

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 18, 2023

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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, at the discretion of the Chair.* (For Possible Action)
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on July 18, 2023. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Commissioner Marty Plaskett, Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling, and Deputy Clerk II Jackie Berg. Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy and District Attorney Ted Beutel were absent. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the agenda as posted; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

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 opened the floor for public comments.

Comment Regarding Traffic Control: Cindy Adams said that she requested an agenda item to discuss inadequate traffic control on Main Street (US Hwy. 50) in Eureka, but was told the item wouldn't be included because traffic control is under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office and Nevada Highway Patrol.

Ms. Adams relayed her concerns, stating that semi-trucks were the worst offenders. She did not understand why the Sheriff's Office, with a \$4 million budget, could not assign more resources to traffic control. She pointed out that the day's agenda included requests from the Sheriff for new tasers, body cameras, computers, travel to Florida, and increases to the spending limits on credit cards. Ms. Adams stated she will begin filing reports at the Sheriff's Office to create a paper trail showing that the Sheriff's Office and the Commissioners were informed about this serious public safety issue.

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)

Future Agenda Items: Ms. Adams asked that the traffic control issue be included on the next agenda. Chairman McKay agreed that it could be presented as a community concern. The next agenda will also include the Fiscal Year 2024 contract with William Bee Ririe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the May 4, 2023, Commission meeting. (For Possible Action)

May 4, 2023: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve minutes of the May 4, 2023, Board meeting; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

COUNTY 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)

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented by Comptroller Kim Todd. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$366,332.78 for accounts payable (including an invoice in the amount of \$235.20 from Wells Propane that exceeded the six-month limit), and \$404,105.20 for payroll and benefit related expenses (including employee paid deductions), for a grand total of \$770,437.98. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Review Fund Balance Report. (Discussion)

Fund Balance Report: The Board reviewed a report on current fund balances.

AMBULANCE & EMS

1. Update report on ambulance and emergency services. (Discussion)

Report on Activities: EMS Director Kenny Sanders reported there were a total of 29 runs for the month of June, 15 from the Eureka station and 14 from the Crescent Valley station. Eight patients were transported to hospitals and eight were transferred to air medical services. There were a total of 80 patient contacts during the quarter (April, May, June) for a total of 157 ambulance calls to-date in the calendar year.

One of Eureka's ambulances is out of service for an extended period for warranty repairs at the Ford dealer in Elko. EMS will soon have another Advanced EMT; a volunteer recently completed the course and is waiting to take the final exam. The Central Nevada Health District team is doing a good job keeping EMS stocked with Covid vaccines.

Chairman McKay asked about changes with MedX AirOne. Mr. Sanders said the service was acquired by Guardian Flight, part of the AirMedCare Network, and is no longer under the Northern Nevada EMS Consortium. He agreed to find out how this impacts their membership model, as there may now be a subscription fee.

2. Review quarterly report on mandatory ambulance bill write-offs for Medicaid and Medicare accounts. (Discussion)

Quarterly Report: The quarterly report showing federally mandated write-offs of Medicaid and Medicare ambulance accounts showed a total write-off of \$1,955.00 for the month of May; there were no write-offs in April or June.

PUBLIC HEARING – CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT ORDINANCE

Notice was given that a public hearing would be held on July 18, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Eureka Commission Chambers in the County Courthouse at 10 S. Main St. in Eureka, Nevada. The reason for said hearing is to invite public comments and take action on an ordinance amending the 2018 EUREKA COUNTY CODE, TITLE 6, HEALTH AND WELFARE, by adding a new Chapter, CHAPTER 180, CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT. This ordinance shall be known as THE JUNE 2023 EUREKA COUNTY JOINDER TO THE CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT ORDINANCE. This ordinance has been proposed by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners, and a copy of said ordinance is on file in the office of the County Clerk for public examination.

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Open Public Hearing: Chairman McKay opened the public hearing and invited comments on the proposed Central Nevada Health District Ordinance, a necessary step to formally complete Eureka County’s joinder to the Health District.

