

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 7, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF NEVADA)
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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

1. Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item.
Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda, in the direction of the Chair. (For Possible Action)
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on July 7, 2026. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, Commissioner Mike Schoenwald, District Attorney Ted Beutel and Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the agenda with tabling the minutes and Commissioners item number 1, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public comment and discussion. *Notice: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public 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. Elden Allred, a resident of Eureka County, asked how he could get information on the SkyFiber project in Diamond Valley. He was directed to Public Works.

2. Consider items requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. *Notice: The public is welcome to request agenda items for future meetings during the Public Comment period or may consult with one or more of the Board of Commissioners to request agenda items for future meetings. (Discussion)*

Nothing was considered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the June 18, 2026 Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.

COUNTY COMPTROLLER – Kim Todd, Comptroller

1. Payment of expenditures. *Notice: Expenditures received after action has been taken under this Comptroller section may be presented and acted upon throughout the day.* **(For Possible Action)**

The board along with Comptroller Kim Todd reviewed the expenditures.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$3,412,539.73 and the passthrough of \$2,000 to the Nevada Division of Minerals. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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

The board reviewed the current fund balance report.

3. Discuss, approve or deny a collective bargaining agreement between Eureka County and the Operator Engineer Local 3 Eureka County Sheriff Deputy and a collective bargaining agreement between Eureka County and the Operator Engineer Local 3 Eureka County Sergeant, Lieutenant and Communication Supervisor beginning July 1, 2026 for two years. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Eureka County and the Operator Engineer Local 3 Eureka County Sheriff Deputy and a collective bargaining agreement between Eureka County and the Operator Engineer Local 3 Eureka County Sergeant, Lieutenant and Communication Supervisor beginning July 1, 2026 for two years. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS –

1. Discuss, approve or deny signing the Indigent Defense Financial Status Report for the 3rd quarter of Fiscal Year 2026, which is due to the Department of Indigent Defense Services by July 15, 2026. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.

2. Discuss, approve or deny electing to receive payment under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (SRS) including designating allocations to SRS titles. **(For Possible Action)**

Jake Tibbitts presented the board with 2 payment options to Eureka County; they could choose to receive an estimated 25% payment based on the 1908 Act and would receive \$12,000 or they could choose the SRS allocation of \$137,000. The \$137,000 payment would require designated splits to the SRS titles. Title 1 goes to the roads and schools, Title 2 goes to the Forest Service and Title 3 goes to the Firewise Program.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve receiving the \$137,000 payment under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (SRS) and designating allocations of 80% to Title 1, 10% title 2 and 10% to Title 3. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or respond with requests for changes to Surface Transportation Board Office of Environmental Analysis establishing Cooperating Agency status for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement in Docket No. FD 36889, Nevada Gold Rail LLC – Construction Exemption – Line of Railroad in Eureka and Lander Counties, NV. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the changes to the Surface Transportation Board Office of Environmental Analysis establishing Cooperating Agency status for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement in Docket No. FD 36889, Nevada Gold Rail LLC – Construction Exemption – Line of Railroad in Eureka and Lander Counties, NV. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss potential locations for replicas of the Declaration of Independence, US Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Civil Rights Amendments gifted to Eureka County by The Charters of Freedom America 250 Project. **(For Possible Action)**

The Charters of Freedom America 250 Project has donated to Eureka County fully engraved, stainless-steel replicas of the Declaration of Independence, US Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Civil Rights Amendments. The board along with Eureka citizens in the audience and members of the Eureka VFW discussed where the best location would be. The board chose the VFW Park for the location of the replicas; they discussed bringing the cost of the project to a later meeting but in the meantime direct NACO to work with Public Works Assistant Director Lester Porter for the delivery of the replicas.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the VFW Park as the location for the replicas of the Declaration of Independence, US Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Civil Rights Amendments gifted to Eureka County by The Charters of Freedom America 250 Project, also to work further details with Eldon Allred with the VFW and Lester Porter. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

5. Discuss, approve or deny approving a six-month contract, to begin July 1, 2026 and end December 31, 2026, with the current Public Defender, Jane Eberhardy, Esq. of Jane Eberhardy Law, LLC. **(For Possible Action)**

