

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 2, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on June 2, 2026. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, District Attorney Ted Beutel and Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. Commissioner Mike Schoenwald was absent. The meeting was called to order at 9:28 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, Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Chairman McKay called for public comment in both Eureka and Crescent Valley, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the May 19, 2026 Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the May 19, 2026 commissioner meeting minutes. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

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 Assistant Comptroller DeeAnna Colby reviewed the expenditures.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,024,428.41 and the passthrough of \$30 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.

COMMISSIONERS –

2. Discuss, approve or deny ratifying the Indigent Defense Annual Financial Status Report, due to the Department in May 2026. **(For Possible Action)**

Deputy Clerk Recorder Katelyn Ziemann explained the Annual Financial Report for the Indigent Defense is a combined report of the quarterly reports from 2025 including the reimbursements from the Department of Indigent Defense.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve ratifying the Indigent Defense Annual Financial Status Report, due to the Department in May 2026. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

IT-Misty Rowley, CIO

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

CIO Misty Rowley reported her department worked on the county newsletter, social media and attended a Market Share PR meeting. They attended a meeting with the Ironclad legal consulting firm and have another scheduled for June 4th. They are testing new Microsoft teams phones and considering moving away from Cisco phones. They will continue to test 3 phones and consider the financial savings of switching. They went to Crescent Valley and performed updates, check-ins and configured PCs. They attended a meeting with AT&T and the Sheriffs office regarding the best approach for the new installation project. They have also been working on destroying hard drives from the District Attorney's office.

2. Discuss, approve or deny entering into a Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment State and Local Agreement for Azure Subscription services for the County of Eureka, under Agreement number 4712252, with SHI International Corp. listed as the reseller. Authorize the CIO to sign all necessary agreement documents and related forms outside of the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

The Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment State and Local Agreement for Azure Subscription services would allow for workstations to connect with the new 365 cloud tenant. Once something becomes necessary to purchase SHI will send a quote to the IT department.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve entering into a Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment State and Local Agreement for Azure Subscription services for the County of Eureka, under Agreement number 4712252, with SHI International Corp. and authorize CIO Rowley to sign all necessary agreement documents and related forms outside of the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss, approve or deny changing medical insurance provider & plans from Prominence to Anthem for the remainder of calendar Year 2026 and calendar Year 2027, and authorize the Chairman or his designee to sign all related documents and agreements outside the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Health Insurance Advisory Board member Jayme Halpin reported LP Insurance contacted them and reported Prominence Health Insurance was doing away with Cigna network, which is all the out-of- state providers. LP Insurance went out to market and received competitive quotes; Anthem Insurance came back with the best plan. An individual from LP Insurance will be at the Annex on June 3rd for questions regarding the change. Jayme Halpin also explained there will be a processing delay between July and August, LP insurance will be available to help on a case-by-case basis during that time. Vision, Dental and Life insurance will still be through Kansas City Life.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve changing medical insurance provider & plans from Prominence to Anthem for the remainder of calendar Year 2026 and calendar Year 2027, and authorize Jayme Halpin to sign all related documents and agreements outside the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

TREASURER – Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

1. Review of Treasurer’s Report for April 2026. **(Discussion)**

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 she has posted the college internship summer program position, she reported no new hires, investigations and no new cases on FMLA or workers compensation. Director Lopez reported 4 students are interested in the high school internship program.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a request to authorize double filling of a currently occupied position within the Juvenile Probation Office, and approve the corresponding position justification form. **(For Possible Action)**

The Juvenile Probation Department requested to double fill a currently occupied position to allow for training and institutional knowledge following a resignation. They are anticipating the time frame to be no more than a month.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve double filling a currently occupied position within the Juvenile Probation Office and approve the corresponding position justification form. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny a request to reclassify Jessica Santoyo from IT Professional Trainee III to Assistant Chief Information Officer (Assistant CIO), effective July 5th, along with the position justification form and to be reclassified after the new fiscal year budget becomes effective. **(For Possible Action)**

Due to Jessica Santoyo's change in job duties the recommendation is a reclassification since the position is not vacant. The new job description, title of Assistant CIO and E-19 pay rate was approved at the May 19th Board meeting. Assistant Comptroller Colby commented on behalf of Comptroller Kim Todd, they are asking them to follow previous practice of posting the position as an internal promotion and allowing others to apply and interview. CIO Rowley asked that if they aren't going to follow the rules of the reclassification section of the personnel policy than it should be removed. She also commented that "doing it a certain way doesn't make it right just because you've been doing it wrong." District Attorney Ted Beutel commented that posting an internal promotion alerts the other employees of what is happening. District Attorney Beutel also commented that the board could create a policy that would allow individual departments to reclassify without internal review of policy in house posting. Human Resources Director Lopez reiterated that it is not a promotion, it is a current position that has changed over time on duties and responsibilities, which is the definition of a reclassification. The board questioned the policy of reclassification versus promotion.