Central Nevada Health District (CNHD) will assume mandatory duties now provided to Eureka County by the State under various contracts. Jeb Rowley commented that the three service categories are environmental health, public health preparedness, and clinical health, which encompass a multitude of services. Joining CNHD will give the County more local control and will improve responsiveness. Citizens in rural counties have been at the mercy of State agencies for these services, often waiting months to obtain a septic tank inspection, health permit, etc.

Cindy Adams had several questions, but overall felt this was a good move for the County. With no further comments from public or staff, the hearing was closed.

2. Close public hearing and consider adopting as presented, adopting with further revisions, or denying an ordinance amending the 2018 Eureka County Code by adding a chapter to Title 6, CHAPTER 180, CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT. (For Possible Action)

Adoption of CNHD Ordinance: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adopt The June 2023 Eureka County Joinder to the Central Nevada Health District Ordinance as written and proposed; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – TO RESCIND LICENSE BOARD ORDINANCE

Notice was given that a public hearing would be held on July 18, 2023, beginning at 10:15 a.m. in the Eureka Commission Chambers in the County Courthouse at 10 S. Main St. in Eureka, Nevada. The reason for said hearing is to invite public comments and take action on an ordinance amending the 2018 EUREKA COUNTY CODE, TITLE 2, EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, by rescinding THE JANUARY 2023 EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER LICENSE BOARD ORDINANCE, which added CHAPTER 90, COUNTY LICENSE BOARD. This ordinance shall be known as THE JUNE 2023 ORDINANCE TO RESCIND THE JANUARY 2023 EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER LICENSE BOARD ORDINANCE, TO REINSTATE TITLE 2, COMMISSIONERS, TO ITS FORMER STATE. This ordinance is on file in the office of the County Clerk for public examination.

1. Open public hearing and invite comments on proposed ordinance, described herein, to amend Eureka County Code. (Discussion)

Open Public Hearing: Chairman McKay opened the public hearing and invited comments on the proposed ordinance, which will amend Title 2 (Commissioners) and rescind the License Board Ordinance adopted in January.

Kim Todd asked if the Board still intended to address liquor license fees, which would require an amendment to Title 4 (Licenses, Permits, Fees, and Taxes).

Chairman McKay replied that the fees will be addressed once the Liquor Board is active again. He summarized the Board's actions, which led to adoption of the License Board Ordinance and merger of the License Board and the Liquor Board. He said this created some confusion and rescinding that action will allow reinstatement of the Liquor Board.

There were no further comments or questions, and the hearing was closed.

2. Close public hearing and consider adopting as presented, adopting with further revisions, or denying an ordinance amending the 2018 Eureka County Code by rescinding THE JANUARY 2023 LICENSE BOARD ORDINANCE. (For Possible Action)

Adoption of Ordinance Rescinding License Board Ordinance: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adopt The June 2023 Ordinance to Rescind the January 2023 Eureka County Commissioner License Board Ordinance, to Reinststate Title 2, Commissioners, to Its Former State. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

SENIOR CENTERS

1. Update report on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. (Discussion)

Update Report: Senior Center Program Director Linda Gordon reported on activities at the Senior Centers. In June, Eureka served 798 meals and Crescent Valley served 819 meals. A total of \$10,328.85 was deposited for the month. Preparations are underway for the trip to Lake Tahoe in September. So far 17 from Eureka and 13 from Crescent Valley (including staff) have signed up for the trip.

COMMISSIONERS

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

Proposed Changes to Personnel Policy: Human Resources Director Heidi Whimple gave a brief overview of proposed policy changes (provided in a redline version of the Personnel Policy Manual). These included omission of redundant language; an increase to the percentage of random drug testing; addition of Juneteenth as a federal holiday; an affidavit for law enforcement officers to attest they have never been disqualified from service; and removal of the hiring freeze waiver requirement. She explained that changes were based on one or more of the following: changes in legislation, recommendations by POOL/PACT, and input from the Board and staff.

