

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 29, 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 April 29, 2025. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, and County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. Absent from the meeting were Commissioner Mike Schoenwald and District Attorney Ted Beutel. 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 moving the Natural Resources and Conservation District items after the Commissioners items. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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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.

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 \$1,079,450.73; Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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

The Board reviewed the current fund balance report.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss legislation being considered by the Nevada Legislature at their upcoming 2025 Session. No position on legislation will be taken by the Board at this time. **(Discussion)**

Jake Tibbitts reported there have been meetings related to the two water retirement bills AB104 and SB36, AB419 has moved forward from the committee without recommendation. Discussion ensued over the elected officials bill, Elko County District Attorney, Tyler Ingram commented that the bill will set a new base salary based on the consumer price index which is roughly about 23% increase to catch up. The cost-of-living adjustment per year will be to the discretion of county commissioners.

2. Discuss letters of interest and consider appointing a person to the vacant seat on the Eureka County Recreation Board in the Motel Seat. **(For Possible Action)**

The Board received only 1 letter of interest for the lodging position on the Recreation Board, Clint Willis who recently purchased the Colonnade Hotel.

Commissioner Plaksett motion to approve appointing Clint Willis to the vacant seat on the Eureka County Recreation Board for the Motel Seat. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny ratifying the waiving of the rental fee of the Opera House for the memorial service of Connie Hicks, a long-time resident of Eureka County, held March 8, 2025. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve ratifying the waiving of the rental fee of the Opera House for the memorial service of Connie Hicks, a long-time resident of Eureka County, held March 8, 2025. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES – Jake Tibbits, Natural Resources Director

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

Natural Resources Director, Jake Tibbits reported he attended a Sagebrush Ecosystem Council meeting on the 17th, the primary discussion was trying to find an alignment with BLM's final EIS. He also reported that the Western governors all signed a letter asking the BLM to not reopen the NEPA and the BLM is going to honor that. Jake explained that he provided comments on the Crescent Valley Geothermal Preliminary EA. The next Thursday following the meeting Jake and Jim Evans will be presenting the NDOW Heritage Project. Jake reminded everyone that May 2nd and 3rd are Firewise days and Smokey the Bear hot air balloon will be there, everyone is welcome. On the 7th the Conservation District will be meeting, the 17th NRAC will have a meeting.

2. Discuss, approve or deny proclamation in support of May 2025 as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month. (For Possible Action)

Jake explained that May is recognized nationwide as Wildfire Awareness month.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the proclamation in support of May 2025 as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.



EUREKA COUNTY PROCLAMATION
IN SUPPORT OF THE
NEVADA WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH - MAY 2025

WHEREAS, wildfire significantly impacts Nevada's environmental, economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, proactive wildfire preparedness efforts save lives, property, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, preparing for wildfire includes managing vegetation, using fire-resistant building materials, and fostering community-wide collaboration to reduce risk; and

WHEREAS, residents and stakeholders need to work together to prepare their homes and communities to survive wildfire and commit to becoming fire adapted; and

THEREFORE, the Eureka Board of County Commissioners proclaims the month of May 2025 as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month and encourages all residents to take action to become Battle Born Wildfire Ready.

We further proclaim that the Eureka County Board of Commissioners supports Firewise USA® Community Days, to promote community fire safe practices, wildfire awareness and wildfire readiness in Eureka County, to be held during the Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month in Eureka on May 2, 2025 at the Eureka Fairgrounds and in Crescent Valley on May 3, 2025 at the Crescent Valley Community Center.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 29th day of April, 2025.

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: Rich McKay
Rich McKay, Chairman

By: Marty Plasket
Marty Plasket, Vice Chairman

By: Not Present
Mike Schoenwald, Member

Attest: Kathy Bowling
Kathy Bowling, Clerk Recorder

EUREKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1. Discuss, approve or deny a grant of \$25,000 (as budgeted), or other amount deemed appropriate by the Board, to the Eureka Conservation District to be used for match towards various conservation projects benefiting Eureka County citizens and natural resources. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaksett motioned to approve a grant of \$25,000 to the Eureka Conservation District to be used for match towards various conservation projects benefiting Eureka County citizens and natural resources. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

GENESIS

1. Discuss, approve or deny the purchase of 2 hospital beds in the amount of \$3,700.00 invoiced to the County by Genesis Home Health/Hospice/Personal Care to be paid out of Genesis Home Health Budget (010-052-53010-161). (For Possible Action)

