BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS March 19, 2024 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, at the direction of the Chair.* (For Possible Action)
- 2. Pledge of allegiance.

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on March 19, 2024. Present were Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy acted on his behalf, Commissioner Marty Plaskett, District Attorney Ted Beutel, and Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. Chairman Rich McKay was not in attendance, Michael Sharkozy was acting Chair throughout the entirety of the meeting. 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.

<u>Approval of Agenda:</u> Commissioner Plaskett moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Vice Chair Sharkozy. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

The meeting than began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Vice Chair Sharkozy opened the floor for public comments. Seeing none in Crescent Valley, he opened the floor to Eureka. Seeing none, he proceeded to item #2.

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)

There were no items to be considered at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 16, 2024, Commission meeting. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve minutes for January 16, 2024. It was seconded by Vice Chair Sharkozy. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

COUNTY COMPTROLLER - Kim Todd, Comptroller

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

Expenditures were presented by Comptroller Kim Todd.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve expenses in the amount of \$1,847,713.56, including the pass throughs to the Nevada Department of Taxation. Room tax for \$240. Nevada state Controller. School taxes, \$1,080,077.49. Nevada's state controller, \$5,930.61. Nevada Division of Minerals \$120, Oshawa County lab \$114 and one grazing board \$20,300. With a total of \$1,106,746.54. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

2. Review Fund Balance Report. (Discussion)

The Board reviewed the current Fund Balance Report.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a boundary line adjustment map for properties owned by Ferno L. Dubray for adjustment of a boundary line between Parcel No. 2 (APN 007-200-67) and Parcel No. 4 (APN 007-200-66) of Division into Large Parcels Map No. 175133 located within the South Half of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 53 East, MDM. (For Possible Action)

Lad Dubray came before the Board explaining that he would like to adjust a boundary line between 2 of his parcels, separating his house from the farmland. Both Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director and Michael Mears, County Assessor explained that Lad has all the correct and legal documentation.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of Lad Dubray's boundary line adjustment. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny adopting a resolution to amend the composition of the sevenmember Health Insurance Advisory Committee. (For Possible Action)

Adopting a resolution to amend the composition of the seven-member Health Insurance Advisory Committee was discussed at previous meetings but was now put to a vote to approve. Comptroller Kim Todd explained that they already have members from the departments to act as the advisory committee and the resolution has been written up.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of adopting a resolution to amend the composition of the seven-member Health Insurance Advisory Committee. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

Eureka, Nevada March 19, 2024

RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, DEFINE THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR, AND LIST THE DUTIES OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE or HIAC

- WHEREAS, on April 20, 2006, without utilizing a written resolution or ordinance, the Board of Eureka County Commissioners (the Board) determined it would be beneficial to create the Health Insurance Advisory Committee or HIAC; and
- WHEREAS, on February 6, 2014 the Board formally adopted a resolution establishing the purpose and duties of the Health Insurance Advisory Committee and determined the makeup of the board members; and
- WHEREAS, over the past several years the member criteria has changed and needs to be reestablished to better guide the Health Insurance Committee when making decisions; and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Eureka County Commissioners recognize and establish a list of members and the areas of representation to make up the seven (7) member committee:
- A. There shall be no more than seven (7) persons appointed by the Board to serve on the advisory board to be known as the Health Insurance Advisory Committee or HIAC. Interested persons are required to submit a letter of interest to the HIAC for approval at a meeting. The HIAC will then recommend the appointment to the Board for final approval. Members will serve a two (2) year term following staggered initial appointments to provide for continuity on the HIAC.
- B. The committee members will represent the following departments in the County and must be employed in a benefited position or retired from Eureka County:
- a. Courthouse
- b. Administrative Facility (Annex)
- c. Road Department/Public Works
- d. Sheriff's Office
- e. North-End Employee
- f. Retirees
- g. Any County Department
- C. The Board reserves the right to appoint or remove HIAC members for any reason that is in the best interests of the residents of Eureka County.
- D. Each calendar year the HIAC shall select a member to be Chair and a member to be the Vice Chair.
- E. Meetings of the Committee shall occur in the Commissioners chambers of the Eureka County Courthouse at the call of the Chair or Vice Chair in the Chair's absence, and be performed in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, and in a way that ensures the continues confidentiality of medical information that may come to the attention of the HIAC members. Access to meetings for persons in Crescent Valley shall be accomplished through the use of interactive audio/video, unless there are technical difficulties; in which case a speaker phone will be made available during the meetings.

F. The HIAC shall report to the Board upon invitation to do so or at the HIAC's request.

G. The HIAC shall, with direction from the Board, work with the County's health insurance broker to review the cost of health, dental, vision and life insurance for current and retired employees of Eureka County. The focus will be on the coverage plans, benefits and premiums, and other relevant information at the request of the Board.