Ms. Whimple recommended replacing the hiring freeze waiver form with a vacancy request form. She felt it was important to ensure transparency and to retain Board involvement in the hiring process. It will also ensure that changes in personnel are properly documented.

Chairman McKay asked staff to share their perspective on the proposed vacancy request form. There were mixed responses, and comments are summarized below:

Eliminating the hiring freeze waiver form would streamline the hiring process; replacing it with a vacancy request form defeats this purpose. Some felt that positions included in the budget should not require additional approval by the Board. It was pointed out that budgeted capital purchases and projects require subsequent approval, so this would be a similar exercise with personnel. Lastly, the Comptroller recommended retaining the hiring freeze waiver form for new positions.

The Board decided to leave the proposed changes, including the vacancy request form, noting that the issues can be debated further at the public hearing. The only amendment requested was retention of the hiring freeze waiver for new positions.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to propose a resolution amending the Eureka County Personnel Policies as presented and discussed; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

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| 2. 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) |
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Schedule Public Hearing: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to schedule a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on August 1, 2023, to consider adopting a resolution amending the Eureka County Personnel Policies; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

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| 3. Discuss current services provided by William Bee Ririe Hospital at Eureka County's medical clinics, and consider changes or adjustments to the scope of services and/or the financial consideration in the clinical services contract for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. <i>Note: William Bee Ririe has been asked to consider a reduction in the contract stipend based on positive financial reports and higher reimbursement rates from Medicare and Medicaid due to certification of the Eureka Clinic as a Rural Healthy clinic.</i> (For Possible Action) |
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Clinic Contract Renewal: Chairman McKay said the financial details of the clinic contract with William Bee Ririe were still being worked out, but he felt they were close to being resolved.

Jackie Berg explained that, despite Board action in December to approve a change in services for Crescent Valley with no addition to the contract amount, William Bee Ririe had increased its monthly invoice by \$15,000.00. Staff is working to correct this before the contract is renewed.

EUREKA COUNTY WEBSITE

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| 1. Update report and demonstration of new and improved Eureka County website, including possible action by the Board to provide direction regarding features and content. (For Possible Action) |
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Website Presentation: Assessor Michael Mears gave a detailed presentation and virtual tour of the new County website. The website team, which includes Mr. Mears and IT Department staff Misty Rowley and Jessica Santoyo, has completed hours of comprehensive training on the GovStack platform. Mr. Mears has invested a lot of time moving content from the current website and creating new content. The new website, which presents a contemporary look, a multitude of inviting and informational features, and a more transparent landscape, has a "go-live" date of August 15th.

TREASURER

1. Review Treasurer's Report for June 2023. (Discussion)

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for June was submitted by Treasurer Pernecia Johnson, showing an ending General Fund Balance of \$53,143,349.34.

JUVENILE PROBATION

1. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel on July 23-25, 2023, for Stephen Zimmerman and Irma Davila to attend the Northwest Alcohol Conference in Boise, Idaho. *Note: Costs for this conference will be reimbursed by PACE Coalition in Elko.* (For Possible Action)

Out-of-State Travel, Boise: Juvenile Probation Officer Steve Zimmerman presented travel requests for himself and Department Assistant Irma Davila, noting that PACE Coalition will reimburse conference registration and lodging costs.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve out-of-state travel on July 23-25, 2023, for Stephen Zimmerman and Irma Davila to attend the Northwest Alcohol Conference in Boise, Idaho; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny a one-time credit limit increase in the amount of \$1,500.00 (\$2,500.00 total) on the County credit card issued to Stephen Zimmerman, in order to reserve hotel rooms for the Northwest Alcohol Conference scheduled for July 23-25, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Credit Limit Increase: In order to book hotel rooms for the Northwest Alcohol Conference, Mr. Zimmerman requested an increase to the credit limit on his County purchasing card.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a one-time credit limit increase in the amount of \$1,500.00 on the County credit card issued to Stephen Zimmerman to reserve lodging for the Northwest Alcohol Conference; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel on August 26-30, 2023, for Stephen Zimmerman to attend American Probation & Parole Association's 48th Annual Training Institute in New York City, New York. *Note: Conference registration, hotel, and airfare up to \$500.00 will be reimbursed by the National Center for Juvenile Justice.* (For Possible Action)

