# BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 4, 2025 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 November 4, 2025. 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 Schoenwald motioned to approve the agenda with the tabling of the Ambulance/EMS items. Commissioner Plaskett 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 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 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)

The board discussed putting the tabled Ambulance/EMS items on the next agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the October 21, 2025, Commission meeting minutes. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the October 21, 2025, Commission meeting minutes, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

### **COUNTY COMPTROLLER** – Kim Todd, Comptroller

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

The Board along with Comptroller Kim Todd reviewed the expenditures.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the expenditures of \$3,124,062.36, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

2. Review Fund Balance Report. (Discussion)

The board reviewed the current fund balance report.

# **COMMISSIONERS**

1. Updates from and discussion with Caleb Cage of Arc Dome Strategies, LLC related to their representation of Eureka County in Nevada Legislative matters. (Discussion)

Caleb Cage with Arc Dome Strategies LLC came before the board to give an update, he represents Eureka County in Nevada Legislature matters covering agriculture, agrivoltaics, public lands, water and many other issues. He continues to monitor interim legislative committees and works closely with Natural Resource Manager Jake Tibbitts, Public Works Director Jeb Rowely and Nevada Association of Counties.

2. Discuss, approve or deny extending the Interlocal Agreement (which was entered into in accordance with NRS 277) between Eureka County and the City of Carlin to temporarily replace Carlin's out of service ambulance with Eureka County Ambulance 929, to provide continuing Emergency Medical Services response to areas within Eureka and Elko Counties. Note: The original one-year agreement expired on October 1, 2025, and Carlin has requested a short-term extension due to their primary ambulance being out of service pending repairs. County EMS and Public Works staff will provide a recommendation related to the length of the requested extension. (For Possible Action)

Carlin Fire Department Captain Amanda Curry and Carlin Fire Chief Linda Bingham came before the board to discuss the interlocal agreement between Eureka County and the City of Carlin. Eureka County lent Carlin Eureka County Ambulance 929 while they went through the process of purchasing a new ambulance. Once they received their new ambulance the engine went out on another ambulance, Carlin Fire Department would like to extend the agreement for a short term while their ambulance is being repaired.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve extending the Interlocal Agreement between Eureka County and the City of Carlin to temporarily replace Carlin's out of service ambulance with Eureka County Ambulance 929, to continue providing Emergency Medical Services response to areas within Eureka and Elko Counties. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny accepting with immediate effect the services of Jane Eberhardy, Esq. under the same terms and conditions now set for the services of the current Eureka County Public Defender, to provide for an effective period of transition away from the services of Kelly Brown, Esq., the current Public Defender. This action item contemplates funding for both the current contract service provider Kelly Brown until December 31, 2025, and for funding of the services of Jane Eberhardy on the same terms and conditions during this transition period. (For Possible Action)

David Schieck, who has a contract with DIDS to do oversight and compliance monitoring for the rural county attorneys, has conducted oversight of both Kelly Brown and Jane Eberhardy for the past few years and came before the board to answer any questions the board may have regarding the Public Defender position. David Schieck commented on the importance of Jane Eberhardy beginning to work with Kelly Brown immediately before taking over in January. Kelly Brown will leave at the end of the year giving Jane Eberhardy a two-month transition period.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve accepting, with immediate effect, the services of Jane Eberhardy, Esq. under the same terms and conditions set for the services of the current Eureka County Public Defender, to provide for an effective period of transition away from the services of Kelly Brown, Esq., the current Public Defender. This action contemplates funding for both the current contract service provider Kelly Brown until December 31, 2025, and for funding of the services of Jane Eberhardy on the same terms and conditions during this transition period. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**4.** Discuss, approve or deny Resolution regarding A Request For Assistance pursuant to NRS 228.130. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Resolution regarding A Request for Assistance pursuant to NRS 228.130. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

#### RESOLUTION

# OF THE BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO N.R.S. 228.130

WHEREAS, the Office of the Eureka County District Attorney has been presented with a report designated Case Number 2509-0029 prepared by the Eureka County Sheriff's Office. This report lists a staff member of the District Attorney's Office as a suspect; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Eureka County District Attorney has two attorneys (the elected official and a deputy), one full time employee, and one part time employee; and