Chairman McKay explained that the plan is to store the hospital beds in the Conex trailer by the county shop and as injured people or seniors need them for rehabilitation or hospice, they can use them.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the purchase of 2 hospital beds in the amount of \$3,700.00 invoiced to the County by Genesis Home Health/Hospice/Personal Care to be paid out of Genesis Home Health Budget (010-052-53010-161). Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

IT-Misty Rowley, IT Director

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

IT Director, Misty Rowley reported that the IT department completed the ALBERT Server project and works on the RIMS migration. They continued work on the SMARSH project, worked on the May newsletter and social media. Annelle received her Comptia A plus certification, and Jessica received her Comptia Linux plus certification. Discussion ensued regarding email retention; Chairman McKay explained that most department heads are ok with a 7-year retention schedule. Misty will continue to research retention schedules and pricing.

GREAT BASIN CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER (GBCAC)- Tyler Ingram,
Elko County District Attorney

1. Discuss, approve or deny a request to renew and continue Eureka County support by providing a contribution in the amount of \$100,000.00 for GBCAC services provided throughout Northeastern Nevada. *Note: Eureka County has contributed \$100,000.00 in the past that led to building the GBCAC facility.* **(For Possible Action)**

Elko County District Attorney Tyler Ingram, Program Manager Tanya Yell, and Retired FBI Agent and Part time victim advocate Brian Frye presented to the Board the work that the Great Basin Children's Advocate Center does and the benefits of a donation. 2025 would be Eureka County's 4th year donating, and the GBCAC has handled 7 cases in Eureka County. The GBCAC facility has private advocate rooms, forensic interview rooms, and medical examination suites. They are equipped to travel to the town that a child is in need. Undersheriff Cobb commented in support of the work the GBCAC has offered to children in need. EMS Director Nichole Cooley commented that 7 may not seem like a high number of children affected in Eureka County, but when you look at the population of kids that is an extremely high number. Nichole also commented that the GBCAC offers mental health counseling to EMS and the Sheriff's office. EMT Griffin Bussian commented that he moved from Las Vegas, and they have nothing like this, he wanted to thank GBCAC for the services they provide.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a donation request of \$100,000 to GBCAC services provided throughout Northeastern Nevada. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

SHERIFF-Charles Cobb, Undersheriff

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

Undersheriff Cobb reported for the Sheriff Office, he was promoted to Undersheriff that week and Tyler Thomas is filling one of the deputy positions in Crescent Valley. Undersheriff Cobb reported the housing updates, they have 3 in custody, 2 located in White Pine and 1 located in Lander. One is sitting at 112 days in White Pine, and one is sitting at 31 days in Lander. They have a lieutenant position, a sergeant position and a Crescent Valley deputy position open. They have an application in process with a local in Eureka.

TREASURER-Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

1. Review Treasurer's Report for March 2025. **(Discussion)**

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report for March 2025.

2. Review affidavit of mailing delinquent tax notices for real property parcels. **(Discussion)**

Treasurer Pernecia Johnson reported they have 306 one-year delinquents, 57 two year and 30 three year delinquents.

ASSESSOR-Michael Mears, Assessor

1. Per NRS 361.5607, request the following personal property accounts (CM 320 - \$11.23, CM 437 - \$17.11, MH 77 - \$29.45) be designated as uncollectible and authorize the treasurer and assessor to deactivate the accounts and remove the delinquent bills from the unsecured tax roll. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve designating personal property accounts CM 320 - \$11.23, CM 437 - \$17.11, MH 77 - \$29.45 as uncollectible and authorize the treasurer and assessor to deactivate the accounts and remove the delinquent bills from the unsecured tax roll. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES-Tasha Dunlap, Human Resources Director

1. Discuss, approve or deny updates to the Pre and Post Trial Supervision Officer/Bailiff job description. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve updates to the Pre and Post Trial Supervision Officer/Bailiff job description. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a hiring freeze waiver for a Pre and Post Trial Supervision Officer/Bailiff position. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a hiring freeze waiver for a Pre and Post Trial Supervision Officer/Bailiff position. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

JUSTICE COURT-Dorothy Rowley, Justice of the Peace

1. Discuss, approve or deny authorizing the Justice Court to sign (outside of the meeting) a one-year Equipment Lease and Service Agreement with GEOSATIS, INC., for the use of GEOSATIS GPS monitoring bracelets. **(For Possible Action)**

Amy Jensen reported for Justice of the Peace Dorothy Rowley, they tested out different GPS monitoring bracelets and have worked out a trial basis for 1 year. They will only be charged when the bracelets are activated, having an individual released on residential confinement would save on the \$150 a day jail housing fees.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a one-year Equipment Lease and Service Agreement with GEOSATIS, INC., for the use of GEOSATIS GPS monitoring bracelets and allow for Justice Court to sign outside of the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