Out-of-State Travel, New York: Mr. Zimmerman requested travel approval to attend a training conference in New York in August. Costs for conference registration, lodging, and up to \$500.00 for airfare will be reimbursed by the National Center for Juvenile Justice.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to authorize out-of-state travel on August 26-30, 2023, for Stephen Zimmerman to attend American Probation & Parole Association's 48th Annual Training Institute in New York City, New York; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Review documentation and consider approval of requests related to Hiring Freeze Waiver Justifications, Promotion Requests, and Position Descriptions. (For Possible Action)

Hiring Freeze Waiver - Kitchen Aide/Janitor: Human Resources Director Heidi Whimple presented a Hiring Freeze Waiver for Board approval. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to waive the hiring freeze and authorize the Senior Center Program Director to fill the vacant

position of Kitchen Aide/Janitor for the Eureka Senior Center; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Promotion Request - Equipment Operator III: Ms. Whimple submitted a promotion request for the Road Department. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to authorize promotion of a north-end employee to the position of Equipment Operator III; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

SHERIFF

1. Review quote from Dooley Enterprises Inc. and authorize purchase of ammunition for a not to exceed amount of \$7,650.22, including shipping, to be paid with monies budgeted for range expenses (010-034-53010-0100 in the Sheriff's budget. (For Possible Action)

Ammunition Purchase: Undersheriff Tyler Thomas presented a quote for a year's supply of ammunition to support training exercises. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the quote from Dooley Enterprises Inc. for purchase of ammunition in the amount of \$7,650.22 to be paid with monies budgeted for range expenses in the Sheriff's budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Review Quote #3000156889110.1 from Dell Technologies and authorize purchase of 15 new in-car computers for a not to exceed price of \$30,010.50 to be paid with monies budgeted for services and supplies (010-034-53010-000) in the Sheriff's budget. (For Possible Action)

In-Car Computers: Undersheriff Thomas said the Surface Pro tablets were not holding up in the field. After researching various options, he found a model better suited to the harsher conditions.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the quote from Dell Technologies for 15 new in-car computers (model Dell Latitude 5430 Rugged) in the amount of \$30,010.50 to be paid with monies budgeted for services and supplies in the Sheriff's budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Review Axon Enterprise Inc. Quote #Q-482847-45071.704KM for "Taser 10s" and one instructor course under a 60-month replacement program in the amount of \$84,684.59, and Quote #Q-485276-45071.737KM for "Body Camera 4s" under a 60-month replacement program in the amount of \$123,155.68, to be paid with monies budgeted for machine maintenance (010-034-53010-242) in the Sheriff's budget, **and** authorize signing of Axon Master Services & Purchasing Agreement outside of the meeting. (For Possible Action)

Taser & Body Camera Replacement Programs: Undersheriff Thomas presented quotes for five-year purchase and replacement programs for Taser 10s and Body Camera 4s to equip all patrol officers. He explained that costs are allocated across the five-year program. The taser quote erroneously included tax but the company agreed to remove that charge once they were notified of the County's tax exempt status.