WHEREAS, one of the persons referenced in Case Number 2509-0029 was at the time of the alleged unlawful act, and is still now, an employee of the Eureka County District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative any prosecution avoid even the appearance of impropriety, and the person(s) listed as a suspect in 2509-0029, raises that appearance if prosecution proceeds, or in the alternative, does not proceed from the Office of the Eureka County District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Eureka County District Attorney has presented this Board with a request to ask for assistance from the Attorney General pursuant to N.R.S. 228.130; and

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NOW THEREFORE the Board of Eureka County Commissioners hereby resolve and do join in the request by the District Attorney to obtain assistance from the Attorney General in prosecution of Case Number 2509-0029, with the expectation and understanding that the Board of County Commissioners, consistent with N.R.S. 228.130, shall pay from the general fund the actual and necessary travel and lodging expenses of the Attorney General or his Deputy, or special investigator from Carson City, to Eureka and return therefrom, and other costs if requested shall be negotiated and agreed upon in advance.

ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2025.

**Board of County Commissioners** 

Rich McKay, Chairman

Marty Plaskett, Vice Chair

Michael Schoenwald, Member

Attest:

Clerk Regorder

cc: Theodore Beutel, Esq., Eureka County District Attorney Miles Umina, Eureka County Sheriff

5. Discuss, approve or deny holding the December 2, 2025, BOCC Meeting in Crescent Valley. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve holding the December 2, 2025, Board of County Commissioners Meeting in Crescent Valley. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

IT-Misty Rowley, CIO

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

CIO Misty Rowley reported the IT department worked on the October newsletter and social media, they worked on the VOIP infrastructure and contract reviewal, the T1 replacement attendance scalar architecture call. They continued working on the Ironclad implementation. The IT department attended the RAM annual contract conference.

2. Discuss, approve or deny the Broadband Service Agreement with Commnet Broadband for a 100 Mb EPL connection from Crescent Valley to Eureka at a recurring cost of \$750 per month for a term of three years, plus a one-time installation fee of \$2,000. Further, authorize the CIO to execute the contract outside of the meeting. (For Possible Action)

CIO Rowley explained the Broadband Service Agreement with Commnet Broadband for a 100 Mb EPL is part of the T1 replacement project, it will replace the copper connection between Eureka and Crescent Valley. The Commnet Broadband will connect to the tower located at Raines Market.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Broadband Service Agreement with Commnet Broadband for a 100 Mb EPL connection from Crescent Valley to Eureka at a recurring cost of \$750 per month for a term of three years, plus a one-time installation fee of \$2,000 and authorize CIO Rowley to execute the contract outside of the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny permanent credit limit increases, for a \$6,000.00 recurring monthly limit, on County credit cards issued to Jessica Santoyo to accommodate ordering and purchasing subscriptions/supplies for the IT Department. (For Possible Action)

CIO Rowley explained the credit card increase to Jessica Santoyo's card will help cover the network monitoring subscription for PRTG billed annually at \$3,900/year (\$325/month).

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the monthly credit limit increase of \$6,000.00 on the County credit card issued to Jessica Santoyo to accommodate ordering and purchasing subscriptions/supplies for the IT Department. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**4.** Discuss, approve or deny a recurring annual credit card expense on the County credit card issued to Jessica Santoyo for a network monitoring subscription for PRTG billed annually at \$3,900/year (\$325/month). **(For Possible Action)** 

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a recurring annual credit card expense on the County credit card issued to Jessica Santoyo for a network monitoring subscription for PRTG billed annually at \$3,900/year (\$325/month). Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

# TREASURER- Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

1. Review of Treasurer's Report for September 2025. (Discussion)

The board reviewed the September 2025 treasurers report.

#### AMBULANCE AND EMS - Nichole Cooley, EMS Director/Coordinator

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

Item was tabled.

2. Report on contract services. (Discussion)

Item was tabled.