AMBULANCE & EMS- Nichole Cooley, EMS Director/Coordinator

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

EMS Director/Coordinator, Nichole Cooley introduced Griffin Bussian as the new EMT hired. For March there were 19 runs, 5 in Eureka with 6 to MedEx, and 4 in Crescent Valley with 4 to MedEx. They have EMR classes scheduled for May. They are working on standardizing all the ambulances in Eureka County, so no matter what rig you jump in all the equipment will be in the same spot. Eureka has 3 AEMTs, 3 EMTs, and 3 volunteer drivers. Crescent Valley has 2 EMT's and seven volunteer drivers. They are still going through the expired products and organizing all the equipment. They will have a booth at Firewise days, passing out goodie bags and giving tours of the ambulances to kids. They have met with the new medical director Marty; he works in Ely as an ER doctor. They have discussed a possible MOU with MedEx, the crews learn a lot when working side by side with them.

2. Discuss, approve or deny Aladtec TCP scheduler for a one-time fee of \$1,194.75 and a recurring fee of \$2,400.00 annually. *Note: A TCP representative will be available via Teams to answer any questions.* **(For Possible Action)**

Nichole Cooley explained the Aladtec TCP scheduler would handle all the scheduling for the volunteers and paid personnel; they can access the scheduler from their phones. The scheduler will keep track of all the supplies and their expiration dates. The scheduler will allow them to do daily

ambulance inspections with photos. When they get audited or have state inspections, they can print all that information.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Aladtec TCP scheduler for a one-time fee of \$1,194.75 and a recurring fee of \$2,400.00 annually. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny a lease with D & D Rentals LLC for \$1,000.00/month for temporary EMS rental housing in Crescent Valley, payable by Eureka County EMS budget (010-054-53010-000). **(For Possible Action)**

Diana Kersey with D & D Rentals LLC has offered their man camp as temporary housing for EMS in Crescent Valley for \$1,000 a month.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a lease with D & D Rentals LLC for \$1,000.00/month for temporary EMS rental housing in Crescent Valley, payable by Eureka County EMS budget (010-054-53010-000). Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

Chairman McKay opened the Public Hearing at 11:03.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BID OPENING – SRE / Windsock Project

BID OPENING – SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT & WINDSOCK PROJECT

Notice was given that sealed bids for the Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building & Windsocks Project (PWP-EU-2025-274) would be received on or before 11:00 a.m. (local time) on April 29, 2025, at the Eureka County Courthouse, Eureka, Nevada. Bids will be opened and read at 11:05 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, and the Eureka County Board of Commissioners will consider awarding the contract on the same day.

1. At 11:00 a.m. announce final call for bids for the Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building & Windsocks Project (PWP-EU-2025-274). **(Discussion)**

Chairman McKay called for final bids for the Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building & Windsocks Project (PWP-EU-2025-274).

2. At 11:05 a.m. open and read bids and accept them into the record by motion of the Board, with direction to Public Works and the County Engineer to review bid documents and return later in the meeting with a recommendation for award. **(For Possible Action)**

County Engineer Jonathan Lesprance reported 3 sealed bids that appeared to be in good condition and compliant with the stated times received at 10 South Main Street on or before 11 am local time. Jonathan opened the bids alphabetically; McCuen Construction Incorporated bid \$1,299,261.37 the

bid appeared substantially compliant. Peavine Construction bid \$1,419,035.00 the bid appeared substantially compliant. Sierra Nevada Construction bid \$1,496,007.00 the bid appeared substantially compliant. The apparent low bidder was McCuen Construction Incorporated.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to accept the bids and allow for review. Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Chairman McKay recessed the Public Hearing to allow review of the bids.

Chairman McKay call the regular meeting back to order at 11:09 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

The Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley reported the road department has 2 vacancies, 1 in the north and 1 in the south. The crews are starting to blade roads in the Tonkin, Roberts Creek, Fish Creek, and Maggie Creek areas. Jeb reported that Mount Rose is continuing progress on the clinic and Opera House heating system installations. Jeb explained there was a setback in installing the X Ray machine and the finished date has been adjusted; they will keep the community updated on the progress of that project.

