

# EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 6, 2023

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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, at the discretion of the Chair.* (For Possible Action)
2. Pledge of allegiance.

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on June 6, 2023. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy, Commissioner Marty Plaskett, District Attorney Ted Beutel, Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling, and Deputy Clerk Jackie Berg. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Chairman McKay noted that the Sheriff's agenda items would be taken early and the Natural Resource item for out-of-state travel for Mitch Nielsen was no longer needed. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the agenda with the stated changes; Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## 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 opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

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)

Chairman McKay said he had received a request to place an item on the next agenda to set a timeline for submission of agenda items and supporting materials.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the April 6, 2023, Commission meeting. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve minutes of the April 6, 2023, meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## SHERIFF

1. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing advanced step hires, pursuant to Personnel Policy 5.7.3, for two Deputy Sheriff positions (one at LE Range 121 Step 17; and one at LE Range 122 Step 18), and consider making the advanced salaries retroactive to May 21, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Sheriff Jesse Watts joined the meeting via telephone. He explained that advanced step hires were warranted for two recently filled Deputy Sheriff positions. The candidates possessed 15 years and 18 years of experience.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve advanced step hires for two Deputy Sheriff positions, one at LE Range 121 Step 17, and one at LE Range 122 Step 18, retroactive to the date of hire. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Assistant Public Works Director Raymond Hodson commented that if the Commissioners choose to set a precedent with advanced step hires for the Sheriff's Office, they should be prepared to do the same for other departments.

Chairman McKay agreed that the Board does not want to bring new hires on board at a wage that is not equitable with existing employees. He felt the cost of living adjustment and merit increases approved for the upcoming fiscal year would help address some of the salary issues.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny ratifying out-of-state travel for Deputy Uder and Deputy Flanagan to travel to California for extradition of an inmate on May 23-24, 2023; including ratification of emergency temporary credit limit increase to \$1,000.00 on County purchasing card issued to Deputy Uder. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to ratify out-of-state travel for Deputy Uder and Deputy Flanagan on May 23-24, 2023, for extradition of an inmate from California, including emergency \$500.00 credit limit increase (to \$1,000.00) on the purchasing card issued to Deputy Uder. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny ratifying out-of-state travel for Deputy Williams to deliver supplies to Salt Lake City, Utah, on May 19, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to ratify out-of-state travel for Deputy Williams to deliver supplies to Salt Lake City on May 19, 2023; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel for Sergeant Umina and Sheriff Watts to attend the COPS National Law Enforcement Wellness & Trauma Conference November 10-12, 2023 (travel dates of November 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>). (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve out-of-state travel November 9-13, 2023, for Sergeant Umina and Sheriff Watts to attend COPS National Law Enforcement Wellness & Trauma Conference in Orlando, Florida. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel for Sheriff Watts to attend the National Command College Chief Executive's Conference, October 14-18, 2023 (travel dates of October 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>). (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve out-of-state travel October 13-18, 2023, for Sheriff Watts to attend the National Command College Chief Executive's Conference in Miramar Beach, Florida; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Discuss, approve, or deny temporary credit limit increases, to \$1,000.00 each for the month of July, for County purchasing cards issued to Dispatchers Trina Webster and Lena Engeseth, while attending POST Academy training in Carson City. (For Possible Action)