The item was tabled to allow Commissioner Schoenwald to weigh in on the topic.

4. Discuss, approve or deny a request to authorize immediate recruitment and posting for a previously approved part-time (3/4 benefited) IT Professional Trainee I position, to be hired after Fiscal Year 2026-2027, along with the corresponding position justification and hiring freeze forms. **(For Possible Action)**

The part-time (3/4 benefited) IT Professional Trainee I position was budgeted for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, CIO Rowley is requesting authorization for immediate recruitment but to be hired after Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve authorizing the immediate recruitment and posting for a previously approved part-time (3/4 benefited) IT Professional Trainee I position, to be hired after Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

5. Discuss, approve or deny retroactive pay for Lindsay Stith for Fiscal Year 2024 related to a prior classification error involving the Justice Court Deputy Clerk position. **(For Possible Action)**

In March 2026 the board approved an adjustment in retroactive pay due to administration error on Lindsay Stith's title, her classification during the job study was evaluated wrong. The total retroactive pay for Fiscal Year 2024 will be \$3,203.30.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve retroactive pay for Lindsay Stith for Fiscal Year 2024 related to a prior classification error involving the Justice Court Deputy Clerk position. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

6. Discuss, approve or deny allowing Human Resources to use the Commissioners Misc. account (010-001-53010-085) to fund the Eureka County College Internship Pilot Summer Program, \$15,000 for the month of June and \$15,000 for the months of July and August. **(For Possible Action)**

The board discussed allowing \$15,000 each for the months of June, July and August totaling \$45,000 for the Eureka County College Internship Pilot Summer Program and to use the Commissioners Misc. account (010-001-53010-085).

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Human Resources using the Commissioners Misc. account (010-001-53010-085) to fund the Eureka County College Internship Pilot Summer Program, \$15,000 for the months of June, July and August totaling \$45,000.

JUVENILE PROBATION – Steve Zimmerman, JPO

1. Discuss, approve or deny ratifying a temporary credit limit increase on the County purchasing card issued to Steve Zimmerman, in the amount of \$4,000 (\$5,500 total), for the month of May for the purchase of Grad Night prizes and supplies. **(For Possible Action)**

Juvenile Probation Officer Zimmerman reported over 80 students attended Grad Night and they received over \$11,000 in donations.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve ratifying a temporary credit limit increase on the County purchasing card issued to Steve Zimmerman, in the amount of \$4,000 (\$5,500 total), for the month of May for the purchase of Grad Night prizes and supplies. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

AMBULANCE AND EMS – Nichole Cooley, EMS Director/Coordinator

1. Discuss, approve or deny the EMS Directors' discretionary use of volunteer stipends to reflect hours worked in addition to on-call time, to supplement out-of-town travel, special events, education (IE, provisional license), and day-to-day operations support. **(For Possible Action)**

EMS Director/Coordinator Nichole Cooley made changes to the volunteer timesheet; she added the option of a 6-hour shift, a section for county employees who volunteer which includes the date, time in and time out and special detail.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the EMS Directors' discretionary use of volunteer stipends to reflect hours worked in addition to on-call time, to supplement out-of-town travel, special events, education (IE, provisional license), and day-to-day operations support. 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 they have 3 in custody, 1 in White Pine and 2 in Ely State Prison. In the past 30 days there have been 2 fatal car accidents, Sheriff Umina is in contact with Nevada State Police to assist with patrol.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Scooter Mentaberry, Road Supervisor

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

Road Supervisor Scooter Mentaberry reported they have completed grading roads around the county and performing cattle guard maintenance along with spraying weeds. They also have a new employee training for his CDL.

