

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 4, 2024 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 4, 2024. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Commissioner Marty Plaskett, District Attorney Ted Beutel, and Deputy Clerk Recorder, Katelyn Ziemann filling in for County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve agenda as is, Chairman McKay seconded the motion. All in favor, motioned 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 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, seeing none he called in Eureka. Seeing none he moved onto item #2.

- 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 at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approval of minutes for the March 5, 2024 and March 19, 2024, Commission meetings. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve March 5, 2024 and March 19, 2024 Commissioner

meeting minutes with a name edit on the March 19th minutes. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. All in favor, 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 the Comptroller, Kim Todd reviewed expenditures.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve expenditures of \$1,120,098.47 with no pass throughs; Chairman McKay seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

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

The Board reviewed the current fund balance report.

- 3. Discuss, approve or deny ratifying approval of a temporary credit card increase for Kim Todd in the amount of \$1,000.00 for May and June (current limit is \$1,000). (For Possible Action)**

Comptroller, Kim Todd explained that the increase will cover the travel arrangements for Human Resource Director candidates to come to Eureka.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve ratifying approval of a temporary credit card increase for Kim Todd in the amount of \$1,000.00 for May and June (current limit is \$1,000). Chairman McKay seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

- 4. Discuss, approve or deny paying for travel expenses for 2-3 Human Resources Director candidates to complete the selection process. (For Possible Action)**

Comptroller, Kim Todd explained that 1 candidate will be coming to Eureka in the next week and another unfortunately had to drop out. They will hold a second interview with this candidate along with showing them around Eureka and introducing them to different departments.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve paying for travel expenses for 2-3 Human Resources Director candidates to complete the selection process. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

- 5. Discuss, approve or deny increasing meal per diem beginning July 1, 2024, to the following rates: Breakfast \$13.00, Lunch \$18.00, Dinner \$26.00. (For Possible Action)**

Comptroller, Kim Todd explained that the current breakfast per diem is \$12 and will increase to \$13, lunch will increase \$3, and dinner will go up \$6. She is recommending these rates even though they are slightly higher than the GSA rate, employees have mentioned that with the increase prices in the economy it is difficult to find meals at the current rates.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve increasing meal per diem beginning July 1, 2024, to the following rates: Breakfast \$13.00, Lunch \$18.00, Dinner \$26.00. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. All in favor, motioned carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONERS

- 1. Discuss, approve, or deny accepting the Eureka County Library, MyBrary Contract for FY 2024-2025, in the amount of \$129,912.00, which will include a total increase of \$6,187.00 from the prior fiscal year contract. (For Possible Action)**

Kassie Antonucci called in to help answer questions about the new contract. Chairman McKay asked a question about the number of books each Library (Crescent Valley and Eureka) are supposed to have. Kassie explained that even though they pulled books from each library as part of a weeding project Crescent Valley has about 2,000 books and Eureka has about 4,000-5,000 books. Crescent Valley audience member Laura Shivers asked if they were trying to hire someone for the Crescent Valley library that was a resident to Crescent Valley. Kassie answered this question saying that they did find a local to Crescent Valley to fill the position.

Kassie gave an update to events happening at the library, the summer reading program will be kicking off in the next week, the program is open to all ages. There will be activities, crafts, and prizes for book reviews. Chairman McKay volunteers the Board to help in any way they can.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve accepting the Eureka County Library, MyBrary Contract for FY 2024- 2025, in the amount of \$129,912.00, which will include a total increase of \$6,187.00 from the prior fiscal year contract, also with the understanding they will be getting a quarterly report. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

- 2. Discuss, approve or deny proposing (as written or with modifications) a resolution outlining changes and updates to be proposed for the Eureka County Personnel Policy. (For Possible Action)**

Comptroller, Kim Todd explained changes that were proposed for the Eureka County Personnel Policy; comp time will increase from 120 hours to 160 hours of accrued time. The Undersheriff being paid 90% of the Sheriff salary was removed due to the salary study. Shift differential will move from fifty cents to a dollar and twenty-five cents to seventy-five cents, which is graves and swing, standby time will increase to \$2.50. Annual leave accrual is changing, it's moving from year one, an employee will accrue the 5 hours per pay period or 10 hours a month. From year one to seven, they will accrue 5.5 hours per pay period or 11 hours a month. Seven to 15 years, they will accrue 6.25 or 12.5 hours per month. And 15 years and above, they will accrue 7.5 hours or 15 hours per month. For reimbursed meals they are asking employees provide more documentation to prove whether those meals were provided at training or not. Unallowable expenses will not only be for credit cards but anything that the employer doesn't allow, gifts will have to have authorization by the Board. These changes will go out to every employee and be posted on the time cardboard so they can access it for the public hearing.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve changes to the proposal for the Eureka County Personnel Policy; Chairman McKay seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