Sheriff Watts clarified that, due to a resignation, only Ms. Webster will be going to training.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a temporary credit limit increase of \$500.00 (total of \$1,000.00) for the month of July on the purchasing card issued to Dispatcher Trina Webster, to cover lodging costs while attending POST Academy in Carson City. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Discuss, approve, or deny temporary credit limit increase, to \$2,000.00 for the months of June and July, for County purchasing card issued to Sergeant Umina to enable booking reservations and attending the IACME Training Symposium in Las Vegas, July 16-20, 2023 (travel dates of July 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>). (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a temporary credit limit increase of \$1,000.00 (\$2,000.00 total) for the months of June and July, for the purchasing card issued to Sergeant Umina for lodging costs related to the International Association of Coroner & Medical Examiners Training Symposium in Las Vegas July 16-20, 2023. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Discuss, approve, or deny temporary credit limit increase (of \$650.00), to \$2,650.00 for the month of June, to the County purchasing card issued to Sheriff Watts to cover registration for the 2023 National School Safety Conference in Las Vegas, July 24-28, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a temporary credit limit increase of \$650.00 (for \$2,650.00 total) for the month of June on the purchasing card issued to Sheriff Watts to cover registration for the 2023 National School Safety Conference in Las Vegas July 24-28, 2023. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Discuss, approve, or deny temporary credit limit increase, to \$2,000.00 for the month of June, for the County purchasing card issued to Civil Process Administrator Maureen Garner in order to purchase supplies for the Cops & Kids events scheduled June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a temporary credit limit increase of \$1,500.00 (\$2,000.00 total) on the purchasing card issued to Maureen Garner needed to purchase supplies for the Cops & Kids events scheduled June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing Eureka County Sheriff's Office to contract with Road & Highway Builders to provide traffic control services for the period of May 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Lieutenant Edwin Kilgore explained that the traffic control contract will not impact department operations, is available for officers to earn additional overtime when they are off duty, and is strictly voluntary. Comptroller Kim Todd reviewed and made corrections to the contract. She consulted with the County's insurance and POOL/PACT to ensure that there were no liability issues and that the compensation rates align with policy.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to authorize the Sheriff's Office to contract with Road & Highway Builders to provide traffic control services through December 31, 2023; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## COUNTY 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)

Expenditures were presented by Comptroller Kim Todd.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$999,739.85 for accounts payable, \$544,300.05 for payroll and benefit related expenses (including employee paid deductions), and pass-through payments of \$15,680.03 to the Nevada State Controller, \$300.00 to the N1 Grazing Board, and \$190.00 to the Nevada Division of Minerals, for a grand total of \$1,560,209.93. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Review Fund Balance Report. (Discussion)

The Board reviewed the report on current fund balances.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny a budget transfer totaling \$594,044.03 from the Commissioners' Capital Outlay Fund (010-001-55010-000), with \$524,104.57 credited to the Emergency Management Expense Fund (010-040-53010-123) and \$69,939.46 credited to the Emergency Management Capital Outlay Fund (010-040-55010-123) due to unforeseen flooding expenses incurred in Fiscal Year 2023. *Note: These funds may be reimbursed at a later date by FEMA or the Nevada Department of Emergency Management.* (For Possible Action)

Ms. Todd explained that monies need to be transferred to funds that have been overextended due to emergency expenditures related to flooding. The bulk of these emergency funds should be reimbursed by FEMA due to the declared State of Emergency, but the County has been warned that this could take as long as three to five years.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a budget transfer totaling \$594,044.03 from the Commissioners' Capital Outlay Fund, with \$524,104.57 credited to the Emergency Management Expense Fund and \$69,939.46 credited to the Emergency Management Capital Outlay Fund, due to unforeseen flooding expenses incurred in Fiscal Year 2023. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve, or deny a one-time credit limit increase of \$250.00 (total limit of \$1,250.00) to the County purchasing card issued to Kimberly Todd. (For Possible Action)

Ms. Todd explained that she is requesting a one-time credit increase since she needs to pay a course fee of \$999.00 for a staff member to enroll in training, and must also make lodging reservations for an upcoming conference.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a one-time credit limit increase of \$250.00 (for a total of \$1,250.00) on the purchasing card issued to Kimberly Todd; Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## COMMISSIONERS

1. Review options for Eureka County's Mission Statement and Vision Statement and consider finalizing and adopting, or determine that further work is needed and the Statements will be considered at a future meeting. (For Possible Action)