Taser Purchase: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Axon Enterprise quote for "Taser 10s," including one instructor course, under a 60-month purchase and replacement program in the total amount of \$79,345.60 to be paid over the five-year program with monies budgeted for machine maintenance in the Sheriff's budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Body Cam Purchase: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Axon Enterprise quote for "Body Camera 4s," with associated software and peripherals under a 60-month purchase and

replacement program for a total amount of \$123,155.68 to be paid over the five-year program with monies budgeted for machine maintenance in the Sheriff's budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

4. Review proposal from The Ridge (Dr. Jena Casas, PhD. Licensed Clinical Psychologist) for annual behavioral health wellness visits in 2023 for a total of 18 civilian and sworn personnel, in the amount of \$4,500.00 (18 one-hour visits at \$250.00 each) and reimbursed travel costs not to exceed \$2,775.00 (includes fuel/mileage; lodging/meals, and \$110.00/hr. pro fees for travel time), for a grand total not to exceed \$7,275.00 to be paid with monies budgeted for medical expenses (010-034-63010-248) in the Sheriff's budget. *Note: Passage of AB336 requires annual behavioral wellness visits for peace officers.* (For Possible Action)

Behavioral Health Wellness Visits: Undersheriff Thomas explained that, with passage of AB336, annual behavioral wellness visits are now mandatory for all peace officers. Dr. Jena Casas has experience working with law enforcement, and other jurisdictions are engaging her for these same services. The Sheriff's Office is extending the visits to all sworn staff, dispatchers, and two civilian employees (who may be exposed to secondary trauma since they review body cam footage). The wellness visits are completely confidential.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the proposal from The Ridge (Dr. Jena Casas, PhD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, for annual behavior health wellness visits in 2023 for a total of 18 sworn and civilian personnel, in the amount of \$4,500.00 plus travel costs up to \$2,775.00, for a total not to exceed amount of \$7,275.00, to be paid with monies budgeted for medical expenses in the Sheriff's budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

5. Discuss, approve, or deny a one-time credit limit increase in the amount of \$1,500.00 (\$2,500.00 total) on the County credit card issued to Sergeant Miles Umina, for travel costs November 9-13, 2023, related to the COPS National Law Enforcement Wellness & Trauma Conference in Orlando, Florida. (For Possible Action)
6. Discuss, approve, or deny a one-time credit limit increase in the amount of \$1,500.00 (\$3,500.00 total) on the County credit card issued to Sheriff Jesse Watts, for travel costs November 9-13, 2023, related to the COPS National Law Enforcement Wellness & Trauma Conference in Orlando, Florida. (For Possible Action)

Credit Limit Increases: The Undersheriff explained that out-of-state travel to Florida was already approved for Sheriff Watts and Sergeant Umina to attend the COPS conference in November. The current request was to increase the credit limits on their County purchasing cards in order to reserve hotel rooms and purchase airline tickets.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve one-time credit limit increases to the County credit cards issued to Sergeant Miles Umina, in the amount of \$1,500.00 (for \$2,500.00 total), and to Sheriff Jesse Watts, in the amount of \$1,500.00 (for \$3,500.00 total). Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

7. Quarterly report on security of the jail and treatment and condition of inmates (if applicable) at the Detention Facility. (Discussion)

Quarterly Report on Jail: Undersheriff Thomas reported that the inmate count for the last quarter (April, May, June) has been an average of two inmates per day. He reminded the Board that the inmates are not being held at the local Detention Facility, but are housed in White Pine County. Inmates arrested and booked in Crescent Valley are taken to Lander County, but currently there are none.

8. Discuss, approve, or deny proclaiming August 1, 2023, as National Night Out, an event to bring law enforcement and the community together. (For Possible Action)

National Night Out: The Undersheriff said that National Night Out events will be held in Eureka on August 1st and in Crescent Valley on August 2nd. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adopt a proclamation declaring August 1, 2023, as National Night Out; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Discuss, approve, or deny purchasing three (3) HURST E3 battery operated extrication tools (cutter, spreader, and ram) from LN Curtis, for an amount not to exceed \$29,985.00, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-039-55010-000) in the LEPC budget, as provided by the Fiscal Year 2024 SERC OPTE Grant (24-SERC-07-01). (For Possible Action)