H. The HIAC shall bring recommendations to the Board regarding community/employee health fairs

and flu shot clinics.

I. The HIAC shall work with the County's health insurance broker, the insurance providers and the payroll departments annually to coordinate open enrollment with the employees and retirees.

J. The Board may assign additional duties to the HIAC at any time by resolution or action upon the

minutes of the Board.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Chairman Rich McKay

Attest: /s/ Kathy Bowling

3. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing pursuant to NRS 245.070 (the statute that grants to the Board and no other party the authority to contract for payment, or make purchases, or expend "county moneys for any purpose whatever") the Eureka County District Attorney's Office to use a portion of that department's budget to contract for phlebotomy services. (For Possible Action)

District Attorney, Ted Beutel explained to the Board that the County has been in need of a phlebotomist for a long time. Not only the District Attorney's office would use this phlebotomist but also the Sheriff's office and the State Police. The phlebotomist would only get paid the \$200 if they are called and show up.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the contract for the Eureka County District Attorney's Office to use a portion of that department's budget to contract for phlebotomy services. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss, approve, or modify the form and content of the public notice to consider the proposed tax rates for the fiscal year beginning in July 2024 and ending in June 2025, and announce the public hearing to consider those rates, to include a newspaper publication, a flyer to each post office boxholder, in addition to notification on the County website. Note: While a notice and public hearing are required following notification to the Department of Taxation of a proposed twenty cents tax rate increase, the Board may still vote to approve or deny the tax rate hike at the public hearing. (For Possible Action)

District Attorney, Ted Beutel asked the Board, along with approving the form and content of public notice, but to also delegate Commissioner Plaskett to be the editor. He would be comfortable with the language and the State Statutes. Commissioner Plaskett would work with the Comptroller, the Assessor, IT department, the Clerk, and District Attorney.

Commissioner Plaskett accepted becoming the Board delegate.

Vice Chair motioned to delegate Commissioner Plaskett as editor for the newspaper publication and flyers for the proposed tax rates for the fiscal year beginning in July 2024 and ending in June 2025. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

5. Discuss, approve, or deny accepting Commissioner Mike Sharkozy's resignation effective June 1, 2024, and directing the Clerk to proceed with notification to the Governor pursuant to NRS 244.040 which states "[a]ny vacancy occurring in any board of county commissioners must be filled by appointment of the Governor. Except in Carson City, the Governor shall appoint a suitable person who is a member of the same political party as the most recent holder of the vacant office....The term of office of a person appointed to the office of county commissioner does not, by virtue of the appointment, extend beyond 12 p.m. of the day preceding the first Monday of January next following the next general election." (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett thanked Commissioner Vice Chair Mike Sharkozy for his 11 years serving the County of Eureka. Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of Commissioner Mike Sharkozy's resignation. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

SENIOR CENTERS - Linda Gordon, Senior Center Program Director

1. Update report on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. (Discussion)

Senior Center Program Director, Linda Gordon gave a report on the 2 senior centers, they deposited \$9,910.62 for the month of February. Crescent Valley served 678 meals and Eureka served 792.

AMBULANCE & EMS - Kenny Sanders, EMS Director

1. Update report on ambulance and emergency services. (Discussion)

EMS Director, Kenny Sanders gave an update to the Board, for the month of February they had 20 calls which is down from January. The calls were split even between Crescent Valley and Eureka. They had 3 transports to Battle Mountain, 5 transports to Elko, 3 transfers to MedX Air One. They recently brought on 2 new drivers. All the EMTs have completed their renewal process and will be receiving their new certificates.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny request from the Northern Nevada EMS Consortium (NNEMSC) for a donation totaling \$5,000.00, with \$2,500.00 each contributed to the Rural Nevada Trauma Symposium scheduled April 26-27, 2024 in Elko, and the Ruby Mountain Mental Health Summit scheduled September 17, 2024 in Lamoille, to be paid with funds budgeted for miscellaneous grants (010-001-53010-085) in the Commissioners' budget. (For Possible Action)

The Board decided to table this item until there can be a better understanding as to why the donation will be split and to get a better understanding as to where the donation will be going.