Several versions of mission statements and vision statements for Eureka County were circulated among staff. Chairman McKay opened a discussion and the Board reviewed the options with staff. Those in attendance selected Option C for the vision statement and Option B for the mission statement, as follows:

**Vision Statement (Option C):** We envision Eureka County to be a vibrant and resilient county that embraces its unique heritage, nurtures sustainable growth, and enhances the quality of life for all residents. We are dedicated to promoting sustainable development practices that preserve our natural resources, protect our scenic landscapes, and ensure a healthy future for generations to come. By delivering essential services, facilitating economic opportunities, and celebrating our heritage, we enhance the quality of life for all who call Eureka County home.

**Mission Statement (Option B):** The mission of Eureka County is to enhance the well-being and prosperity of all citizens by prioritizing their health, safety, and overall quality of life. Our dedication to innovation, diversity and collaboration enables us to address the needs of our community. As stewards of providing essential public services, we uphold the following core values: Integrity: We uphold the highest ethical standards in all of our actions. Collaboration: We encourage teamwork and cooperation to achieve our collective goals. Fiscal Responsibility: We ensure our actions are financially sound, making prudent decisions to maximize the value we provide to the community. Public Service: We are committed to our primary purpose of serving the public, always keeping their needs and interests at the forefront of our decision-making. Results-Oriented: We focus on achieving tangible and measurable outcomes for our community.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adopt Vision Statement (Option C) and Mission Statement (Option B) as read into the record; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

2. Update on Nevada Legislative Session, which adjourned June 5<sup>th</sup>, and consider input or action related to the interim period between Legislative Sessions. (For Possible Action)

Michael Mears reported on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature, which adjourned at 12 midnight the previous night. He said that earlier this morning, the Governor has already declared

there will be a Special Session. Mr. Mears expects this to occur sooner rather than later because the State budget was not finalized.

Mr. Mears reviewed several highlights. AB140 passed establishing Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>) as a State holiday, effective this year. The 'eleventh hour' elected officials' salary bill passed the Assembly unanimously and was sent to the Senate and basically died in committee. None of the property tax bills passed and the heavy equipment bill that the County was tracking also failed.

Mr. Mears noted that this was Senator Pete Goicoechea's final Session, and he wanted to go on record stating appreciation and giving recognition for all of Pete's hard work and the tremendous voice he gave rural Nevada in his years in the Assembly and Senate. Mr. Mears said rural Nevada is "losing a champion" who will really be missed!

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to give continued support and ratify Mr. Mears' representation of the County's position on various legislation; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## **CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT**

1. Update report on Central Nevada Health District. (Discussion)
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The Board welcomed Shannon Ernst, Director of Churchill County Social Services, and Caleb Cage, Interim Administrator of Central Nevada Health District (CNHD). Ms. Ernst and Mr. Cage led a presentation regarding creation of CNHD, passage of SB118 (which was instrumental in how the District was structured and provided a revenue source), and next steps for Eureka County to join as full member (rather than a contracted party).

The Health District will provide public health services (including disease prevention and management), environmental health services (food safety, permitting, water quality testing), public health nursing (family health, immunizations, home visits), and administration and coordination. Some services will be launched in stages as the District becomes fully staffed.

The next steps for Eureka County include passing a Health District ordinance, abolishing the County Board of Health, executing an Interlocal Agreement as a full-fledged member, and appointing two members to the CNHD Board of Health.

## **NEVADA GOLD MINES – GOLDRUSH MINE PROJECT**

1. Update on Nevada Gold Mines' permitting activities and plans. (Discussion)
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Representatives of Nevada Gold Mines – Tamara Baker, Environmental Permitting Manager; Maggie Corbari, Permitting Specialist; and Shawna Adams, Corporate Social Responsibility Specialist – were in attendance to give an update on permitting activities and plans related to the Goldrush Mine Project in Eureka and Lander Counties.

