

# BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 3, 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 December 3, 2024. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, Commissioner Mike Schoenwald, and Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. 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 the tabling of November 15, 2024 meeting minutes, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, 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 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, hearing none he called in Eureka. Hearing no public comment in Eureka 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 minutes of October 15, 2024, October 31, 2024 and November 15, 2024 Commission meetings. **(For Possible Action)**

November 15, 2024 Commissioner meeting minutes were tabled.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve October 15, 2024 and October 31, 2024 Commission meeting minutes, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, 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 of \$2,171,155.96, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

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

The board reviewed the current Fund Balance Report.

**COMMISSIONERS**

1. Review and consider approving the Lease Agreement(s) between Eureka County and tenants/practitioners utilizing the Eureka Medical Clinic for provision of healthcare services, to define and memorialize the roles and responsibilities of parties to the agreements and authorize signing the Lease Agreements outside of the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Jeb Rowley explained that a Lease Agreement between Eureka County and tenants/practitioners utilizing the Eureka Medical Clinic would serve as a basic structure for operations and services. The Board discussed changes with the draft agreement; how utilities would be billed, locks and keys, what kind of reporting from providers they would like. The Board decided to continue working out the details of the Lease Agreement with the help of the District Attorney's office.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a Lease Agreement(s) between Eureka County and tenants/practitioners utilizing the Eureka Medical Clinic. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny the purchase of additional equipment for the Dental Clinic in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 utilizing funds from the Capital Projects Fund (042-140-55010-249). **(For Possible Action)**

Kim Todd explained that the additional equipment purchased for the dental clinic will be owned by Eureka County and not the dentist occupying the space. The equipment purchased includes an X-Ray machine fit for both adults and children.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the purchase of additional equipment for the Dental Clinic in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 utilizing funds from the Capital Projects Fund (042-140-55010-249). Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss legislation being considered by the Nevada Legislature at their upcoming 2025 Session. No position on legislation will be taken by the Board at this time. **(Discussion)**

Jake Tibbitts reported that this will be a heavy water session, lots of water bills and some substantial changes people are proposing in Nevada water law. He also reported that there is a NACO bill that will come forward and require early county involvement.

4. Discuss, approve or deny delegating the responsibility for taking the County's official position on emerging legislative issues for the 2025 Nevada Legislative Session to one Board member or other responsible party. **(For Possible Action)**

Jake Tibbitts and Michael Mears have already been delegated to help report and work with Caleb Cage with Arc Dome Strategies, LLC but they are suggesting a County Commissioner also be delegated.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to delegate Commissioner Marty Plaskett to take the responsibility of the County's official position on emerging legislative issues for the 2025 Nevada Legislative Session. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

5. Discuss, approve or deny moving EMS employees to a 4-10 schedule. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald explained that to help ease up the schedule and give the Crescent Valley EMS employees a day to go to town or take care of personal things they are asking to move to a 4-10 schedule. Half of them would work Monday through Thursday 7am to 5 pm and the other half would work Tuesday through Friday 7am to 5pm. Ultimately this new 4-10 schedule would affect all the Eureka County EMS employees. After discussion the Board decided to do a 6-month probationary trial period for the 4-10 schedule.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve moving EMS employees to a 4-10 schedule for a 6-month trial period beginning Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

#### IT- Misty Rowley, IT Director

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

IT Director, Misty Rowley reported that they worked with departments and members of the community on the December newsletter and social media content. They are still working on migrating phones over to the new MDM software. They are working with the new RUCKUS access points getting installed, they are scheduled to be in Eureka on December 16<sup>th</sup>. She is waiting on the reports from Tyler to review the SOC controls.

2. Discuss, approve or deny accepting Quote #PFFJ033, from CDW for spare UPS equipment for an amount not to exceed \$7,018.08, utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Misty Rowley explained this equipment will be a smaller UPS equipment to have on hand for places like the substation or town hall.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve accepting Quote #PFFJ033, from CDW for spare UPS equipment for an amount not to exceed \$7,018.08, utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay

(010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**CRESCENT VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Jeremy Rice, Chief

- 1. Discuss, approve or deny a request for a \$500.00 donation from the North End Activity Fund to purchase gift cards as prizes for the Parade of Lights event scheduled in Crescent Valley on December 22nd, 2024, and if approved, issue the check to Jeremy Rice. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a request for a \$500.00 donation from the North End Activity Fund to purchase gift cards as prizes for the Parade of Lights event scheduled in Crescent Valley on December 22nd, 2024, and issue the check to Jeremy Rice. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD** – Jeremy Rice, Chairman

- 1. Discuss, approve or deny a request for a \$3,500.00 donation from the North End Activity Fund to help fund the Crescent Valley Community Christmas Party. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a \$3,500.00 donation from the North End Activity Fund to help fund the Crescent Valley Community Christmas Party. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**JUVENILE PROBATION-** Steve Zimmerman, Juvenile Probation Officer

