

# BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 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 April 7, 2026. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, District Attorney Ted Beutel and Deputy Clerk Recorder Katelyn Ziemann. Commissioner Mike Schoenwald was absent. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the meeting agenda, Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Chairman McKay called for public comment in Crescent Valley, hearing none he called in Eureka. Marilyn Strickland-Adams commented that she would like to use the Eureka Opera House without fees on April 25<sup>th</sup> or May 9<sup>th</sup> to conduct a debate for the elected offices of; Commissioner, Sheriff and School Board Trustee seats. Ms. Strickland-Adams proposed a debate with a 2-minute response and a 1-minute rebuttal, she would ask roughly 10 questions per group. Chairman McKay commented that the Commissioner debate could be held before the Primary election but that possibly the Sheriff and School Board Trustee debate be held closer to the General Election due to them not being on the Primary ballot. Ms. Strickland-Adams was directed to the Clerk Recorders office for an Agenda Request form. Public Works Director Jeb Rowley commented that the Opera House will be undergoing some renovations in the months of April and May, he asked that Ms. Strickland-Adams contact Public Works for scheduling.

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

None considered.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 1. Approval of the minutes from the March 17, 2026 Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the commission meeting minutes from March 17, 2026, Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

## COUNTY COMPTROLLER – Kim Todd, Comptroller

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

The board along with Comptroller, Kim Todd reviewed the expenditures.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$1,820,470.37 with the passthrough of \$1,810 to the Nevada Division of Minerals. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

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

The board reviewed the current fund balance report.

## FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET

### 1. Review budgets and discuss, approve or deny sending the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Budget for filing with the Nevada Department of taxation. *Note: Pursuant to NRS 354.596, Tentative Budgets must be filed on or before April 15, 2026, for the following Eureka County entities: Eureka County, Eureka Town, Crescent Valley Town, Devil's Gate GID, Diamond Valley Rodent District, Diamond Valley Weed District and Eureka Television District.* **(For Possible Action)**

The Television District met and approved their budget, they will collect \$255,537.00 in revenue and they will have a negative budget of \$68,688.00.00. The TV Board is an elected board who has purview over their own budget. Devils Gate General Improvement District will end in a negative \$265,600.00; they do not receive any taxes. Diamond Valley Weed District will bring in \$86,000.00 in taxes and revenue and will spend \$166,850.00, some of the Natural Resource employee salary is paid from the Diamond Valley Weed District budget. The Rodent District, along with the Diamond Valley Weed District, is funded only by the people that live in those districts. They will bring in \$28,000.00 in revenue and they are budgeted to spend \$132,000.00. Crescent Valley Town will collect \$46,000.00 in taxes and revenue, they will spend \$110,350.00, their proprietary fund, which is their water fund, will collect \$117,750 in revenue from water users and are filing a budget of \$553,600.00. Eureka Town will bring in \$151,266 in revenue and will file a budget of \$124,400.00, Comptroller Todd explained the Eureka Town budget is the only budget that will be in the positive. Eureka Town Water fund will bring in \$360,000.00 and spending \$1.65 million, most of that will be for the Phase 2C Eureka Town and Water Improvement project. The General Fund will receive \$43,923,000 in revenue and taxes and is set to spend \$49,740,000.00, the General Fund is also donating \$8.5 million to other funds for various projects around the County. Comptroller Todd reported the County had a negative budget of \$10 million in Fiscal Year 2025/2026, this upcoming Fiscal Year of 2026/2027 the County will have a negative budget of \$5 million.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Budget for filing with the Nevada Department of taxation, Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

2. Set date and time for the public hearing to consider changes to the Tentative Budget and to adopt the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. *Pursuant to NRS 354.596(4) this budget hearing must be held no sooner than the third Monday in May and no later than the last day in May. The Commissioners will meet on May 19, 2026. (For Possible Action)*

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve scheduling the public hearing to consider changes to the Tentative Budget and to adopt the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – COUNTY ROOM TAX ORDINANCE**

*Notice was given that the Board of Eureka County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on April 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 changes to the County Room Tax Ordinance, specifically Title 4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Taxes, Chapter 50, Section .010 Definitions, Subsection G.*

1. Open public hearing and invite comments on the changes considered to the County Room Tax Ordinance, specifically Title 4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Taxes, Chapter 50, Section .010 Definitions, Subsection G. **(Discussion)**

Chairman McKay opened the Public Hearing and called for public comment at 10:09 am. Chairman McKay, who also sits on the Recreation Board explained to the room that the change to the County Room Tax Ordinance, specifically Title 4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Taxes, Chapter 50, Section .010 Definitions, Subsection G was the wording of “3 rooms or less” to “1 room or less”. The Recreation Board has approved the changes made. Hearing no public comment Chairman McKay closed the public hearing at 10:11 am.