Extrication Equipment: Jeb Rowley serves as Chair to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and requested approval to utilize funds received from the State Emergency Response Commission's Operational, Planning, Training & Equipment Grant (SERC OPTE Grant) for Fiscal Year 2024 to purchase extrication equipment.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchase of three (3) HURST E3 battery operated extrication tools (cutter, spreader, and ram) from LN Curtis, for an amount not to exceed \$29,985.00, utilizing grant funding budgeted for capital outlay in the LEPC budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

COUNTY FACILITIES

1. Report on activities and projects at County managed facilities. (Discussion)

Facilities Update: Jeb Rowley reported on facilities for the month of June. The Opera House had 132 visitors and the Sentinel Museum had 178 visitors. The Swimming Pool had 176 swimmers and 12 private swim lessons. Water Safety Instructor training is scheduled for the upcoming weekend for eight casual employees; this certification is required in order to teach swimming lessons. The Landfill had 752 customers in June (125 commercial and 627 municipal) with a total of 610 tons of compacted waste.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

Public Works Update: Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported on Public Works projects and activities.

FEMA Disaster Assistance: Work continues on compiling records and documentation necessary for FEMA disaster assistance. Mr. Rowley received notification that three more projects are in queue for Eureka County, but he has been warned that the approval process can take as long as 18 months.

Road Maintenance: Road crews are working on Frontier Street in Diamond Valley and will move on to 9th Street and Keg Street. The JD Ranch Road has been bladed and the grader was moved to Union Pass. The northern crew is currently working on the 3 Bars Road.

Devil's Gate Water Line Extension: Approximately one month of work remains on the Devil's Gate (3rd Street) mainline extension.

Road & Utility Project: Sierra Nevada Construction is currently working on sewer lines in the Eureka Townsite. In Crescent Valley, the crew is applying chip seal over roads paved with CTB (cement treated base). The water tank repainting project is going well.

Bald Mountain Repeater Site: The best course of action is being considered for radio repeater deployment on Bald Mountain.

Nevada Water Conservation & Infrastructure Initiative: Mr. Rowley is working with Jake Tibbitts to develop project proposals and grant applications for the Nevada Water Conservation & Infrastructure Initiative. This Initiative, managed by the Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, was established after the Nevada Legislature allocated \$100 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for qualifying water infrastructure projects statewide.

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| <p>2. Discuss, approve, or deny purchasing one 3/4-ton full size, crew cab, short bed pickup from Champion Chevrolet utilizing State Contract BID 99SWC-S1495 for an amount not to exceed \$53,338.25 using monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-042-55010-000) in the Public Works budget. (For Possible Action)</p> |
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Vehicle Purchases: After encountering post-Covid supply chain issues, Mr. Rowley said options for vehicle procurement in Fiscal Year 2024 were examined. Public Works found that this year's replacement vehicles can be purchased from a single dealership under a Nevada State contract.

3/4-Ton, Crew Cab, Short Bed Pickup: This vehicle will replace a Public Works' pickup. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchasing one 3/4-ton full size, crew cab, short bed pickup from Champion Chevrolet utilizing State Contract BID 99SWC-S1495 for an amount not to exceed \$53,338.25 using monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Public Works budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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| <p>3. Discuss, approve, or deny purchasing one tool box with transfer pump from Northern Tool & Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$2,452.88 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-042-55010-000) in the Public Works budget. (For Possible Action)</p> |
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Tool Box & Transfer Pump: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchase of one tool box with transfer pump and integrated storage chest from Northern Tool & Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$2,452.88 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay in the Public Works budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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| <p>4. Discuss, approve, or deny purchasing one (1) 1-ton full size, standard cab and chassis pickup from Champion Chevrolet utilizing State Contract BID 99SWC-S1495 for an amount not to exceed \$62,087.25 using monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Buildings & Grounds budget. (For Possible Action)</p> |
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One-Ton, Standard Cab & Chassis Pickup: Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchase of one (1) 1-ton full size, standard cab and chassis pickup from Champion Chevrolet utilizing State Contract BID 99SWC-S1495 for an amount not to exceed \$62,087.25 using monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Buildings & Grounds budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