- 1. Discuss, approve or deny credit card limit increase for Steve Zimmerman in the amount of \$4,500 to cover Ski Trip Expenses (Hotel rooms, rentals, ski tickets, and lunch vouchers). *Note: The ski trip will be held December 12th-13th at Brianhead, UT* **(For Possible Action)**

Steve Zimmerman explained to the Board that they have 70 kids signed up for the annual Ski Trip.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a credit card limit increase for Steve Zimmerman in the amount of \$4,500 to cover Ski Trip Expenses, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**AMBULANCE & EMS-** Kenny Sanders, EMS Director

- 1. Report on ambulance and emergency services. **(Discussion)**

EMS Director, Kenny Sanders reported that for the month of October they had a total of 31 calls for service, 14 from Eureka and 17 from Crescent Valley. They had 2 transports to Battle Mountain, 3 to Elko and 1 to Ely. They had 2 transfers to Reach Air and 3 to Medex. For the month of November, they had a total of 26 calls for service, 15 from Eureka and 11 from Crescent Valley. They had 1 transport to Battle Mountain, 1 to Ely, and 5 to Elko with 1 transfer to Medex.

- 2. Review 3rd Quarter report on mandatory ambulance bill write-offs for Medicaid and Medicare accounts. **(For Possible Action)**

Kenny Sanders reported that there were zero mandatory ambulance bill write-offs for Medicaid and Medicare accounts for the months of July, August and September.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the write offs of zero for Medicaid and Medicare accounts, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**TREASURER**-Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

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

The Board along with Treasurer, Pernecia Johnson reviewed the treasurers report for October 2024.

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

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

Human Resources Director, Tasha Dunlap reported on the open positions they still have; Deputy DA, Sheriff, Medical Services Director, Public Works Technician, Telecommunicator, EMT and Search and Rescue. They did offer the Medical Services Director position to an individual, but they did not accept. She is planning the County Christmas potluck for December 17 at 5:30 at the Opera House for employees and their families. She will be out of the office for a few days attending a Peer Support Training for Suicide Prevention in Reno. When she gets back, she will be putting on the Essential Management Course for newly appointed managers.

2. Discuss, approve or deny changes to the Telecommunicator I-III job description. **(For Possible Action)**

Tasha explained the changes include verbiage around using the technology available in the communication centers and updating the titles from Dispatcher to Telecommunicator.

Items #2 and #3 were approved together.

3. Discuss, approve or deny changes to the Communication Supervisor job description. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve changes to the Telecommunicator I-III job description and the Communication Supervisor job description. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny the approval of purchasing of employee Christmas gifts not to exceed an amount of \$3,500. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the purchasing of employee Christmas gifts not to exceed an amount of \$3,500. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

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

1. Discuss, approve or deny signing the Seventh Judicial District Court Cooperative agreement for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. **(For Possible Action)**

Eureka County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling explained that the Seventh Judicial District Court includes 3 counties: Lincoln, White Pine and Eureka County. The Cooperative agreement is a Tri-County agreement that splits the fees for District Court based on population, Eureka pays the least amount between the 3 counties.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve signing the Seventh Judicial District Court Cooperative agreement for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**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 crew has finished blading the Union Pass, the Slagowski Road, Bowman's/Fiorenzie's, Grass Valley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Cutoff, Mark Damele Road, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and Hog Pen Roads. They have bladed the JD Road for the 4<sup>th</sup> time this year and are trying to schedule a meeting with Nevada Gold Mines to see if they can come up with a better plan for the road. Over the last 2 months they have been working a lot at the landfills and the road crew continued to fill in the vacancy. They hauled a load of white goods from the landfill in Crescent Valley and will make a few more trips for tires.

**PUBLIC WORKS –** Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley reported that they have had more applications for the mechanic position and will be holding interviews soon. The Public Works Admin Casual position has been filled and that person started the day before. The doors at the Opera House and Courthouse are scheduled to be replaced December 10<sup>th</sup>. They are still working on grants for replacing the windows. The girls shower remodel at the swimming pool is scheduled to start December 9<sup>th</sup>.

2. Discuss, approve or deny Quote #8399 from Glass Doctor for purchase and installation of door and hardware to the Eureka Courthouse, for an amount not to exceed \$9,743.80 (\$8,858.00 plus 10% contingency), utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Building & Grounds budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Quote #8399 from Glass Doctor for purchase and installation of door and hardware to the Eureka Courthouse, for an amount not to exceed \$9,743.80 (\$8,858.00 plus 10% contingency), utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Building & Grounds budget. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny Quote #8400 from Glass Doctor for purchase and installation of door and hardware to the Eureka Opera House, for an amount not to exceed \$19,418.88 (\$17,653.53 plus 10% contingency), utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Building & Grounds budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Quote #8400 from Glass Doctor for purchase and installation of door and hardware to the Eureka Opera House, for an amount not to exceed \$19,418.88 (\$17,653.53 plus 10% contingency), utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Building & Grounds budget. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny a capital outlay purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford E-450 14 passenger ADA vans for the Senior Center from RO Bus Sales utilizing funds from the Senior Center Capital Outlay (010-072- 55010-000) for a not to exceed amount of \$264,000.00 under State Purchasing Contract (99SWC- S1495). *Note: These vehicles are being purchased through a Federal Transit Grant from the Nevada Department of Transportation. Eureka County will be reimbursed 85% of the purchase price.* **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a capital outlay purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford E-450 14 passenger ADA vans for the Senior Center from RO Bus Sales utilizing funds from the Senior Center Capital Outlay (010-072- 55010-000) for a not to exceed amount of \$264,000.00 under State Purchasing Contract (99SWC- S1495). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