2. Discuss, approve or deny changes to the County Room Tax Ordinance, specifically Title 4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Taxes, Chapter 50, Section .010 Definitions, Subsection G. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the changes to the County Room Tax Ordinance, specifically Title 4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Taxes, Chapter 50, Section .010 Definitions, Subsection G. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

## **COMMISSIONERS –**

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

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Indigent Defense Financial Status Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of Fiscal Year 2026. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a proclamation declaring June 15-21, 2026, as Men’s Health Week and encourage participation in “Wear Blue Day” on Friday, June 19, 2026. *Note: Participants can post your “Wear Blue” Photos to social media with the hashtag #ShowUsYourBlue. (For Possible Action)*

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Men’s Health Week proclamation declaring June 15-21, 2026, as Men’s Health Week. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING JUNE 15-21, 2026 AS MEN’S HEALTH WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, Men’s Health Month is part of an ongoing international effort to educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of preventative health screenings, early detection, and healthy lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS**, Nationwide, men have a life expectancy that is approximately six years shorter than that of women and experience higher rates of chronic disease, including diabetes, obesity, cancer, heart disease, and premature mortality; and

**WHEREAS**, Men’s Health Month provides an opportunity to recognize the mental and physical health needs to men and boys, while encouraging fathers and caregivers to serve as positive role models through preventative care, healthy living, and help-seeking behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, The growing epidemic of “Deaths of Despair,” including deaths related to suicide, substance use disorders, alcohol misuse, and homelessness, underscores the urgent need to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression, mental stress, and emotional distress among boys and men, and

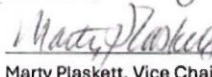
**WHEREAS**, The centerpiece of Men’s Health Month is National Men’s Health Week, a special awareness period passed by Congress and Signed into law on May 31, 1994, and observed annually through the efforts of Men’s Health Network to build health empathy, recognition, and understanding of the unique health needs facing men and boys.

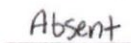
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Eureka County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 as Men’s Health Week in Eureka, Nevada.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026

Board of Eureka County Commissioners  
County of Eureka, State of Nevada

  
Rich McKay, Chairman

  
Marty Plaskett, Vice Chair

  
Mike Schoenwald, Member

ATTEST:   
Eureka County Clerk Recorder

**NEVADA GOLD MINES** – Rito Chavez, In-Reach Engagement Team Lead

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| <p>1. Discuss, approve or deny accepting a tree to be planted within the town of Eureka as part of Arbor Day/Earth Day recognition in support of environmental stewardship and community partnership.<br/><b>(For Possible Action)</b></p> |
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Rito Chavez, In-Reach Engagement Team Lead with Nevada Gold Mines presented to the board a donation from Nevada Gold Mines to the town of Eureka a tree to be planted as part of Arbor Day/Earth Day recognition in support of environmental stewardship and community partnership. Mr. Chavez worked with a local nursery and picked a Skyline Honey Locust tree. Mr. Chavez was directed to work with Public Works to decide where to plant the tree. The tree planting is set for April 23, 2026 at 1pm.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve accepting a tree to be planted within the town of Eureka from Nevada Gold Mines. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**EUREKA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** – Tyler Blanco

1. Discuss, approve or deny waiving the rental fees for the use of the Opera House, May 23, 2026, for the Eureka County High School Alumni Association dinner. **(For Possible Action)**

Tyler Blanco requested the Opera House fees to be waved for the Annual Eureka County High School Alumni Association Dinner on May 23, 2026.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve waving the Opera House fees on May 23, 2026 for the Eureka County High School Alumni Association dinner. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT** – Shannon Ernst, Administrator

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

Shannon Ernst Administrator with Central Nevada Health District and Emily Lawrence with Village Reach presented updates to the Board, Emily Lawrence is working on the community health needs assessment. Shannon Ernst has officially taken over as Administrator for the Central Nevada Health District.

**IT**-Misty Rowley, CIO

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

CIO, Misty Rowley reported her department worked on the migration from Benchmark to CourtView, they met with Ironclad consulting companies and received quotes for tagging metadata in IronClad and verifying contracts. They worked at the Sheriffs office on their fingerprinting machine and worked with Cyber Networks on the Sheriffs office technical audit.