CLERK RECORDER - Kathy Bowling, Clerk Recorder

1. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing the Clerk Recorder to fill a vacant Deputy Clerk Recorder position with a 3/4-time employee. (For Possible Acton)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve filling the vacant position with a ¾-time employee. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Shari Davis

1. Overview and presentation on the Nevada Main Street Program by Shari Davis, Director of Rural Economic & Community Development for the Governor's Office of Economic Development. (Discussion)

Shari Davis from the Governor's Office of Economic Development gave a presentation about Nevada's Main Street Organization, their focus is on downtown revitalization, historic preservation, community development, beautification and economic vitality. Rural Nevada is all very different, no place is the same so they focus on empowering local communities to improve quality of life for residents and keep their sense of place. They go out into the communities and help them with networking, scholarships and grants. She explained that some of Eureka's business owners have already joined the organization, but she is here to help the County figure out how they can help their Main Street. That could be through money donations, time donation, even space donation; like donating a building or allowing the organization to meet in a building. It would help, clean up old buildings, install new light poles, put up a mural. They go beyond tourists staying in hotels, they want to help businesses be able to grow.

SHERIFF – Miles Umina, Lieutenant

 Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel for Sergeant Allison Flanagan to attend the End of Violence Against Women International Conference in San Diego, California, April 1-3, 2024 (travel dates are March 31st and April 4th). (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approved travel for Sergeant Allison Flanagan to attend the End of Violence Against Women International Conference in San Diego, California, April 1-3, 2024. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny a temporary credit limit increase of \$1,000.00 (\$2,000.00 total) on the County purchasing card issued to Sergeant Flanagan for her travel in March/April. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the temporary credit limit increase of \$1,000.00 (\$2,000.00 total) on the County purchasing card issued to Sergeant Flanagan for her travel in March/April. Vice Chair seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel for Deputy Jason Flanagan and Sergeant Brian Shoaf to participate in a Recruiting Fair in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 30-31, 2024. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of out-of-state travel for Deputy Jason Flanagan and Sergeant Brian Shoaf to participate in a Recruiting Fair in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 30-31, 2024. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss, approve, or deny a temporary credit limit increase of \$500.00 each on the County purchasing cards issued to Deputy Flanagan (\$1,000.00 total) and Sergeant Shoaf (\$1,500.00 total) for the month of May. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of a temporary credit limit increase of \$500.00 each on the County purchasing cards issued to Deputy Flanagan (\$1,000.00 total) and Sergeant Shoaf (\$1,500.00 total) for the month of May. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE - Michael Jones

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a request to waive rental fees to allow a Junior Baseball League to use the baseball field in Eureka for regular practices (up to five days per week) and occasional weekend use to host League games. Note: The League will coordinate its schedule to ensure field time does not conflict with high school team schedules. (For Possible Action)

Michael Jones was not in attendance so Jeb Rowley provided information from what he knows from Public Works. The item was tabled until more information could be presented.

EUREKA LIONS CLUB – Mike Podborny

1. Discuss, approve, or deny waiving the facility rental fees for the Eureka Lions Club to host a celebratory dinner on April 3rd at the Eureka Opera House to honor Eureka County High School boys' basketball team as 2023-2024 Division 1A State Champions. (For Possible Action)

Mike Podborny represented the Eureka Lions Club to ask the Board to consider waiving the facility rental fees of the Opera House for the celebratory dinner for the Eureka County High School boys' basketball team as well as 2 state champion wrestlers.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of waiving the rental fees at the Opera House for the Eureka Lions Club. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

DIAMOND COUNTRY ROADS EASTER EGG HUNT – Robin Blanco

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a request from Robin Blanco for a donation of \$1,000.00 from the Commissioners' miscellaneous grants account (010-001-53010-085) for purchase of supplies and prizes for a Community Easter Egg Hunt. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of donating \$1,000.000 from the Commissioner's miscellaneous grants account to the Diamond Country Roads Easter Egg Hunt. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

EUREKA COUNTY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - Matthew Crimm, President

1. Discuss, approve, or deny request from the Eureka County Alumni Association for a donation of \$2,500.00 from the miscellaneous grants account (010-001-53010-085) in the Commissioners' budget to assist with costs related to the Annual Alumni Dinner. (For Possible Action) on May 25, 2024. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the donation of \$2,500.00 to the Eureka County Alumni Association. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion; All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC WORKS - Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

The water department has started reading meters so the first billing for water usage will be May 1. They have started some Red Card Training to both Eureka and Crescent Valley. Radio equipment was updated in the systems at Lake Tank Hill, the Sheriff's office, and the Crescent Valley substation. They are waiting on the programming to interface the LTE and radios to come back with cards the are programmable. The road crews are still working on Three Bards, JD and Grass Valley. In Crescent Valley the road crews a weed spraying the sides of the roads.

2. Report on Eureka County facilities. (Discussion)

Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley gave an update to the Board, he reported the Eureka County Landfill had 378 customers and 415 cubic yards of waste and 75 yards of C and D. The Eureka Opera House is back to being fully open after being closed for elevator maintenance. The Museum was not staffed through the month of February but it is now staffed and will resume normal operations.