Pursuant to NRS 361.300, discuss, approve or deny adopting a resolution directing the County Assessor to post and publish notice of completion and availability of the secured tax roll, which includes a list of all taxpayers on the secured roll in Eureka County, along with total valuation of properties on which they will pay taxes. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a resolution directing the County Assessor to post and publish notice of completion and availability of the secured tax roll, which includes a list of all taxpayers on the secured roll in Eureka County, along with total valuation of properties on which they will pay taxes. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Eureka, Nevada

November 4, 2025

#### RESOLUTION OF THE EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO PREPARE AND PUBLISH A LIST OF ALL TAXPAYERS ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL IN THE COUNTY, AND THE TOTAL VALUATION OF PROPERTY ON WHICH THEY WILL SEVERALLY PAY TAXES PURSUANT TO N.R.S. 361.300

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statute requires that the County Assessor be directed by Board Resolution to prepare and publish the secured tax roll annually.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eureka County Board of Commissioners does hereby direct the County Assessor prepare and publish a list of all taxpayers on the 2024-25 secured tax roll in the County, and the total valuation of property on which they will severally pay taxes, pursuant to N.R.S. 361.300;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eureka County Board of Commissioners does hereby direct the County Assessor to cause such list and valuations to be published on the Eureka County website on or before January 1st of the fiscal year in which assessments are made, and a public notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County that said list will also be printed and made publicly available at the Eureka County Assessor's Office and available via the County website.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2025.

THOSE VOTING AYE:

Commissioner Rich McKay Commissioner Michael Schoenwald

Commissioner Marty Plaskett

THOSE VOTING NAY:

None

THOSE ABSENT:

None

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF EUREKA, STATE OF NEVADA

RICH MCKAY, CHAIRMAN

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

Human Resources Director Cristina Lopez reported she attended the safety committee meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the risk management meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Director Lopez has scheduled weekly meetings with public works on the new fire and EMS volunteer program. Director Lopez scheduled the first department head round table meeting. She worked with different departments on openings in their offices and will help prepare for interviews. She started a new employee recognition project and will be working with the Leadership team.

# SHERIFF- Miles Umina, Sheriff

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

Sheriff Miles Umina and Undersheriff Charles Cobb reported they attended the Sheriffs and Chiefs convention in Las Vegas, the jail sergeant position has closed so they will be conducting interviews soon. They also interviewed for the Crescent Valley casual position and will be starting the background process for that position. The Sheriff's office attended the career fair at the High School; they were able to answer questions regarding POST and dispatch opportunities. The new fingerprinting machines will be installed on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Road Supervisor Scooter Mentaberry reported the Crescent Valley Road crew installed 14 new 25 mile an hour speed limit signs within the town of Crescent Valley. They also made repairs to 306 and made repairs to many cattle guards. The Eureka Road crew also repaired cattle guards, they did a big clean up to the roads in town due to the rainfall. Supervisor Mentaberry reported they still have a few job openings, but he is planning to schedule some interviews.

# 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 crew has started to winterize buildings around the county, they also replaced burnt out streetlights and airport runway lights. They will be installing the SCBA compressor in Crescent Valley and Ellen Curtis will be on site to conduct training and set up with the Crescent Valley Fire Department. Public Works met with the Sheriff and EMS to coordinate radiotech and evaluate communications with dispatch and incidents. The Planning Commission met to discuss a large land division in Diamond Valley, Director Rowley will have more information at a future meeting.

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

Natural Resources Department Assistant Hallee Dechambeau reported for Natural Resource Manager Jake Tibbitts, the Uhalde outcome based grazing letter was submitted and the Uhalde family reached out to thank the County for their input. The Eureka Conservation District is hosting their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Opera House.

2. Discuss and consider response on BLM proposal to rescind the Public Lands Rule also known as the BLM Conservation and Landscape Health Rule. (For Possible Action)

The Board agreed to send a letter in support of rescinding the Public Lands Rule also known as the BLM Conservation and Landscape Health Rule. The Board chose to send a letter of opposition in 2023 regarding the Public Lands Rule.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a response on BLM proposal to rescind the Public Lands Rule also known as the BLM Conservation and Landscape Health Rule. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence. (Discussion)

County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling read the meeting correspondence, Copy of Letter to US Senator Jacky Rosen addressing concerns for the Government Shutdown. Federal Shutdown Fact Sheet: SNAP and WIC Benefits, Federal Shutdown Fact Sheet: Food Accessibility, Nevada Secretary of State's Office warning of scams during government shutdown. CVTAB Agenda for 11-5-25, Eureka Television District Agenda and Meeting minutes, Nevada Division of Water Resources letter in regards to Application 94738, Copy of Letter Submitted by Board to the BLM in reference too: Eureka County's comment on the Outcome Based Grazing John Uhalde & Co. Term Permit Renewal. NACO Celebrating 90 years Magazine.

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

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None considered.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Adjournment of meeting.

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

Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder Katelyn Ziemann. Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

ATTEST:

County Clerk Kathy Bowling