2. Discuss, approve or deny proposal from LegalEng Consulting Group (LECG) to provide Ironclad managed services and support for Eureka County, consisting of a bucket of 32 hours over a six-month term at a rate of \$325 per hour, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,400.00, and authorize the CIO to execute the agreement outside of the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

LegalEng Consulting Group will provide services and support along with training for users of Ironclad.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the proposal from LegalEng Consulting Group (LECG) to provide Ironclad managed services and support for Eureka County, consisting of a bucket of 32 hours over a six-month term at a rate of \$325 per hour, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,400.00, and authorize CIO Rowley to execute the agreement outside of the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**TREASURER** – Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

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

The board along with Treasurer Pernecia Johnson reviewed the February 2026 Treasurers report.

**COUNTY FACILITIES** – Brenna Rogne, Facilities/Events Manager

**1. Report on activities and events at County-managed facilities. (Discussion)**

Facilities/Events Manager Brenna Rogne reported the swimming pool has a projected opening date of May 26<sup>th</sup>, she has been using the pool kids for jobs around town; cleaning and organizing the Museum and the tourist caboose, cleaning fire trucks, cleaning out conex boxes and working at the ballfields. For February the Opera House had 24 visitors and multiple private events. The museum had 54 visitors and hosted a successful Valentines craft day. For March the Opera House had 47 visitors and 151 participants for the St. Brendan’s bingo night. The museum had 156 visitors they also hosted a St. Patrick’s Day craft and an Easter egg decorating.

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

**1. Discuss, approve or deny the Fifth Amendment to the Voting System Agreement by and Between Liberty Vote USA Inc. and Eureka County, NV. (For Possible Action)**

Dominion Voting Systems was purchased by Liberty Vote USA Inc, Clerk Recorder Bowling is purchasing 2 new ICP-2 tabulate ballot boxes for the election, 1 for Crescent Valley and 1 for Eureka.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Voting System Agreement by and Between Liberty Vote USA Inc. and Eureka County, NV. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**2. Discuss, approve or deny changes to the Interlocal Contract Between the Secretary of State and Eureka County for fiscal year 2027-2028, in the amount not to exceed \$2,000 for Eureka County’s portion of the top-down election management system. (For Possible Action)**

The top-down election management system is 50% paid for by the Secretary of State and 50% broken up by the counties population, \$2,000 is Eureka’s portion of the contract.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Interlocal Contract Between the Secretary of State and Eureka County for fiscal year 2027-2028, in the amount not to exceed \$2,000 for Eureka County’s portion of the top-down election management system. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**HUMAN RESOURCES** - Cristina Lopez, Human Resources Director

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

Human Resources Director Cristina Lopez reported she has 3 active investigations she has assigned investigators for, there is 1 workers compensation case, and she reported it was 30 days with no reported incidents. Director Lopez attended the safety committee meeting, a virtual training from EEOC, labor negotiation meeting and EMS volunteer meetings.

**2. Discuss, approve or deny the implementation of a Workforce Position Control and Vacancy Review Process in lieu of Hiring Freeze Resolution. (For Possible Action)**

Chairman McKay explained the Workforce Position Control and Vacancy Review Process in lieu of Hiring Freeze Resolution will allow the board the opportunity to review whether a vacant

position should be rehired or not. Commissioner Plaskett commented on removing the county manager area at the bottom of the resolution due to the position being removed.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the implementation of a Workforce Position Control and Vacancy Review Process In lieu of Hiring Freeze Resolution with the county manager edit. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

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

**Chairman McKay called the meeting back to order at 11:04 am.**

**AMBULANCE AND EMS** – Nichole Cooley, EMS Director/Coordinator

1. Discuss, approve or deny the contract with Intermountain Health ground services to cover Crescent Valley for one year, with the option to extend, in the amount of \$300,000.00, utilizing funds budgeted for EMS salaries (010-054-51010-000) through June 30<sup>th</sup>. *Note: Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, Fiscal year 2026-2027, will then utilize funds from EMS service contracts going forward.*  
**(For Possible Action)**

EMS Director/Coordinator Nichole Cooley explained that until June 30<sup>th</sup> they will use funds from EMS salaries to pay for the Intermountain Health ground services and starting July 1<sup>st</sup> they will use funds from EMS services contracts. Intermountain Health will cover 24/7 ambulance services in Crescent Valley, Beowawe and Pine Valley, they will cover 8-12 days a month in Eureka. Nancy Abrams with Intermountain Health commented they also plan to help the Eureka volunteer program with trainings and education.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the contract with Intermountain Health ground services to cover Crescent Valley for one year, with the option to extend, in the amount of \$300,000.00, utilizing funds budgeted for EMS salaries through June 30<sup>th</sup> and EMS services contracts starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**SHERIFF**-Miles Umina, Sheriff

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

Sheriff Miles Umina reported April is Donate Life through Nevada Donor Network, Undersheriff Hicks worked on researching potential grants the Sheriff's office could apply for.