5. Discuss, approve or deny upgrades from Crane Tech Inc. to the bridge crane at the Eureka Road Shop, for an amount not to exceed \$29,683.09 (\$26,984.63 plus 10% contingency), utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (020-106-55010-000) in the Road Department budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Jeb Rowley explained that the bridge cranes are used at both road shops and the crane in Eureka's pendant controllers has been broken and repaired multiple times, if the pendant fails the parts are obsolete. The intent is to repair one crane and target the second one next year.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve upgrades from Crane Tech Inc. to the bridge crane at the Eureka Road Shop, for an amount not to exceed \$29,683.09 (\$26,984.63 plus 10% contingency), utilizing funds budgeted from capital outlay (020-106-55010-000) in the Road Department budget. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**The Board took a 5-minute recess.**

**Chairman McKay called the meeting back to order at 11:28 a.m.**

**NATURAL RESOURCES** – Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Director

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

Natural Resources Director, Jake Tibbitts reported that on the morning of November 15<sup>th</sup> the BLM signed the record of decision and the plan of operations approval for the Nevada Gold Mines Robertson Project. The valley is 100% in Lander County, but the population increase in town and the strains on the county services directly effects Crescent Valley. It will add 45 new Nevada Gold Mines employees and 50 contractors, it will be about a 12 year mine. On the 20<sup>th</sup> Chairman McKay, acting Sheriff Miles Umina and Jake met with i80 Gold to talk through the county comments on the draft EA. The Habitat Project started the previous Wednesday removing Pinyon Pine and Juniper trees, they worked through Thanksgiving and the weekend and completed 630 acres. He made aware to the Board that he received an inquiry from a consulting group that a client is looking to build a wind project in Eureka County, there is no indication of where they're proposing it. Because Eureka County has no permitting or zoning the company does not have to formally file anything stating the project is moving forward. The blast that was planned at Ruby Hill for that day was postponed until Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> around noon.

2. Discuss and consider providing comments to BLM on the Greenlink North Transmission Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement. **(For Possible Action)**

Jake Tibbitts suggested the Board provide comments to BLM on the Greenlink North Transmission Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement; the disposal grounds impact and highlight that the utility corridor borders private lands. He also suggests asking for them to shift the utility corridor line around the fairgrounds, so it doesn't impact town growth, social economics and encroaches on habitat work.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve providing comments to BLM on the Greenlink North Transmission Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss and consider providing comments to Battle Mountain BLM on the 2025 Fish Creek Herd Management Area Wild Horse Gather and Population Management and associated Determination of NEPA Adequacy. **(For Possible Action)**

Jake Tibbitts explained that the 2025 Fish Creek Herd Management Area Wild Horse Gather and Population Management will be complete in January, and he suggests a letter of support in the project.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve providing comments to Battle Mountain BLM on the 2025 Fish Creek Herd Management Area Wild Horse Gather and Population Management and associated Determination of NEPA Adequacy. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss and consider formal protest of BLM Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage Grouse. **(For Possible Action)**

Jake Tibbitts suggested to the Board that they provide comments protesting the BLM Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage Grouse. He suggests the comments include the BLM imposing a disturbance cap and adaptive management.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a formal protest of BLM Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage Grouse. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Eureka County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling read the meeting correspondence; NWRA member highlight email, Nevada Tax Commissioner meeting invitation, NACO emails, STEWART TITLE Copy of deed for 301 Ruby Hill Ave, NuLegacy Gold Corporation Reclamation Permit, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Approval of the CMZ Exploration Project Plan of Operations Phase 1 Issuance of revised reclamation Permit, Connie Hicks Letter, Notice of Diamond Valley



Groundwater Management Plan Annual Meeting @ the Opera House on Thursday Dec. 12, @ 10 am

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

None considered.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Chairman McKay called for public comment in Crescent Valley hearing none he called in Eureka, Chairman McKay asked for a moment of silence in remembrance for longtime and beloved Eureka resident Kenny Sanders Sr. who passed away the week prior.

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)*

Kim Todd notified the Board that the auditor reports will be on the next agenda, the Board scheduled the Sheriffs office walkthrough for immediately after the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, and there will be a Liquor Board meeting before the December 17<sup>th</sup> Board of County Commissioners meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Adjournment of meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

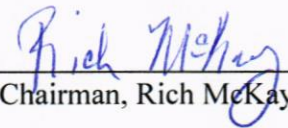
**Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.**

*Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder, Katelyn Ziemann.*

*Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.*

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling

  
Chairman, Rich McKay