5. Discuss, approve, or deny purchasing one (1) MVP Plus MS UT2 Western Snowplow from Reading Truck for an amount not to exceed \$8,355.00 using monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Buildings & Grounds budget. (For Possible Action)

Snowplow Attachment: Mr. Rowley explained that the plow attachment is for one of the new pickups that will be assigned to the buildings and grounds crew. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchase of one (1) MVP Plus MS UT2 Western Snowplow from Reading Truck for an amount not to exceed \$8,355.00 using monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Buildings & Grounds budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

6. Discuss, approve, or deny purchasing one (1) 3/4-ton full size, crew cab pickup from Champion Chevrolet utilizing State Contract BID 99SWC-S1495 for an amount not to exceed \$48,047.25 using monies budgeted for capital outlay (020-106-55010-000) in the Road Department budget. (For Possible Action)

3/4-Ton, Crew Cab Pickup: This pickup will replace the Assistant Public Work's Director vehicle. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchase of one (1) 3/4-ton full size, crew cab pickup from Champion Chevrolet utilizing State Contract BID 99SWC-S1495 for an amount not to exceed \$48,047.25 using monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Road Department budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

7. Discuss, approve, or deny purchasing one (1) CM RD2 Model Flatbed from Reading Truck for an amount not to exceed \$5,552.92 using funds budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-000) in the Capital Projects Fund. (For Possible Action)

Flatbed: This flatbed will be installed on the new pickup for the Assistant Public Works Director. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchase of one (1) CM RD2 Model Flatbed from Reading Truck for an amount not to exceed \$5,552.92 using funds budgeted for capital outlay in the Capital Projects Fund. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

8. Discuss, approve, or deny purchasing one (1) tool box with transfer pump from Northern Tool & Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$1,288.35 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-000) in the Capital Projects Fund. (For Possible Action)

Tool Box with Transfer Pump: This toolbox/pump is for the new pickup for the Assistant Public Works Director. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchase of one (1) tool box with transfer pump from Northern Tool & Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$1,288.35 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay in the Capital Projects Fund. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

9. Discuss, approve, or deny purchasing one (1) 14,000 lb. capacity vehicle lift, to be located at the Crescent Valley Road Shop, from Northern Tool & Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$14,778.74 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (020-106-55010-000) in the Road Department budget. (For Possible Action)

Vehicle Lift: Mr. Rowley explained that this vehicle lift will be located in Crescent Valley. The Crescent Valley Road Shop services 60-plus vehicles each year, so it will be very beneficial. The current lift is a four-post lift with limited functionality and more suited to heavy equipment like semi-trucks.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve purchase of one (1) 14,000 lb. capacity vehicle lift from Northern Tool & Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$14,778.74 utilizing funds

budgeted for capital outlay in the Road Department budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

10. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing Quest Technology Management to install card reader door locks at the Eureka Fire Station for an amount not to exceed \$24,993.82 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (040-130-55010-000) in the Building Reserve Fund. (For Possible Action)

Card Reader Door Locks, Eureka Fire Station: Mr. Rowley said the Eureka Fire Station is currently secured by a combination lock, and users are provided a standard passcode for entry. The Fire Station is utilized for a variety of events, and each time the passcode is shared, the security of the facility and its contents is diminished.