- 3. Discuss, approve or deny scheduling a public hearing to invite input from employees and members of the public and to take action to adopt (as written or as modified) a resolution amending the Eureka County Personnel Policy. (For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve June 18 at 11 a.m. for a public hearing to invite input from employees and members of the public to take action to adopt (as written or as modified) a resolution amending the Eureka County Personnel Policy. Chairman McKay seconded the motion,

all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

Eureka, Nevada

Proposed June 4, 2024

Adopted June 18, 2024

**RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE EUREKA COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Eureka County Personnel Policy has been updated and amended pursuant to the procedure contained in the Eureka County Code, Title 2, Chapter 50; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Eureka County Commissioners have been presented by the Human Resources Office with various updates and amendments of the policy for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the updated Policy (with the changes to be considered already incorporated) is available to view at the County’s website: <https://www.eurekacountynv.gov/>; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this Resolution was proposed on the 4th day of June, 2024, and circulated to the Commissioners for their review and modification that same day; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED the Comptroller’s Office will circulate this Resolution for review to all departments electronically, for distribution to County employees, requesting comment on the proposed changes to the Policy; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED a public hearing will be conducted June 18, 2024 beginning at 11:00 am or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the County Commission chambers, following publication of the hearing in The Eureka County Star once at least ten (10) days before the hearing; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED at that public hearing, and any additional public hearings if deemed necessary, the Commissioners may adopt, reject, or adopt with revisions or amendments one, some, or all of these proposed changes to the Policy. The effective date of the changes will be July 7, 2024.

ADOPTED/REJECTED/ OR ADOPTED WITH REVISIONS or AMENDMENTS

- 4. Discuss, approve or deny adopting a resolution establishing a Crescent Valley Medical Clinic Advisory Committee (CVMCAC). **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of adopting a resolution establishing and changing the name to Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

Eureka, Nevada

June 4, 2024

**RESOLUTION
TO RECOGNIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, DEFINE THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR,
AND LIST THE DUTIES OF THE CRESCENT VALLEY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE or CVMSAC**

WHEREAS, in May 2024 the County Commissioners were approached with the idea of creating a Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee (CVMSAC); and

WHEREAS, the CVMSAC would be tasked by the Board with several duties to help the Board manage Crescent Valley Emergency Medical Services (EMS) related activities, and help the Board manage the County subsidized medical clinic and providers, including but not limited to: reviewing contract compliance, reviewing financial reports and audit information, reviewing services provided by current and prospective health care providers at the clinic, summarizing data, compiling summaries of other relevant information , and providing regular reports to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is necessary and proper to clarify in writing the establishment, purpose and duties of a CVMSAC;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Eureka County Commissioners authorize the establishment of, define the specific purpose for, and list the duties of the advisory board known as the CVMSAC until further action of the Board to amend, modify or discontinue the CVMSAC:

- A. There shall be no more than three (3) persons appointed by the Board to serve on the advisory board to be known as the Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee or CVMSAC. Interested persons are required to submit a letter of interest to the Board for consideration, and CVMSAC members shall be appointed by the Board to serve two (2) year terms following staggered initial appointments to provide for continuity on the CVMSAC. At least one person selected by the Board shall serve an initial one (1) year term to maintain continuity of the CVMSAC.
- B. The CVMSAC shall be made up of Crescent Valley Town community members.
- C. The Board reserves the right to appoint or remove CVMSAC members for any reason that is in the best interests of the residents of Eureka County.
- D. Each calendar year the CVMSAC shall select a member to be the Chair, and a member to be the Vice Chair, and a member to be Secretary.
- E. Meetings of the Committee shall occur in the Crescent Valley Town Hall at the call of the Chair or Vice Chair in the Chair's absence, and be performed in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, and in a way that ensures the continued confidentiality of medical information that may come to the attention of CVMSAC members.
- F. The CVMSAC shall report to the Board upon invitation to do so or at the CVMSAC' s request.
- G. The CVMSAC shall provide the Board with information about financial reports and audit information regarding Crescent Valley Emergency Medical Services (EMS) related activities , the Crescent Valley clinic and its operation, review medical-related contracts for services, act as a liaison between the Board and medical providers at the Crescent Valley clinic, report information to the community, prepare and solicit Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for medical services and providers, review funding and budgeting, and other relevant information at the request of the Board.
- H. The Board may assign additional duties to the CVMSAC at any time by resolution or action upon the minutes of the Board

Adopted this 4th day of June, 2024.