Goldrush NEPA Process: The permitting process began in 2018 with NGM's proposal to the BLM to construct and operate the Goldrush Mine Project in the Cortez Mining District. Baseline environmental studies were completed and the BLM formally engaged stakeholders, including Native American tribes. The process moved forward with the following milestones:

- January 20, 2020 – Plan of Operations submitted to BLM (followed by four revisions)

- August 10, 2021 – Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS published in Federal Register
- June 30, 2022 – Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- February 15, 2023 – Appendix B-2 added to Goldrush Plan of Operations (to comply with additional requirements due to federal court decision in the Rosemont Mine case)

Ms. Baker said stakeholder participation shaped some major design changes through the NEPA process, resulting in reduced impacts to wildlife and significant cultural areas. This included modification from a surface pit to an underground operation, and decision to further reduce surface disturbance by utilizing facilities at other mine sites.

Goldrush Costs & Economic Benefits: NGM spent \$19.6 million on the NEPA process for the Goldrush Mine; \$302 million has been spent to-date on exploration; and it will take \$1 billion to bring the mine into production.

The Goldrush Mine has a planned 24-year mine life and will create 500 jobs during construction, 570 new jobs during operations, plus 364 indirect and induced jobs (contractors, consultants, etc.). Projections show that Goldrush will generate \$326 million in net proceeds of minerals tax and an additional \$142 million in excise taxes for education (under AB495).

Record of Decision: NGM originally anticipated Notice of Availability of the Final EIS by May 15, 2023, which would start a 30-day public review period followed by the Record of Decision (ROD). But this has been on hold pending guidance from the solicitors regarding mining claims and interpretation of Mining Law by the courts. Once the ROD is issued, NGM is prepared to break ground within 48 hours.

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## SENIOR CENTERS

1. Update report on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. (Discussion)
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Senior Center Program Director Linda Gordon reported on activities at the Senior Centers. In May, Eureka served 829 meals and Crescent Valley served 811 meals. A Father's Day dinner is planned for June 13<sup>th</sup>. Plans are underway for the senior trip to Lake Tahoe in September. A total of \$13,101.25 was deposited for the month.

## IT DEPARTMENT

1. Update report on IT projects and activities. (Discussion)
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IT Director Misty Rowley reported on IT projects and activities. Ms. Rowley and Jessica Santoyo participated in a VREMS (Voter Registration & Election Management Solution) meeting to plan upcoming transition to new election software. Syber Networks assisted IT with two-factor authentication solutions for the Sheriff's Office and Elections. Cell boosters were installed at the Eureka Fire Station. The new official County logo was selected by popular vote of the employees.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny renewing the contract with EM3 Networks for a 250 Mbps broadband internet connection at the Eureka County Courthouse for a 12-month term (June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024) at a monthly cost of \$1,025.00, with authorization to upgrade (if needed) to a 500 Mbps or 1 Gbps connection at a monthly cost not to exceed \$1,395.00, and authorize the IT Director to sign contract outside of the meeting. (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rowley requested renewal of the contract with EM3 Networks for internet connectivity at the County Courthouse.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to renew the EM3 Networks contract for the broadband internet connection at the County Courthouse for the period of June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024, at a monthly cost of \$1,025.00 with the option to upgrade if needed, and authorized the IT Director to sign the contract outside of the meeting. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## CLERK RECORDER

1. Update on elections and upcoming improvements related to voted ballots; and consider providing approval for the Clerk to move forward with associated equipment upgrades, including printer and scanner purchases under a cost-share program with the Nevada Secretary of State. (For Possible Action)

Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling informed the Board that, with addition of the Presidential Preference Primary Election, her office will conduct three elections in 2024. Election officials are facing numerous changes after the 2020 Election exposed the need for election reform.

The Secretary of State's (SOS) office is implementing new software and equipment that will reduce fraud and increase security. The SOS will do a top-down software exchange in all counties. Election hardware and equipment will also be replaced, with each county selecting what works best for them. Eureka County will not need all of the equipment that larger jurisdictions will require.