Deputy Director of the Department of Indigent Defense Services (DIDS) Homa Sayyar explained every county is required to have public defender coverage, DIDS will assist with the request for proposal process and assist with putting together contract templates. Jane Eberhardy, Esq. of Jane Eberhardy Law, LLC presented to the board a contract for public defender services for the next 6 months.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a six-month contract, to begin July 1, 2026 and end December 31, 2026, with the current Public Defender, Jane Eberhardy, Esq. of Jane Eberhardy Law, LLC. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – UPDATED EUREKA COUNTY ROAD MAP

Notice was given that the Board of Eureka County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on July 7, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Eureka County Commission Chambers in the County Courthouse at 10 South Main Street, Eureka, Nevada. The reason for said hearing is to invite public comments and consider updating the Eureka County Road Map which identifies Main Roads, General Roads, and Minor Roads within Eureka County.

1. Open public hearing and invite comments on the updated Eureka County Road Map which identifies Main Roads, General Roads, and Minor Roads within Eureka County. **(Discussion)**

Chairman McKay recessed the regular meeting to open the public hearing at 10:09am, Road Supervisor Scooter Mentaberry presented roads that were moved from a minor road to a general road and roads that were moved from a general road to a minor road. Roads that are a minor road still receive maintenance, just not as frequent or urgent as general roads.

Statement Board of Commissioner meeting regarding updated County Road Map

It is important to note for the record there are roads within Eureka County on or accessing public lands that are Eureka County roads that do not appear on this update or even previous County Road Maps. These roads are RS 2477 roads that were constructed prior to 1976 under the provisions of the 1866 Mining Law. These roads are classified as "public roads" under NRS 405.191 and are to "remain open for public use" and that "public use alone has been and is sufficient to evidence an acceptance of the grant of a public user right-of-way" under RS 2477. NRS 405.193 clarifies that "no public agency is required to maintain any public road which is so designated...nor is any agency required to accept any public road as a main, general or minor county road" and "no action may be brought against the county, its officers or employees for damage suffered by a person solely as the result of the unmaintained condition" of one of these RS 2477 roads. Further, NRS 403.190(4) states that "The board of county highway commissioners need not include a minor county road upon the map required..." and "Any person who uses a minor county road may file with the county recorder a map showing the location of the road, appropriately emphasized in black ink upon the map by the person filing it." Many of these minor county roads are RS 2477 roads and may not be on the county road map.

The County Code, Title 9, Chapter 50 makes clear that "failure of a highway or road to appear upon such as map or series of maps shall not constitute a waiver of such highway or road, nor shall it be used as evidence of such road's or highway's nonexistence."

We believe it is important for this to be noted whenever we do County Road Map updates as to not ever allow assertions by others that Eureka County does not claim each and every road and way that exists across public lands.

Chairman McKay closed the public hearing.

2. Discuss, approve or deny adopting an updated Eureka County Road Map which identifies Main Roads, General Roads, and Minor Roads within Eureka County. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve adopting the updated Eureka County Road Map which identifies Main Roads, General Roads, and Minor Roads within Eureka County. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT – Shannon Ernst, Administrator

1. Report on the Central Nevada Health District. (Discussion)

Central Nevada Health District Administrator Shannon Ernst gave the Eureka County quarterly report, they continued working on the community health needs assessment and have a draft report they will be sending out for public comment. Administrator Ernst reported the Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee was denied the grant for the health pod.

CRESCENT VALLEY MOVIE NIGHTS – Laura Shivers

1. Discuss, approve or deny the rental fees waiver for the Crescent Valley Community Center for movie nights held on the 2nd Friday of each month. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve waving the fees for the use of the Crescent Valley Community Center for movie nights held on the 2nd Friday of each month, August through October. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD – Diana Kersey, Chair

1. Discuss, approve or deny the request for an additional sum of \$5,716.00 to cover the remaining costs of the Crescent Valley park exercise equipment. (For Possible Action)

Crescent Valley Town Advisory board Vicechair Jeremy Rice explained to the board the taxes and shipping for the park exercise equipment came in over budget by \$5,716.00.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve an additional sum of \$5,716.00 to cover the remaining costs of the Crescent Valley park exercise equipment. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

IT - Misty Rowley, CIO

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

CIO Misty Rowley reported they worked with EMS and MedX to install Starlink at the Crescent Valley ambulance bay, they worked on the newsletter and social media and worked with Human Resources on designing a new SharePoint page.