Eureka County Board of Commissioners
/s/ Chairman, Rich McKay

Attest: /s/ Brandy Mahoney, Deputy Clerk Recorder

<p>5. Discuss, approve or deny the lease terms, including but not limited to the rent to be paid, to extend the terms of the lease between the Eureka Veterinary Clinic in Eureka, Nevada and Eureka County for the premises located at 180 South Main Street in Eureka (For Possible Action)</p>
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Item was tabled until next meeting.

6. Discuss, approve or deny authorizing pursuant to NRS 245.070 (the statute that grants to the Board and no other party the authority to contract for payment, or make purchases, or expend “county moneys for any purpose whatever”) the Eureka County District Attorney’s Office to use a portion of that department’s budget to contract for phlebotomy services. **(For Possible Action)**

District Attorney, Ted Beutel explained to the Board he is recommending adding an additional provider to the contract for phlebotomy services. He explained that it would be a good idea to have 2 phlebotomists in the event one is unable to make the call.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve authorizing pursuant to NRS 245.070 (the statute that grants to the Board and no other party the authority to contract for payment, or make purchases, or expend “county moneys for any purpose whatever”) the Eureka County District Attorney’s Office to use a portion of that department’s budget to contract for additional phlebotomy services. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

7. Discuss, approve or deny adopting a resolution to reaffirm volunteer EMT and driver stipends and creating a volunteer stand by stipend. **(For Possible Action)**

EMS Director, Kenny Sanders explained that adding driver stipends and creating a stand by stipend would incentivize volunteers to help take shifts on the weekends to offload the employed EMT’s. The volunteers would get \$150 per run, in a volunteered shift.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve resolution to reaffirm volunteer EMT and driver stipends and creating a volunteer stand by stipend. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

Eureka, Nevada

June 4, 2024

EMT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Service needs volunteer EMTs, Advanced EMTs, and drivers to help alleviate the stress of the few full time EMTs employed by Eureka County; and
WHEREAS, while full time EMTs receive stand by pay to be available while on call after their shift is complete, no such on call or stand by stipend has been instituted for volunteers; and
WHEREAS, a volunteer stipend may assist with allowing full time EMTs to take a break with the knowledge that one or more properly qualified volunteers have signed up to be available and are on call to assist the EMS service; and
WHEREAS, a system of scheduling to sign up for coverage would need to be instituted by the EMS Service to coordinate when volunteers would be available;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Board of Eureka County Commissioners shall continue to offer stand by pay to the full time EMTs, and will continue to provide one hundred (\$100.00) dollars to a volunteer basic EMT, one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars to a volunteer advanced EMT, and seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars to a volunteer driver responding to an ambulance call; and

To attract more volunteers and to give full time EMTs time away, the Commissioners shall also offer the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars to each qualified volunteer who signs up to be on call and ready, willing, and able to respond during any one twelve (12) hour shift. The shifts will be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. This on call stipend in a twelve (12) hour period is restricted to either one (1) basic or advanced EMT and one

(1) driver, or two (2) EMTs, and not all twelve (12) hour periods will be made available for sign up as a

result of full time EMTs being available.

Adopted this 4th day of June, 2024.

Board of Eureka County Commissioners
/s/ Chairman, Rich McKay

Attest: /s/ Katelyn Ziemann, Deputy Clerk Recorder

- 8.** Discuss, approve or deny allowing the Eureka Swim Club to be placed under the Eureka County Swimming Pool Department (Account 070) effective Fiscal Year 2025. *Note: All revenue and expenses will be run through the County and not through the non-profit Eureka Swim Club. (For Possible Action)*

Swimming Pool Department Head, Brenna Rogne explained to the Board that because the Eureka Swim Club and events at the pool play off of each other that when it comes to taxation and accounts it would look cleaner to have them under the same account.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve allowing the Eureka Swim Club to be placed under the Eureka County Swimming Pool Department (Account 070) effective Fiscal Year 2025. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

- 9.** Discuss, approve or deny signing Interlocal Agreement between White Pine County Fire Protection District and Eureka County for Mutual Aid Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve renewing Interlocal Agreement between White Pine County Fire Protection District and Eureka County for Mutual Aid Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