2. Announcement that the annual walk-through and inspection of the Eureka County Justice Facility and Detention Center will be conducted upon adjournment of meeting. *Note: No deliberation or action will take place during this annual walk-through and inspection.* **(Discussion)**

Chairman McKay announcement that the annual walk-through and inspection of the Eureka County Justice Facility and Detention Center will be conducted upon adjournment of meeting.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT** – Scooter Mentaberry, Road Supervisor

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

Road Supervisor Scooter Mentaberry reported they have been working on the JD Ranch Road per the MOU with Nevada Gold Mines, they have assisted the buildings and grounds crew with the Crescent Valley park project, hauled more material for the Boys and Girls club and completed their red card training.

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

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported the buildings and grounds crew worked on county buildings updating fixtures, urinals and toilets and vent fans. Mr. Sparkle cleaned carpets in county buildings. Meter readings will be sent out on May 1<sup>st</sup>; they have begun cleaning and preparing parks for the summer. Assistant Public Director Jayme Halpin has worked on the SkyFiber install in Diamond Valley

**2. Discuss, approve or deny ratifying additional cost from Alpine Lock of \$9,714.31 for labor and materials at the Eureka Admin Building, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Buildings and Grounds budget. Note: Original proposal on October 21, 2025 was for the amount of \$16,035.01. (For Possible Action)**

The new door locks at the Eureka Admin Building required additional configuration and equipment for installation requiring the increase to Alpine Lock for \$9,714.31.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve ratifying the additional cost from Alpine Lock of \$9,714.31 for labor and materials at the Eureka Admin Building, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Buildings and Grounds budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**3. Discuss, approve or deny quotes from Snyder Mechanical using funds in various capital outlay accounts in the amount of \$35,341.00 for purchasing ductless mini splits for the IT Department, Sheriff's Office, and the Eureka Water Department. (For Possible Action)**

The ductless mini splits are set to go in at the Sheriffs office, the IT room at the Courthouse and in the water well houses. IT will cover \$23,925, the Sheriff office will cover \$6,389 and Eureka water will cover \$5,027.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve quotes from Snyder Mechanical using funds in various capital outlay accounts in the amount of \$35,341.00 for purchasing ductless mini splits for the IT Department, Sheriff's Office, and the Eureka Water Department. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**4. Discuss, approve or deny quotes from Snyder Mechanical for purchasing ductless mini splits for the Eureka and Crescent Valley Senior Centers, for an amount not to exceed \$44,404.00 (\$22,202.00 each) utilizing funds budgeted in (040-130-55010-000) Building Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund. (For Possible Action)**

The ductless mini splits will replace swamp coolers at the senior centers, allowing for better cooling of the buildings.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the quotes from Snyder Mechanical for purchasing ductless mini splits for the Eureka and Crescent Valley Senior Centers, for an amount not to exceed \$44,404.00 (\$22,202.00 each) utilizing funds budgeted in (040-130-55010-000) Building Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**5. Discuss, approve or deny quote from Empire Cat in the amount of \$54,787.00 for a backup generator at the Sherriff's Office under Source Well contract #092222-Cat utilizing funds budgeted in (040-130-55010-000) Building Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund. (For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve quote from Empire Cat in the amount of \$54,787.00 for a backup generator at the Sherriff's Office under Source Well contract #092222-Cat utilizing funds budgeted in (040-130-55010-000) Building Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

6. Discuss, approve or deny a change order for additional scope in the contract with Lumos & Associates for engineering, design and related professional services for Eureka Town Phase 2C in the amount of \$20,000.00 utilizing monies budgeted for surveying and engineering in the Regional Transportation Commission Fund (025-110-55010-357) and the Eureka Water & Sewer Fund (045-177/178-55010-357) for a total contract price of \$396,710.00. **(For Possible Action)**

The change order will cover additional paving with water lines similar to how they did it with Mt. Wheeler Power last year.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the change order for additional scope in the contract with Lumos & Associates for engineering, design and related professional services for Eureka Town Phase 2C in the amount of \$20,000.00 utilizing monies budgeted for surveying and engineering in the Regional Transportation Commission Fund (025-110-55010-357) and the Eureka Water & Sewer Fund (045-177/178-55010-357) for a total contract price of \$396,710.00. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **NEVADA DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES** –