- 2. Discuss, approve or deny setting a public hearing to invite public comments and consider adopting an updated Eureka County Road Map which identifies Main Roads, General Roads, and Minor Roads within Eureka County. *Note: The hearing is proposed for July 7, 2026 at a time convenient to the Boards agenda.* (For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve setting a public hearing to invite public comments and consider adopting an updated Eureka County Road Map which identifies Main Roads, General Roads, and Minor Roads within Eureka County for July 7, 2026 at 10am. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jayme Halpin, Assistant Public Works Director

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

Assistant Public Works Director Jayme Halpin reported SNC currently is working on the sewer on O-Neil Street and Treasure Street. They are still working on the runway lights at the airport and are considering replacing the whole runway light system. The coping for the swimming pool has arrived, they still don't have a reopen date yet. The SkyFiber project is still underway.

- 2. Discuss, approve or deny Snyder Mechanical to make emergency repairs to the walk-in freezer at the Crescent Valley Senior Center in the amount of \$8,718.00, utilizing funds in the capital outlay Building Reserve Department fund (040-130-55010-000). (For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Snyder Mechanical to make emergency repairs to the walk-in freezer at the Crescent Valley Senior Center in the amount of \$8,718.00, utilizing funds in the capital outlay Building Reserve Department fund (040-130-55010-000). 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 he attended the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council meeting in Elko and discussed the conservation credit system that is under their purview. Manager Tibbitts will attend the Water Law Working group meeting on the 8th and the State Conservation Commission on the 10th. Manager Tibbitts will also serve on the Extension Subcommittee for NACO and attend a meeting on the 12th. NACO Public Land and Natural Resource Committee will meet on the 18th. BLM proposed their grazing regulations and opened public comment through July 13th; the grazing regulations have not been updated effectively since 1995.

2. Discuss and consider accepting invitation to participate as a cooperating agency on the Boulder Valley Tailing Storage Facility Project and approve or respond with requests for changes to Elko BLM on associated MOU. (For Possible Action)

The Boulder Valley Tailing Storage Facility Project is a new tailing facility associated with the Goldstrike Mine, they are entering the NEPA process and inviting Eureka County to be a cooperating agency. It will be 1,665 new acres of disturbance; 882 acres will be public land.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to accept the invitation to participate as a cooperating agency on the Boulder Valley Tailing Storage Facility Project and approve or respond with requests for changes to Elko BLM on associated MOU. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss and consider response to Elko BLM September 2026 Oil and Gas Lease Sale Environmental Assessment. (For Possible Action)

The board has previously submitted a letter to the BLM asking them to analyze the scoping of the oil and gas lease sale, now the board will respond with the Counties standard policies.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve responding to the Elko BLM September 2026 Oil and Gas Lease Sale Environmental Assessment, Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss and consider response to Battle Mountain BLM for their consideration in the December 2026 oil and gas parcel lease sale. (For Possible Action)

Manager Tibbitts presented a map to the Board showing the district line between Battle Mountain and Elko BLM district is the JD Road, the bid is only for exploration not development. Potential areas affected are Union-Mineral Hill, Union Pass and Blackburn area.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a response to Battle Mountain BLM for their consideration in the December 2026 oil and gas parcel lease sale. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

5. Discuss and consider response to BLM on Barrick Gold U.S., Inc. submitted Plan of Operations for the Bullion Hill Underground Exploration Project. (For Possible Action)

The County is already a cooperating agency in the Bullion Hill Underground Exploration Project, the BLM posted the Barrick plan of operations for the large exploration project and asked for comments. The plan includes two declines 22,000 feet each, connecting the Crescent Valley side to the Pine Valley side. There could potentially be impact to a county road, Barrick could ask to close the road to public use and request a reroute. They expect 130 new workers for the exploration project and anticipate the project to take 6 years. As a cooperating agency the county will be involved in the permitting process.

No action was taken.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence. (Discussion)

NV Div of Environmental Protection Sams Corner Store First Quarter 2026 Groundwater Monitoring Report, Secretary of State Francisco Aquilar launches youth vote survey to strengthen civic participation, NACO Housing Flier and June 8th virtual meeting invite. Letter from Gallagher Dental, May 22 & 29 NACO Newsletter, Eureka TV District May 19 meeting minutes.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting.

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

Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder Katelyn Ziemann.

Approved this 18th day of June 2026 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

ATTEST: Kathy Bowling
Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling

Rich McKay
Chairman, Rich McKay