Ms. Bowling explained that one of the primary changes is a move to all paper ballots. Even voters who utilize electronic voting machines will print a paper ballot, and that is what will be counted. She provided a quote from Dominion Voting and requested authorization to move forward with purchasing some of the equipment and hardware in the current fiscal year, noting that some of the costs will be reimbursed by the Secretary of State.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize the Clerk to purchase election equipment in the current fiscal year from Dominion Voting, in the amount of \$22,851.40, under a cost-share program with the Nevada Secretary of State. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Review documentation and consider approval of requests related to Hiring Freeze Waiver Justifications, Promotion Requests, and Position Descriptions. (For Possible Action)

Human Resources Director Heidi Whimple worked with the appropriate department heads to update job descriptions, and complete promotion requests and hiring freeze waiver forms.

Position Descriptions: She presented updated job descriptions for Public Works Custodian and Senior Center Kitchen Aide.

Promotion Requests: Promotion requests were submitted for Deputy Sheriff II (X2); Dispatcher I; Comptroller III; Juvenile Probation Administrative Assistant III; and Senior Center Kitchen Aide (part-time benefited beginning July 1, 2023).

Hiring Freeze Waivers: Hiring Freeze Waivers were presented for Dispatcher I/II (X3) and Public Works Custodian. The Custodian and one Dispatcher position are not budgeted until Fiscal Year 2024.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve two updated job descriptions, six promotion requests, and waived the hiring freeze for four positions as detailed by the Human Resources Director. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## **PERDIZ SPORT SHOOTING**

1. Discuss, approve, or deny request for a donation in the amount of \$5,190.30, to be paid from the miscellaneous grants account (010-001-53010-085) in the Commissioners' budget, for costs related to snow removal, matching funds for a storage unit (50% will be donated by the company), and remaining costs for a truckload of clay targets. (For Possible Action)

Range Manager Jerry White thanked the Board for their continued support and thanked Commissioner Plaskett for donating the cost of freight to have clay targets delivered to the range. He informed that the FFA Spring Shoot was held the previous weekend with 167 shooters.

Mr. White itemized his requests in a letter, explaining the clay targets cost \$1,240.30 more than estimated, \$2,200.00 (50%) is needed to purchase a 20 ft. storage container (Rawhide Sheds donated the first 50%), and \$1,750.00 was incurred for snow removal. He explained the snow removal was more than he could do manually, and he feared it would damage the clubhouse or deck if not removed.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a donation of \$5,190.30 to Perdiz Sport Shooting, a nonprofit organization, to be paid from the miscellaneous grants account in the Commissioners' budget. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## **EUREKA TRAVEL BASKETBALL**

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a request from Eureka Travel Basketball (a nonprofit organization) for a donation of \$1,600.00 from the Commissioners' miscellaneous grants account (010-001-53010-085) to cover travel and tournament costs for high school team members to participate in the Nets on Fire Summer Showdown event June 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in St. George, Utah. (For Possible Action)

Megan Johnson was in attendance with other student team members of Eureka Travel Basketball to request financial assistance to attend the Nets on Fire High School Summer Showdown in St. George, Utah, June 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. The students said they learn a lot, socialize with other groups, and pass on what they learn to younger students as a result of their participation in Travel Basketball. They requested a \$1,600.00 donation, explaining that it will help with the \$450.00 tournament fee and the cost of fuel for the team to travel to Utah.

Chairman McKay stated he supported the request, but would abstain from voting since his children participate with the group.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a donation of \$1,600.00 for Eureka Travel Basketball to be paid from the miscellaneous grants account in the Commissioners' budget; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0; the Chairman abstained.