1. Review and certify the Nevada Division of Water Resources Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budgets for special assessments to be collected by Eureka County on behalf of the Division for necessary expenses related to supervision over the following groundwater basins: (a) Maggie Creek Basin; (b) Boulder Flat Basin; (c) Whirlwind Valley Basin; (d) Lower Reese River Valley Basin; (e) Crescent Valley Basin; (f) Pine Valley Basin; (g) Diamond Valley Basin; and (h) Kobeh Valley Basin. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve certifying the Nevada Division of Water Resources Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budgets for special assessments to be collected by Eureka County on behalf of the Division for necessary expenses related to supervision over the following groundwater basins: (a) Maggie Creek Basin; (b) Boulder Flat Basin; (c) Whirlwind Valley Basin; (d) Lower Reese River Valley Basin; (e) Crescent Valley Basin; (f) Pine Valley Basin; (g) Diamond Valley Basin; and (h) Kobeh Valley Basin. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES** – Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager

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

Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts reported on a press release with the Department of Interior signing an MOU with the US Department of Agriculture for them to move forward with their new grazing plan action. The BLM issued, the prior day, a new categorical exclusion for the salvage harvest of dead and dying trees, including pinyon and juniper woodlands in Nevada. Manager Tibbitts and Chairman McKay met with the BLM, NV Energy and I-80 Gold to discuss the transmission line around Eureka and through Diamond Valley. Manager Tibbitts reported the NRAC meeting for the 8<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Manager Tibbitts will attend the BLM greater sage grouse meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>, I-80 Gold future mining options meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the Groundwater Management Plan Advisory Board will meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> to perform the elections of

their vacant positions, the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council will meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> and on April 20<sup>th</sup> the Crescent Valley Firewise Committee will meet.

2. Discuss and consider scoping comments to federal Surface Transportation Board regarding Nevada Gold Mines' proposal to construct and operate a new rail line to connect the Cortez Mine in Crescent Valley to processing facilities at the Goldstrike Mine in Boulder Valley. **(For Possible Action)**

The Surface Transportation Board will be the lead agency performing the environmental analysis for Nevada Gold Mines' proposal to construct and operate a new rail line to connect the Cortez Mine in Crescent Valley to processing facilities at the Goldstrike Mine in Boulder Valley. Nevada Gold Mines' goal is to reduce the amount of haul trucks on the highways helping the citizens of Crescent Valley. When finished the rail line will be 55 miles with 50 to 110 train cars, making 2 trips a day.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve comments to the federal Surface Transportation Board regarding Nevada Gold Mines' proposal to construct and operate a new rail line to connect the Cortez Mine in Crescent Valley to processing facilities at the Goldstrike Mine in Boulder Valley. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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

Nevada Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar releases statement on new elections executive order signed by President Trump, Nevada Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar and Urban Chamber of Commerce to hold Capital Readiness event for small business owners and entrepreneurs. Governor Lombardo appoints Vinson Guthreau as Head of Nevada DCNR, Governor Lombardo orders flags at half-staff in memory of Sue Wagner, Governor Lombardo releases statement on Las Vegas Hosting Super Bowl 63, Governor Lombardo visits Mt. Wheeler Power Cooperative to Highlight Rural Energy Infrastructure. Greenlink North Project Schedule changes, Eureka County's request for State Director Review of February 2026 Mt. Hope Project Record of Decision, Nevada Water Resources Association Hop on a bus and join us event invitation, Department of Interior meeting dates update letter. March 16, 2026 Proposed Regulation of the Nevada Tax Commission, Small Business Impact Questionnaire. March 20<sup>th</sup> NACO Newsletter, March 27<sup>th</sup> Naco Newsletter, March 30<sup>th</sup> Crescent Valley Firewise Agenda, April 8<sup>th</sup> NRAC Agenda, April 8<sup>th</sup> Rodent Board Agenda, April 12<sup>th</sup> CV TV Board agenda.

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

Nothing reported.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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Chairman McKay called for public comment in both Eureka and Crescent Valley, Lisa Wolf with the Eureka Sentinel asked for clarity on the last name of Marilyn Strickland-Adams who gave public comment at the beginning. She also asked for correction that no one filed for the office of District Attorney and what that means for the County.

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

None considered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. Adjournment of meeting.

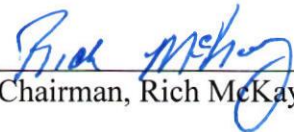
Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adjourn the meeting, Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.**

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

*Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.*

ATTEST:   
Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling

  
Chairman, Rich McKay