With the card reader lock system, people are issued a card with a pass number unique to the individual. The system can be accessed remotely by Public Works and individual numbers can be added or deleted at any time.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the quote from Quest Technology Management for purchase and installation of a card reader door lock at the Eureka Fire Station for an amount not to exceed \$24,993.82 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay in the Building Reserve Fund. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

11. Discuss, approve, or deny a quote from Western States Enterprises for handheld and mobile radios for an amount not to exceed \$35,252.42 utilizing monies budgeted for radio repeater upgrades (042-140-55010-084) in the Capital Projects Fund. (For Possible Action)

Handheld & Mobile Radios: Mr. Rowley said there have been issues with radios failing simply because they are at the end of their service life, and many are models that are no longer manufactured. He obtained a cost estimate for replacement of 12 handheld and 18 mobile radios, along with 70 batteries to support new radios and existing ones remaining in service.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the quote from Western States Enterprises for handheld and mobile radios and batteries for an amount not to exceed \$35,252.42 utilizing monies budgeted for radio repeater upgrades in the Capital Projects Fund. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

12. Discuss, approve, or deny a quote from Western States Enterprises for P-25 and analog radio modules, including installation, for an amount not to exceed \$79,417.00 utilizing monies budgeted for radio repeater upgrades (042-140-55010-094) in the Capital Projects Fund

Radio Modules: There are a total of 32 modules on the mountaintop radio and repeater sites. Six were replaced in 2022 and two were replaced in 2023. The modules are facing the same issue as the radios – many are reaching the end of their service life.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the quote from Western States Enterprises for P-25 and analog radio modules, including installation, for an amount not to exceed \$79,417.00 utilizing monies budgeted for radio repeater upgrades in the Capital Projects Fund. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts was not in attendance and will provide an update on natural resource issues at the next meeting.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny sending scoping comments to Bureau of Land Management on the environmental permitting process for the Crescent Valley Geothermal Exploration Project. (For Possible Action)

Crescent Valley Geothermal Exploration Project: Natural Resources Department Assistant Hallee Dechambeau said the Environmental Assessment for the Ormat Crescent Valley Geothermal Development Project is currently in the 30-day scoping comment period. Ormat is proposing to construct, operate, and maintain a geothermal energy production facility in Lander and Eureka Counties.

Mr. Tibbitts prepared a comment letter requesting coordination with Eureka County; consideration of the County's plans, policies, and controls; and stating the County's concerns surrounding water resources, wildlife, noxious weeds, roads, and other issues.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve sending the letter to the Bureau of Land Management on the environmental permitting process for the Crescent Valley Geothermal Exploration Project; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence and place requests for action items on the next agenda. (Discussion)

Correspondence: Correspondence was received from: Natural Resources Advisory Commission; Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Dept.; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board; Northeaster Nevada Regional Development Authority; Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection (3); Nevada Dept. of Indigent Defense Services; Nevada Dept. of Business & Industry; Nevada Water Resources Assoc. (2); National Assoc. of Counties, and America First Works.

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

The Commissioners had nothing to report.

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)

Public Comment: Chairman McKay opened the floor for public comments.

Citizen Concerns: Cindy Adams stated she had two items of concern. First, the traffic on Main Street in Eureka as stated earlier. Her second area of concern was the use of illicit and illegal drugs in the community, particularly the school. She wanted to know if the Sheriff's Office has a plan to control drug activity and asked if they were utilizing the tools that the County has invested in, such as drones and drug dogs. She asked that the Board do whatever it can to make the Sheriff's Office accountable on these issues.

Remembrance: Jeb Rowley wanted to acknowledge and recognize the service of Dewane Ralls, who passed away recently. Mr. Ralls was an active member of the Crescent Valley Volunteer

Fire Department and assisted on nearly every response from that station. Mr. Rowley wanted to recognize his service and offer condolences to his family.

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)

There was a quick review of future agenda items, and a request to schedule a Liquor Board meeting the morning of August 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adjourn the meeting; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 1st day of August, 2023.

/s/ Rich McKay
Rich McKay, Chairman

I, Jackie Berg, Deputy Clerk II, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the July 18, 2023, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

/s/ Jackie Berg
Jackie Berg, Deputy Clerk II

I, Katherine J. Bowling, Clerk Recorder of Eureka County, acknowledge and accept the attached minutes as approved by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners and attested to by the Deputy Clerk.

/s/ Kathy Bowling
Katherine J. Bowling, Clerk