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

1. Update report on Road Department projects and activities. (Discussion)

Assistant Public Works Director Raymond Hodson reported on Road Department activities. The southern crew has been working in the following areas: Grass Valley, JD Ranch, 3 Bars, Roberts Creek, Antelope Valley, and Monitor Valley. Problem areas, following flooding, have been patched but will be refined as time allows. At least one area needs to be excavated and backfilled. A lot of time and manpower has been put into the extensive improvement project at the Fairgrounds.

The northern crew has been working on Geothermal Road, Maggie Creek Road, Frenchie Flat (including installation of a cattle guard), Stafford Canyon, Rocky Canyon, Dean Dann Road, and Spa Road. Washouts have been repaired and culverts installed where needed. The Crescent Valley Park is looking really good, and the video surveillance should help with the vandalism.

## PUBLIC WORKS

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

Road & Utility Project: Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported that the road and utility project is underway in both Crescent Valley and Eureka. Beginning on June 7<sup>th</sup>, roads in Crescent Valley will be pulverized in preparation for application of CTB (cement treated base). In Eureka, Sierra Nevada Construction is focusing on areas away from the High School until graduation activities subside.

Mountaintop Repeater Sites: The annual maintenance on radio repeater sites was completed over the Memorial Day weekend and all radios have been reprogrammed.

Federal Emergency Management Agency: Public Works will meet with FEMA again on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Staff continues compiling supporting material and documentation to determine which projects and repairs are eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

Eureka Airport: On June 5<sup>th</sup>, a Piper Saratoga landed at the airport with two veteran pilots, alumni of Bowling Green State University, who were on a "48N48" (48 states in 48 hours) tour in an attempt to set a world record as the fastest journey by plane through all 48 contiguous states. The team was successful and completed their mission in 44 hours and seven minutes.

Public Works is working to coordinate Public Advisory Committee meetings as part of the Eureka Airport Operations Plan update.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny ratification of expenditure of funds in the amount of \$389,885.39, utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and monies budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-

743) in the Capital Projects Fund, for emergency repair of Well 1 currently servicing the Town of Eureka and for future backup to the Devil's Gate GID. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Rowley reported that emergency rehabilitation of Well 1 was an extensive and costly undertaking, but very necessary. It involved video surveys, hydro-blasting, brushing, deepening the well, new casing, and addition of a submersible pump and SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) system. Well 1 is a vital part of the Eureka Town water system and potential backup for the Devil's Gate water system. This was not a budgeted expense, and Mr. Rowley requested that the Board ratify this emergency expenditure.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to ratify emergency repair of Well 1, including expenditure of funds in the amount of \$389,885.39, utilizing monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and monies budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-743) in the Capital Projects Fund. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel June 7-8, 2023, for Natural Resources Manager to attend the National Science Foundation meeting representing rural Nevada water interests in the Nevada Water Initiative (see more at <https://www.unr.edu/nevada-water>). *Note: Full expenses for travel, lodging, meals, and per diem will be paid for by the University of Nevada, Reno, through NSF grant funding.* (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve out-of-state travel for Natural Resources Manager to attend the National Science Foundation meeting representing rural Nevada water interests in the Nevada Water Initiative, at no cost to Eureka County. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

1. Discuss a request to change the meeting dates and time for the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board, to 5:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. *Note: This requires an ordinance change – see next agenda item.* (Discussion)

Jeremy Rice, Chair of the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board, said his Board wishes to change its meeting dates and time. The second and fourth Wednesday were initially suggested, but now that Commission meetings are on the first and third Tuesday, the CVTAB would like to meet on the first and third Wednesday, and start time should be moved from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