TREASURER – Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

1. Review of Treasurer's Report for May 2026. (Discussion)

The board reviewed the May 2026 Treasurers report.

AMBULANCE AND EMS – Nichole Cooley, EMS Director/Coordinator

1. Discuss, approve or deny the delegation between county employee volunteers and non-county volunteer time sheets. (For Possible Action)

Item was tabled.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Cristina Lopez, Human Resources Director

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

Human Resources Director Cristina Lopez reported all posted positions have been filled, the summer interns have started in their summer positions. There will be 11 new pool attendants starting the onboarding process, due to many of the current pool attendants working the summer internship and leaving for college. The county implementations and volunteer program are still in progress.

2. Discuss, approve or deny ratifying the Vacancy Justification form for the advertised Assistant CIO position. *Note: This Promotion/Reclassification has been advertised inter-departmentally for the required 14 days and filled.* (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve ratifying the Vacancy Justification form for the advertised Assistant CIO position, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF - Miles Umina, Sheriff

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

Sheriff Miles Umina reported there were 4 arrested DUI's over the 4th of July weekend, he filled 3 positions the records position, a new dispatcher telecommunicator and a new deputy. Sheriff Umina also interviewed 2 people with CAT 1 certifications for lateral positions.

2. Discuss, approve or deny the vacancy justification request to fill the vacant Civil Process Administrator Position in the Sheriff's Office. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the vacancy justification request to fill the vacant Civil Process Administrator Position in the Sheriff's Office, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Scooter Mentaberry, Road Supervisor

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

Road Supervisor Scooter Mentaberry reported on the roads that have been maintained, swept and mowed. The road crews have been repairing cattle guards around the county.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported the building and grounds crews have been busy with maintenance at the ball fields and parks and building maintenance. A Centurisk representative will be going around and performing appraisals on county buildings, there have been many improvements made, buildings as well as water tanks are included in the assessment.

2. Discuss, approve or deny quote #2024019 for purchasing eleven (11) handheld radios from 2862 Communications, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$46,723.60, utilizing the Emergency Management Fund (010-040-53010-120). *Note: 2026 Eureka County VFC grant funding will cover \$44,982.00. (For Possible Action)*

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve quote #2024019 for purchasing eleven (11) handheld radios from 2862 Communications, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$46,723.60, utilizing the Emergency Management Fund (010-040-53010-120). Commissioner Plasket seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny accepting quotes from 2862 Communications LLC, for repairs identified in annual radio repeater maintenance in the amount of \$24,799.48 utilizing funds from Capital Outlay Radio Repeater Upgrades (042-140-55010-094). **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the quote from 2862 Communications LLC, for repairs identified in annual radio repeater maintenance in the amount of \$24,799.48 utilizing funds from Capital Outlay Radio Repeater Upgrades (042-140-55010-094). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny quote from Custom Painting & Decorating Inc. to paint the exterior of the courthouse Building, in an amount not to exceed \$96,860.00, utilizing the Building Maintenance Fund (040-130-55010-000). **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the quote from Custom Painting & Decorating Inc. to paint the exterior of the courthouse Building, in an amount not to exceed \$96,860.00, utilizing the Building Maintenance Fund (040-130-55010-000). Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

5. Discuss, approve or deny quote from Empire Cat. Utilizing Omnia Purchasing Contract # 212816 to Purchase a Caterpillar 826 Landfill Compactor, in an amount not to exceed \$1,091,305.30, utilizing monies from the Landfill Fund (190-27355010-000). **(For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.

