHNOLOGY FUND”
TO ALLOCATE FUNDS COLLECTED FROM PROPERTY TRUST SALES
FOR TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, NRS 361.610(4) provides for the County Treasurer to pay all costs and taxes due upon delinquent parcels that were held in trust by the County; and

WHEREAS, after the sale price or rent or redemption money of any one parcel of property be appropriated to pay any cost or tax upon any other parcel or property that that so sold, rented or redeemed; and

WHEREAS, after paying all tax and costs upon one parcel of property, the county treasurer shall pay into the general fund of the county, from excess proceeds of sale:

- (a) The first \$300 of the excess proceeds; and
- (b) Ten percent of the next \$10,000 of excess proceeds.

The amount remaining after the county treasurer has paid the amounts required above must be deposited in an interest-bearing account maintained for the purpose of holding excess proceeds separate from other money of the county. If no claim is made for the excess proceeds within 1 year after the deed given by the county treasurer is recorded, the county treasurer shall pay:

- (a) Five percent of the total amount remaining into the account created for acquiring technology for or improve the technology used in the office of the county treasurer, including, without limitation, the payment of any costs associated with acquiring or improving technology for converting or archiving records, purchasing hardware or software, maintain technology, training employees in the operation of the technology and contracting for professional services relating to the technology; and must not be used to replace or supplant any money available from other sources to acquire technology for or improve technology used in the office of the county treasurer. Any money remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year does not revert to the county general fund, and the balance in the account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.
- (b) The remainder of the money into the general fund of the county.

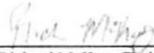
WHEREAS, this fund and administration of this fund shall be subject to all requirements set forth by federal statute, State statute, Eureka County Code, County policy, and any other applicable law and/or regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Eureka County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt this Resolution to Establish a Special Revenue Fund for the County Treasurer, "Treasurer Technology Fund," pursuant to NRS 361.610.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to NRS 354.612(3) upon adoption the Comptroller is directed to provide an executed copy of this Resolution to the Nevada Department of Taxation and include this fund in the Final Budget for Eureka County.

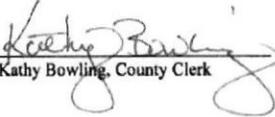
ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2026.

Board of Eureka County Commissioners


Richard McKay, Chairman


Marty Plaskett, Vice Chair


Michael Schoerwald, Member

Attest: 
Kathy Bowling, County Clerk

HUMAN RESOURCES -Cristina Lopez, Human Resources Director

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

Human Resources Director Cristina Lopez reported she will be holding many interviews over the next two weeks for the assistant pool manager, senior facilities operation assistant, and public works administrative assistant. She worked on 2 compensation wage studies, 2 workers compensation cases and 4 employee complaint investigations awaiting legal counsel. She has been working with POOL/PACT to update compliance training for employees and offer supervisory training for employees interested in leadership.

AMBULANCE AND EMS – Nichole Cooley, EMS Director/Coordinator

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

EMS Director/Coordinator Nichole Cooley, EMT Griffan Bussian and EMT Brent Jones reported the total runs for January were 25 with Eureka having 15, Crescent Valley 10 and they brought in \$8,028.94. For January the dentist had 36 patients, Genesis home health had 18, the Eureka clinic saw 338 patients with Pena seeing 139, Kleinman 136, Harper 4, Rocky 10 and MA 49. The Crescent Valley clinic saw 17 patients. EMT Bussian reported they are working with their Aspire students and went to the high school and held a Q&A with the sophomore class. EMT Bussian reported on the new procedures and medications that they are now able to provide. The last set of protocols was 2020 and was considered behind by the EMS National Standard, Eureka EMS can now administer medication for organophosphate poisoning, racemic epinephrine, ipratropium,

abuterol and Phenergan. Eureka ambulances used to only carry 6 medications they now they will carry 30.

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 for the month of January the Eureka Senior Center served 680 meals and Crescent Valley Fannie Komp Senior Center served 663 meals. Director Gordon deposited \$2,858.00. The Board discussed the medical trips provided for the people of Crescent Valley and what they could do to help encourage people to use the service, they discussed changing the rate for children 12 and under ride for free.

2. Discuss, approve or deny the purchase of a new Xerox machine for the Crescent Valley Fannie Komp Senior Center for an amount not to exceed \$4,819.00 with a monthly payment of \$23.00 paid to Alliance. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the purchase of a new Xerox machine for the Crescent Valley Fannie Komp Senior Center for an amount not to exceed \$4,819.00 with a monthly payment of \$23.00 paid to Alliance. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF- Miles Umina, Sheriff

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

Sheriff Miles Umina reported they assisted the high school with mock interviews for the senior class, the Crescent Valley town hall is now open 4 days a week with the new casual position that has started. The board discussed performing the annual jail walkthroughs and scheduling the time to do it. Sheriff Umina reported they have 3 in custody, 2 in White Pine and 1 in Lander County.