ASSESSOR-Michael Mears, Assessor

- 1.** Discuss, approve or deny a contract between Eureka County and Mark Stafford, an independent contract appraiser, to assist with the appraisal of the TS Solar Project. **(For Possible Action)**

Assessor, Michael Mears explained that Mark Stafford is a certified general appraiser in the State of Nevada, he ran the personal property appraisal department in Washoe county before he retired. He specializes in commercial industrial appraisal. He assisted Michael in the initial appraisal of the TS power plant, the coal plant, and a subsequent reappraisal of that ten years after the initial appraisal.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a contract between Eureka County and Mark Stafford, an independent contract appraiser, to assist with the appraisal of the TS Solar Project. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

IT DEPARTMENT-Misty Rowley, IT Director

- 1.** Report on IT projects and activities. **(Discussion)**

IT Director, Misty Rowley reported that the baseline pad and electrical pedestal in Crescent Valley is installed. They received line extension agreement and full design from NV Energy once they

have an inspection date and they receive approval, they will install commercial power, a commercial power pedestal and cabinet. She anticipated that will be done by the following week. They are continuing installing ZIA on test group computers, continuing to work with AT&T and higher ground for the Sheriff's office. They continued to work on collecting information for the newsletter and worked with NACO and the Records office on WebEx trainings. They completed the migration from the old IPS to the new IPS with the new Internet Service Provider.

2. Discuss, approve or deny authorizing Quote #24-05-16 88XX Phones from Quest for telephone equipment for a not to exceed amount of \$3,674.48 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve authorizing Quote #24-05-16 88XX Phones from Quest for telephone equipment for a not to exceed amount of \$3,674.48 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny authorizing Quote #24-05-16 9200L Switches from Quest for networking equipment for a not to exceed amount of \$36,290.38 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve authorizing Quote #24-05-16 9200L Switches from Quest for networking equipment for a not to exceed amount of \$36,290.38 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing Quote #019028v1 for a network cabinet (parts) and Quote #018974v1 for installation of the cabinet (labor) at the Crescent Valley Clinic for a not to exceed amount of \$4,807.60 (\$4,006.32 plus 20% contingency) utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Quote #019028v1 for a network cabinet (parts) and Quote #018974v1 for installation of the cabinet (labor) at the Crescent Valley Clinic for a not to exceed amount of \$4,807.60 (\$4,006.32 plus 20% contingency) utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

TREASURER-Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

1. Review Treasurer's Report for April 2024. **(Discussion)**

Treasurer, Pernecia Johnson reported that they still have not received the proceeds from the State, she is hoping for an update by the end of the week.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Raymond Hodson, Assistant Public Works Director

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

Assistant Public Works Director, Raymond Hodson reported that the Road Department has bladed the Ferguson Road, Union Pass, Newark Summit, Fish Creek, Cock Alarm, Rado and Secret. They sprayed weeds along roadside shoulders, and finished up the El Paso project. There is a nonprofit

going around cleaning up cemeteries so they went and fixed up the road in Palisade for them. The buildings and grounds crew worked out at the Fair Grounds getting it ready for Fair and High School Rodeo.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

Assistant Public Works Director, Jayme Halpin appeared in place of Jeb Rowley to report on the Public Works projects. They are still working on the FEMA emergency repair reimbursement, waiting to hear back on what he has submitted. The sewer project is going smoothly and according to the time line.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a ¾-inch residential water service application to service APN# 002-011-01 in the Town of Crescent Valley. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a ¾-inch residential water service application to service APN# 002-011- 01 in the Town of Crescent Valley. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny accepting the SERC OPTE FY2025 Grant Award for a total of \$34,000.00 and authorizing LEPC Chairman to sign award. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve accepting the SERC OPTE FY2025 Grant Award for a total of \$34,000.00 and authorizing LEPC Chairman to sign award. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss, approve, or deny quote from TSI for Respirator Fit Tester for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 utilizing funds from Capital Outlay 042-140-55010-000. (For Possible Action)

Jayme Halpin explained the quote from TSI for Respirator Fit Tester will be used at the clinic for respirators.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve quote from TSI for Respirator Fit Tester for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 utilizing funds from Capital Outlay 042-140-55010-000. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

5. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing a change order to the Townsite Phase 2 Road and Utility Project GMP (PWP-EU2024-311) with Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC) for Road & Grading Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$2,440,171.00 utilizing funds from capital outlay (025-110-55010-000) in the RTC Fund and authorizing the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve authorizing a change order to the Townsite Phase 2 Road and Utility Project GMP (PWP-EU2024-311) with Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC) for Road & Grading Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$2,440,171.00 utilizing funds from capital outlay (025- 110-55010-000) in the RTC Fund and authorizing the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

6. Discuss, approve or deny purchasing a 3,000-gallon supporting portable water tank, for an amount not to exceed \$2,195.00 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (046-194-55010-000) in the Crescent Valley Town Fund. **(For Possible Action)**

Jayme Halpin explained this portable water tank will help the Crescent Valley and Beowawe fire departments assist helicopters.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchasing a 3,000-gallon supporting portable water tank, for an amount not to exceed \$2,195.00 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (046-194-55010-000) in the Crescent Valley Town Fund. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

7. Discuss, approve or deny utilizing funds from the Technology Support Capital Outlay fund (010-010-55010-000) to purchase Fiber Vaults in the amount of \$10,483.75 as part of the Phase II Road and Utility Project. **(For Possible Action)**

Jayme Halpin explained this is the fiber portion for the vaults and bolts to pull stations for the fiber, it will come from Vandal-Holly intersection down to Sentinel and then down McCoy to the Elementary School. The next phase will tie in that water and fiber and it will come down to the annex and finish that loop for that fiber.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve utilizing funds from the Technology Support Capital Outlay fund (010-010-55010-000) to purchase Fiber Vaults in the amount of \$10,483.75 as part of the Phase II Road and Utility Project. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, 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 that he attended the naval, FRTC meeting expansion Intergovernmental Executive Committee, they're still working through the appraisals for the grazing losses, where they're appraising full operations, how those grazing permits work into those full operations so they can meet the congressionally mandated requirement to compensate for those grazing losses. There will be some roads affected by the Weapon Defense Zone off, Jake will keep the Board updated on that. The final EIS came out for the Bald Mountain Juniper Expansion Project. The Mormon cricket aerial spray and ground baiting is finished, the state has spent \$440,000 on treatments so far, the most they have ever spent on Mormon cricket removal.

2. Discuss and consider response, including requesting cooperating agency status, on the US Forest Service national Old Growth Amendment process. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a letter Jake wrote requesting cooperating agency status, on the US Forest Service national Old Growth Amendment process and allowing Chairman to sign. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny submitting comments to BLM on grazing flexibilities, range improvements and Restoration to improve Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Habitat in Nevada Environmental Assessment. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Jake sending a letter to BLM on grazing flexibilities,

range improvements and Restoration to improve Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Habitat in Nevada Environmental Assessment by the deadline of June 15. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss and consider response to recent activities and issues related to sage grouse including commenting on BLM Resource Management Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve allowing Jake to send a letter on behalf of the Board on recent activities and issues related to sage grouse including commenting on BLM Resource Management Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

5. Presentation by Consulting Hydrogeologist, Dale C. Bugenig, on Diamond Valley water level monitoring. This item may include action by or direction from the Board on modification to the overall monitoring program. **(For Possible Action)**

Hydrogeologist, Dale C. Bugenig gave a presentation to the Board on the monitoring of Diamond Valley water levels. He has monitored wells throughout the valley and overall, he reports that the water table has gone up a bit, if not staying the same. He mentioned that snow fall and rain take a while to get down to the water table but overall, he is happy with the levels he has monitored.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve and accept Hydrogeologist, Dale C. Bugenig's report on Diamond Valley water level monitoring. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Deputy Clerk Recorder, Katelyn Ziemann reviewed the correspondence; Eureka County Recreation Board, Bureau of Land Management's final Environmental Impact Statement, NJF worldwide a service-disabled veteran owned small business for opioid recovery and settlement funds. IT Department item.

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

None considered at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Chairman McKay called for public comment in Crescent Valley, seeing none he called for public comment in Eureka. Eureka audience member Jim Gallagher gave an update on the project that the Rodent District did this spring, he said they had help with some funding and were able to have a very successful outcome with the project.

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)*

Chairman McKay noted the only item at the time was the IT Departments item that was missed from this agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adjourn; Chairman McKay seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

*Prepared and submitted by Katelyn Ziemann, Deputy Clerk Recorder.
Approved by vote of the Board this 6th day of August, 2024.*



Rich McKay, Chairman

Attest: 

Katherine J. Bowling, County Clerk Recorder