6. Discuss, approve or deny quote from Empire Cat. Utilizing Omnia Purchasing Contract # 212816 to Purchase a Caterpillar 150-15 Motor Grader, in an amount not to exceed \$523,194.00, utilizing money from the Road Fund (020-106-55010-000). **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the quote from Empire Cat. Utilizing Omnia Purchasing Contract # 212816 to Purchase a Caterpillar 150-15 Motor Grader, in an amount not to

exceed \$523,194.00, utilizing money from the Road Fund (020-106-55010-000). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

7. Discuss, approve or deny ratification of expenses for mobile power generation equipment to support construction wells and road maintenance activities, in the amount of \$7,447.90, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay in the Water Mitigation Department (125-247-55010-742). **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve ratifying the expenses for mobile power generation equipment to support construction wells and road maintenance activities, in the amount of \$7,447.90, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay in the Water Mitigation Department (125-247-55010-742). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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 the BLM is moving forward with the Callahan Complex Wild Horse gather, they estimate 2,000 horses will be gathered. Nevada Association of Conservation District will have a district meeting the next day held at the Eureka Opera House. On the 10th NACO will have a legislative committee meeting where they will go over draft requests for the upcoming legislature session. Monday the 13th NACO is hosting a virtual county forum on data centers.

2. Discuss and consider response to BLM proposed grazing regulations revisions. **(For Possible Action)**

The previous grazing regulations were from 1995, there has been progress in ranch and rangeland management since then. NRAC included in the response water rights range improvements, the maximum use of grazing resources, and livestock health issues.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve responding to the BLM proposed grazing regulations revisions. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve, deny or provide other direction regarding federal fiscal year 2027 Joint Funding Agreement 27ZJJFA00102 with US Geological Survey for continuation of multi-year Hydrologic Monitoring Program in the amount of \$176,428 with Eureka County's portion at \$114,678 and USGS match at \$61,750. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the federal fiscal year 2027 Joint Funding Agreement 27ZJJFA00102 with US Geological Survey for continuation of multi-year Hydrologic Monitoring Program in the amount of \$176,428 with Eureka County's portion at \$114,678 and USGS match at \$61,750. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Nevada Secretary of State Aquilar and Attorney General Ford announce victory blocking Trump administration from exerting federal control over elections. Nevada Secretary of State Francisco Aquilar releases statement on Supreme Court Decision allowing mail ballots to be received after election day. Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar reports on increased revenue for fiscal year, new business registrations. Nevada Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar releases statement of Supreme Court decision allowing mail ballots to be received after election day. Press Release - Governor Joe Lombardo joins Bipartisan Agreement to strengthen western grid and accelerate energy infrastructure. Nevada Tax Commission meeting notice for June 25, 2026, Division of water resources application notice for extension of time permit 82161. Nevada Water Resources 2026 Fall Symposium notice, Nevada Housing Division Grants statewide survey, Nevada Gold Mines Renewal Application for the Pipeline infiltration project water pollution control permit, Public Notice from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for Nevada Mercury Control Program. Nevadas Newest State Park Needs a name notice and invite, Certificate of Appreciation from Eureka High School for the donation to the scholarship fund, Thank you card from Annie Tibbitts for the donation to the National Rodeo finals travel fees. June 26th and July 7th NACO Newsletter, NACO Board of Directors June 2026 meeting packet, NACO Datacenter Meeting flyer, NDEP response 45-day release evaluation report. TV Board June 3rd Crescent Valley meeting minutes, Eureka TV Board June 25th and July 2nd agenda, NRAC July 7th Agenda, Public Comment from Homa Sayyar from Nevada Department of Indigent Defense Services.

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

Nothing reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public comment and discussion. *Notice: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public comments may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Public comment may be allowed on "Action" items, in addition to the two times specified on the agenda.* **(Discussion)**

Chairman McKay called for public comment in Crescent Valley, Lisa Wolf with the Eureka Sentinel asked about the curing issues with the swimming pool, she was directed to contact Public Works. Chairman McKay called for public comment in Eureka, hearing none he proceeded to the next item.

2. Consider items requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. *Notice: The public is welcome to request agenda items for future meetings during the Public Comment period or may consult with one or more of the Board of Commissioners to request agenda items for future meetings.* **(Discussion)**

Nothing considered.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:42pm.

Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder Katelyn Ziemann.

Approved this 21st day of July 2026 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

ATTEST:


Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling


Chairman Rich McKay