PUBLIC WORKS –Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported for January the landfill accepted 588 cubic yards of municipal solid waste and 437 customer count, they are looking into using Olcese to haul out tires. The water and sewer crew are working on their quarterly sampling. The swimming pool is officially closed for maintenance and will be closed for at least 6 weeks.

The board took a 5-minute break.

Chairman McKay called the meeting back to order at 10:53am.

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 Assistant Comptroller DeeAnna Colby reviewed the expenditures.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,691,927.48 with passthroughs of \$371.47 to Nevada Department of Room Tax, \$247,416.32 to Nevada State Controller School Tax, \$5,889.66 to Nevada State Controller, \$160 to Nevada Division of Minerals, \$173.20 to Washoe County Crime Lab for a total of \$254,010.65. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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

The board reviewed the current fund balance report.

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET

1. Conduct budget reviews with departments listed below including possible action or direction related to tentative budgets. *Note: Tentative Budgets are due to the Department of Taxation by April 15, 2026. All budgets are subject to revision before adoption of the Final Budget which is due by June 1, 2026. (For Possible Action)*

Crescent Valley Town Board – Crescent Valley Town Advisory board members Jeremy Rice and Diana Kersey presented an addition of \$7,990 for 2 LED signs for the entrance of the town. They also added a basketball backboard and nets for the park totaling \$11,838 in capital outlay. They discussed the walking path project for the park but do not have the numbers from Public Works yet.

Television District – The Television District presented no changes to their capital outlay and a slight increase of \$500 to services and supplies.

Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Umina presented an increase of \$15,000 to the jail to cover housing inmates in White Pine and Lander County; he increased his travel and training budget to help cover per diem when officers attend POST training. He increased his range budget to cover the purchase of new shotguns to replace ones that are 20 years old. Sheriff Umina discussed the capital outlay project of a new voice recorder systems for dispatch for \$35,000, it will help with communications and prosecution. They are continuing their fleet program of changing out 3 vehicles a year, so he has budgeted \$300,000 for vehicles. Sheriff Umina decreased his telephone budget and contract services.

Buildings & Grounds – Public Works Director Jeb Rowley presented no changes to the Building and Grounds budget, he put \$100,000 in capital outlay for general building maintenance, public works maintains 30 county buildings. He added \$250,000 in capital outlay for new streetlights. He added \$100,000 to capital outlay for security enhancements such as door access controls.

Airport – Director Rowley presented a capital outlay budget of \$1,175,000.00; the projects are FAA grant funded.

Planning Commission – Director Rowley increased the services and supplies to \$278,000 for building assessments.

LEPC – Director Rowley presented changes to the LEPC travel and training to cover LEPC membership training. He also will be anticipating \$36,000 for HAZMAT equipment.

Emergency Management – Director Rowley explained the quarterly fire department physicals come out of the Emergency Management budget. Contract services cover the NDF/WFPP contract and LEPC is working on a hazard mitigation plan that is currently 6 years old. Director Rowley has worked with Sheriff Umina to tie their budgets together to cover the call routing coordination and dispatch continuity and evacuation systems. He increased the fire and EMS equipment to \$150,000 due to BFA eligibility this year.

Public Works/Cemeteries – Director Rowley presented no changes to the public works office budget and the cemeteries budget.

Swimming Pool – Director Rowley presented a decrease in travel and training now that the pool supervisor has received all her certifications.

Museum – No changes to the Museum budget.

County Parks – Director Rowley explained the Crescent Valley park upgrades will come out of the County Parks budget; they do not have a final project amount for the Crescent Valley park yet.

Opera House – Facilities Manager Brenna Rogne requested an increase to the cultural programs of \$10,000, she also increased travel and training to cover certifications.

Eureka Canyon – No changes to the Eureka Canyon budget.

Road Department – Director Rowley presented an increase of \$100,000 to contract services to cover MOU's with Nevada Gold Mines and McEwen Mining. Travel and training increased to \$20,000 to cover operator training. Traffic control and supplies increased to cover new signage in Eureka town. Capital outlay has \$1 million to cover the cost of a new grader/water truck or snowplow. The Tire budget increased by \$5,000.

Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) – Assistant Public Works Director Jayme Halpin presented capital outlay of \$4,250,000.00 for Phase 2C in Eureka Town water and sewer improvement project. He explained the schedule of pavement maintenance to Diamond Valley roads, he explained providing a pavement maintenance report helped get reimbursed by FEMA for the flood.

Eureka Town – Director Rowley explained the Eureka town budget funds protective clothing for the fire department; he has budgeted \$12,000.

Eureka Town Water and Sewer – Director Rowley explained for the Phase 2C water and sewer improvement project 20% will come from water and 20% will come from sewer to fund the project.

Crescent Valley Town Water – Director Rowley presented \$75,000 for capital outlay to cover the SCADA water line improvement, well pump or the arsenic treatment plant.

Devils Gate Water – Director Rowley presented \$10,000 for NAC recommendations to fire flow.

Landfill – Director Rowley discussed potentially a new compactor for the landfill.

No action was taken.

The Board took a lunch break.

Chairman McKay Called the meeting back to order at 12:47pm.

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| <p>2. Review, discuss and provide direction related to continued funding of vacant positions, proposed staffing levels and new personnel requests from department heads. (For Possible Action)</p> |
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The board reviewed the proposed staffing positions for various departments, under Commissioners a new position would be a grant writer for the county, they cut the county manager position and kept the vacant casual position. Human Resource Director Cristina Lopez requested a new full-time position in her office; she would hire a Human Resources professional or someone who could work up to that. Along with the workload the position would help with succession planning. CIO Misty Rowley requested her casual position be moved to a full-time position. District Attorney Ted Beutel requested a Chief Deputy DA position; he explained when Assistant District Attorney Holli Else becomes the District Attorney she won't have an assistant. District Attorney Beutel also requested a paralegal position for his office, he stated the employees in his office have taken the necessary paralegal classes. The Nuisance Enforcement Officer was discussed whether it would be better to be in the Sheriff's office, DA Beutel believes the office who enforces the law shouldn't be the same office to prosecute. Sheriff Umina discussed 2 vacant positions in his administration. 2 in his dispatch department, 1 vacant Deputy position in the North End, and 2 vacant positions in the south end. He requested 3 new Detention Deputy positions, if they end up opening the jail the positions would staff it. For Eureka County fire the Emergency Services position is still vacant. Public Works has a vacant administrator's assistant position. EMS Director Nichole Cooley explained she is removing the vacant Crescent Valley permanent position to fund the contract services. The Opera House position is still vacant.

No action was taken.

- 3.** Review, discuss and provide direction to the Comptroller related to proposed cost of living adjustments for Non-PERS and PERS employees, effective July 5, 2026. *Note: Union contracts have not been approved for next year so COLA increase is unknown at this time. Elected Officials are limited to a 2% increase, County Commissioners are limited to a 3% increase. (For Possible Action)*

The County Elected Officials are limited to a 2% cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase and the County Commissioners are limited to a 3% increase. The Board discussed a 3% increase for hourly employees, a \$0.25 increase for casuals and chose to not take an increase for the Commissioners.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a 0% cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase for the Commissioners, 2% COLA for elected officials, 3% COLA for hourly employees and \$0.25 increase for casual positions. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

- 4.** Review, discuss and provide direction on capital outlay requests presented by departments and prioritize which ones should, be included and funded in the budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.

5. Discuss and consider any fund transfers that will be required to fund operating and capital expenses in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and provide direction to the Comptroller to include the transfers in the Tentative Budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Governor Lombardo ceremonially signs Nevada Safe Streets and Neighborhoods Act, Governor Lombardo Announces more than \$64 million approved for attainable housing opportunities, Governor Lombardo issues statement on retirement of Congressman Mark Amodei, State of Nevada department of business & industry of housing Homeless prevention. FRTC IEC Save the date for March 2026, NACO January 6 Newsletter, i-80 March 12 Coffee and Conversations, ASU Survey Requests. High School Scholarship donation request, NV Office of Emergency Management, NRAC 2/11/26 Agenda, Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board Feb 18 Agenda.

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

Commissioner Plaskett commented the county is projected to use 85% of the budget where the previous year it was 65%, he questioned if the county was deficit spending. District Attorney Beutel commented the board may consider cutting back to help the “cushion” the board relies on.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Chairman McKay called for public comment in Crescent Valley, Lisa Wolf with the Eureka Sentinel asked if the board would consider reinstating the economic development and commented again on allowing public comment during agenda items. Chairman McKay called for public comment in Eureka, 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)**

None considered.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder Katelyn Ziemann.

Approved this 3rd day of March, 2026 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

ATTEST: 
County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling


Chairman, Rich McKay