2. Consider proposing a draft ordinance to amend the 2018 Eureka County Code by changing Title 13, Chapter 20, Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board, Section .040, Meetings, in order to change the time and dates that the Town Advisory Board meets; and schedule date and time for a public hearing to consider said ordinance. *Note: Due to advertising requirements, the earliest date for the hearing is July 6<sup>th</sup>.* (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to propose the draft ordinance amending the 2018 Eureka County Code by changing Title 13, Chapter 20, Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board, Section .040, Meetings, with the amended meeting dates offered by Chairman Rice (first and third Wednesdays) beginning at 5:00 p.m. and to schedule a public hearing to consider said ordinance

at 10:00 a.m. on July 6, 2023. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss and consider a request to waive the rental fees to utilize the Crescent Valley Community Center on June 10<sup>th</sup> for a pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit a community member. *Note: The refundable deposit cannot be waived.* (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to waive the facility rental fees for the Crescent Valley Community Center on June 10<sup>th</sup> for a pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit a community member. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## **EUREKA COUNTY FAIR BOARD**

1. Discuss, approve, or deny accepting the resignation of Mindy Filippini from the Eureka County Fair Board. (For Possible Action)

The Board received a letter from Mindy Filippini stating she was resigning from the Fair Board because she was becoming more active with the High School Rodeo Club.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to accept the resignation of Mindy Filippini from the Eureka County Fair Board; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny the Fair Board's recommendation to appoint Letty Vega to the vacant seat representing the County-At-Large for the remainder of a four-year term through December 31, 2024. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to appoint Letty Vega to the Fair Board representing the County-At-Large for the remainder of a four-year term through December 31, 2024; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny signing Contract for Services of Independent Contractor between Eureka County and CL Adventures LLC (Letty Vega) for contractual services to the Fair Board, for a not to exceed amount of \$13,200.00 (\$1,100.00/month) effective upon signature and through June 30, 2024. (For Possible Action)

After reviewing proposals, the Fair Board recommended contracting with CL Adventures LLC (Letty Vega) for secretarial and administrative duties related to Fair Board meetings and the annual County Fair.

The Commissioners questioned the \$1,100.00 monthly compensation outlined in the contract, since there are several months in the off-season with little or no activity for the Fair Board or its secretary. The Commissioners did not want to hinder this year's Fair, but felt future contracts should be given more consideration.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the Contract for Services of Independent Contractor between Eureka County and CL Adventures LLC for services to the Fair Board for a not to exceed amount of \$13,200.00 (\$1,100.00/month) through June 30, 2024. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## **EUREKA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1. Discuss, approve, or deny request from the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department for a donation of \$8,600.00 from the Commissioners' miscellaneous grants account (010-001-53010-085) to purchase fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. (For Possible Action)

The Board reviewed the donation request from the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department submitted by Fire Chief Dan Brown.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a donation of \$8,600.00 to the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department to purchase fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, to be paid from the miscellaneous grants account in the Commissioners' budget. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence and place requests for action items on the next agenda. (Discussion)

Correspondence was received from: Perdiz Sport Shooting; Mindy Filippini; Eureka Fair Board; Comptroller Kim Todd; Flyer for Community Blood Drive; Flyer for Yoga Classes at Eureka Swimming Pool; Recreation Board; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board (2); Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority; Governor Lom bardo Declaration of Emergency; Public Utilities Commission; Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection; Nevada College of Agriculture; Nevada Water Resources Assoc.; Nevada Dept. of Agriculture; NevadaWorks; US Dept. of the Interior-BLM; US Senator Jacky Rosen; Elected Officials to Protect America; America First Works; and National Assoc. of Counties.

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

There were no reports from the Board.

## 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 opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

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)

No additional agenda items were identified.

## ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

*Approved by vote of the Board this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2023.*

/s/ Rich McKay  
Rich McKay, Chairman

*I, Jackie Berg, Deputy Clerk II, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the June 6, 2023, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.*

/s/ Jackie Berg  
Jackie Berg, Deputy Clerk II

*I, Katherine J. Bowling, Clerk Recorder of Eureka County, acknowledge and accept the attached minutes as approved by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners and attested to by the Deputy Clerk.*

/s/ Kathy Bowling  
Katherine J. Bowling, Clerk