2. Discuss, approve or deny ratifying final costs for rehabilitation of Municipal Water Well #2 in Diamond Valley, for a combined total expense of \$352,463.35. NOTE: The Board approved rehabilitation of Well #2 on August 6, 2024, for a not to exceed amount of \$700,000.00. (For Possible Action)

Jeb Rowley explained that the final costs were \$389,000, about \$40,000 cheaper than expected. The project was completed, and Jeb was looking to finalize the costs.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve ratifying final costs for rehabilitation of Municipal Water Well #2 in Diamond Valley, for a combined total expense of \$352,463.35; Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board took a recess while waiting for the bid decision to come back.

Chairman McKay called the meeting back to order at 11:39 a.m.

BID AWARD – SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT & WINDSOCK PROJECT

1. Consider recommendations related to bid evaluations and consider or deny awarding bid/contract for the Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building & Windsocks Project to the most responsible and responsive bidder. (For Possible Action)

Jonathan Lesprance explained they received 3 bids, all were sealed and in good condition. All 3 conformed to the requirements; bid form, bid bond, the 5% and 1% subcontractor lists, the SAM. Gov registration, the FAA's good faith requirements and statement of non-collusion as well as the agreement against the boycott of Israel State business licenses. The low bidder and recommendation were McCuen Construction Inc.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve awarding McCuen Construction the contract for the Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building & Windsocks Project for the price of \$1,299,261.37. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Review proposal from Lumos & Associates for building and construction services for the Eureka Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building & Windsocks Project in the amount of \$182,300.00 to be paid with monies budgeted for surveying and engineering (010-016-55010-357) in the Airport budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Jonathan Lesprance explained the Lumos & Associates proposal includes full time inspections, efficiencies, having crews on site, materials testing inspections as well as progress observations.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the proposal from Lumos & Associates for building and construction services for the Eureka Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building & Windsocks Project in the amount of \$182,300.00 to be paid with monies budgeted for surveying and engineering (010-016-55010-357) in the Airport budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Chairman McKay called the meeting back to order at 12:12p.m.

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET

1. Review Tentative Budgets and discuss, approve or deny possible eliminations of expenses, additions of expenses, capital outlay requests and any other budget related items listed in the tentative budgets. *Note: These changes will be incorporated into the Final Budget which is due to the Nevada Department of Taxation no later than June 1, 2025. Final budgets will be reviewed and approved on May 20, 2025.* **(For Possible Action)**

The Board along with Comptroller Kim Todd went through changes that were made to the tentative budget. The library budget increased \$1,000 to add the extra hours at the Crescent Valley library. Crescent Valley Town Water moved money from the project itself to engineering costs, there were no increases. Undersheriff Cobb explained the increase to cover the costs of a new finger printing machine. Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling explained she will be putting the Election software on the next agenda, and the cost is going to be around \$1,500 and a portion of it will be reimbursed by the State. Kim discussed the changes she made to salaries to accommodate the Elected Officials bill adjustment. The Board made no changes to the William B Ririe Contract budget. Kim went over

the new positions departments requested; Jeb Rowley asked for a Facilities Park Event Coordinator position, and a Museum casual. Road Department Equipment Operator that is contingent on the Nevada Gold Mines MOU. Detentions Deputy at the Sheriffs Office. There is still a vacancy in the County Manager position, Chief Deputy District Attorney, and a casual position in Crescent Valley. Misty requested a new casual position in IT. Justice Court will have a bailiff position following the retirement of a current employee. Kim explained the next meeting will also have the Public Hearing for the Tax Rates, even though they did not raise taxes they still have to have a public hearing.

No action was taken.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence. (Discussion)

County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling read the meetings correspondence, Nevada Water Resources Borehole Geophysical Logging Workshop May 13-14th in Reno, NWRA Stay Connected email, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Work Plan for PetroFix Injection at Sam's Corner Store, 3093 CV NV, NACO Newsletter and Board Meeting Summary April 2025, NACO US Capital Christmas Tree email and letter about County Christmas tree Skirt project, Crescent Valley Firewise Committee Agenda for April 25th, Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board Agenda for May 7th. Governor Lombardo Announces Mike Dreitzer as Incoming Chairman of Nevada Gaming control Board press release, Governor Lombardo Lowers Flags in Honor of His Holiness Pope Francis press release, Governor Lombardo Sends Letter to urge Trump Admin. To Remove Lithium Tariffs, press release.

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

Chairman McKay announced they have found a replacement for Nurse Practitioner Maja at the clinic.

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County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling reminded everyone that the next Board of County Commissioners meeting will be on May 20, the May 6th meeting was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:21p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder, Katelyn Ziemann.

Approved this 3rd day of June, 2025 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

ATTEST:


County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling


Chairman, Rich McKay