Public Works building department finished the tile work on the boy's bathroom at the Eureka Pool. They also completed door repairs to the Crescent Valley Fire Department. They also worked on floors at the Sheriffs office substation. They installed a new door at the Sheriffs office in Eureka. They are getting the lawns and parks ready with weed control and maintenance to the irrigation systems in both Eureka and Crescent Valley.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny a 3/4-inch residential water service application to service APN 002-033-02 in the Town of Crescent Valley. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a 3/4-inch residential water service application to service APN 002-033-02 in the Town of Crescent Valley. Vice Chair seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss, approve, or deny application by the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) for the Fiscal Year 2025 State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) grant. Note: LEPC should ratify the grant application at its next scheduled meeting, but is seeking Commission approval now in order to meet the March 24th deadline. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve an application by the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) for the Fiscal Year 2025 State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) grant. Vice Chair seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

5. Discuss, approve, or deny directing staff to advertise for bids in order to select a qualified contractor for construction of the Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) building and Lighted Windsocks at the Eureka Airport, funded by an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant through the Federal Aviation Administration. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of staff advertising for bids in order to select a qualified contractor for construction of the Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) building and Lighted Windsocks at the Eureka Airport, funded by an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant through the Federal Aviation Administration. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

Paused for a 5-minute break.

NATURAL RESOURCES - Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager

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

Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts gave an update to the Board: The Bureau of Land Management put out a draft, the EIS for the Robertson mine project, there will be a public meeting in Crescent Valley Town Hall April 2 at 6 pm for people to learn about the project. NV Energy's GreenLink North Project has changed their path so they reopened their analysis for public comment and having a virtual meeting March 26 for people to learn about the new changes. Jake said he will be presenting to the Legislative Public Land Subcommittee Friday, March 22 about empowering local solutions to water issues and using the Diamond Valley plan as an example. On March 29 the BLM is hosting an update meeting on their grazing program, anyone is welcome to attend.

2. Discuss and consider joining multi-state efforts to oppose and challenge BLM non-local land use planning as has been seen in recent land use plan amendment efforts such as the programmatic solar and sage grouse processes. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to join the multi-step effort to oppose and challenge BLM non-local land use planning as has been seen in recent land use plan amendment efforts such as the programmatic solar and sage grouse processes. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss and consider response to recent activities and issues related to sage grouse including but not limited to federal Land Use Plan Amendments, updated habitat mapping, and the Nevada Counties Alternative. (For Possible Action)

No action was taken.

4. Discuss and consider letter supporting the federal funding request by the Nevada Division of Water Resources (NDWR) for "Advancing Understanding of Groundwater Availability and Management Across Nevada," an expansion of the Nevada Water Initiative to advance measurements, research, and applications using best available science to improve Nevada's groundwater management. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve letter supporting the federal funding request by the Nevada Division of Water Resources (NDWR) for "Advancing Understanding of Groundwater Availability and Management Across Nevada," an expansion of the Nevada Water Initiative to advance measurements, research, and applications using best available science to improve Nevada's groundwater management. Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion; All in favor, motion carried 2-0. Motion amended to have Chair McKay sign outside of the meeting.

5. Discuss current status of "The Path Forward" management plan for Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Program and consider continued endorsement and "sign on" of the initiative including support of Federal Fiscal Year 2025 funding request. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to "stay signed on" with the "The Path Forward" management plan for Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Program and consider continued endorsement. Vice Chair seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence. (Discussion)

Correspondence was reviewed by County Clerk Kathy Bowling; NRAC Agenda on March 13; record agenda for March 12. Crescent Valley town Advisory Board Agenda for March 20; NACO Energy Development workshop March 15; Nevada Gold Mines notice of intent to renew water pollution control permits; Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; Air quality permit from Aggie Creek; Nevada Gold Mines; Nevada Division of Child and Family Services fiscal year 2023, actual costs and 24/25 assessments. Nevada Department of Agriculture; Mormon Cricket update NDP; BMR notice draft WPC ZP fact sheet; Maggie Creek Plant Progressive contracting;

BLM State office; Notice of scoping period on the Green Lake North transmission project; EIS and the US. US Forest Service new release, Temple, Toyabe, vacant allotment Project, American first works.

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

Nothing to be added.

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Vice Chair Sharkozy called for public comment in Crescent Valley; seeing none he asked for comment in Eureka seeing none he motioned to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chair Sharkozy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.

Approved by vote of the Board this 2nd day of May, 2024.

Rich McKay, Chairman

I, Katelyn Ziemann, Deputy Clerk, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the March 19, 2024, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

Katelyn Ziemann, Deputy Clerk

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.

Katherine J. Bowling, Clerk