

**BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**November 15, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

STATE OF NEVADA        )  
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COUNTY OF EUREKA    )

**CALL TO ORDER**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item. <i>Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda, in the direction of the Chair. (For Possible Action)</i></li><li>2. Pledge of allegiance.</li></ol> |
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The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on November 15, 2024. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, Commissioner Mike Schoenwald, 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 Plaskett motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Public comment and discussion. <i>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)</i></li></ol> |
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Chairman McKay called for public comment in Crescent Valley, hearing none he called in Eureka. Hearing no public comment in Eureka he proceeded to the next item.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Consider items requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. <i>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)</i></li></ol> |
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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 expenditures of \$3,480,779.70 with the passthroughs of; \$675.62 to Nevada Department Taxation Room tax, \$141,680.05 to Nevada Controller School taxes, \$8,807.56 to Nevada State Controller, \$104,310 to Nevada Division of Minerals, and \$135 to Washoe County Crime Lab for a total of \$255,608.23. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

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

The Board reviewed the current fund balance report.

**COMMISSIONERS-**

1. Discuss, approve or deny appointing Sgt. Nicholas Collins as an alternate member of the Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve appointing Sgt. Nicholas Collins as an alternate member of the Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny the purchase of additional equipment for the Dental Clinic in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 utilizing funds from the Capital Projects Fund (042-140-55010-249). **(For Possible Action)**

Jayme Halpin explained that some of the quotes haven't been very clear on the equipment that is getting replaced or staying for the Dental Clinic. The Board requested more information on the quotes for the cabinets, and center console for the chairs. They decided to move forward purchasing with 20% of the funds and re-evaluate the amounts for the next payment of funds.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve 20% of the total for the down payment and table the item until the next meeting for more clarification. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

4. Consider a letter of interest received from Dr. Gallagher of Gallagher Dental and discuss a possible future contract with him of dental services provided at the Dental Clinic. **(Discussion)**

The Board discussed changes they would like to see in the contract with Dr. Gallagher of Gallagher Dental; a more extensive list of services provided, negotiations with Elko for the Crescent Valley days, and clarification on no show stipends.

5. Discuss, approve or deny replacing the Eureka Medical Clinic X-ray Machine with a Phillips Radiography 7300C for an amount not to exceed \$230,135.00 (including 20% contingency for PM contract and potential electrical conflicts) utilizing funds from Commissioners Capital Outlay (010-001-55010-000). **(For Possible Action)**

Jayne Halpin explained that the quote includes an inspection once installed, they were able to receive a discount and have the removal fee of \$5,800 waived on the current X-Ray machine. Jayme noted that X-Rays will be unavailable in the Eureka Clinic for a month or two while the machines are being swapped.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve replacing the Eureka Medical Clinic X-ray Machine with a Phillips Radiography 7300C for an amount not to exceed \$230,135.00 (including 20% contingency for PM contract and potential electrical conflicts) utilizing funds from Commissioners Capital Outlay (010-001-55010-000). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

6. Discuss and consider signing a proclamation recognizing November 11th-16th, 2024, as Nevada Flood Awareness Week. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve recognizing November 11th-16th, 2024, as Nevada Flood Awareness Week, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**PROCLAMATION OF EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA**  
**DECLARING NOVEMBER 11-16, 2024**  
**NEVADA FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK**

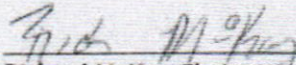
- WHEREAS, Eureka County recognizes the significant threat that flooding poses to our residents, our businesses, the community, the region, and our local economy; and
- WHEREAS, Eureka County has experienced flooding as a result of extreme weather including above average precipitation, heavy rainfall, rapid snowmelt, and other atmospheric conditions; and
- WHEREAS, Risks can be reduced and communities can be prepared to be more aware and resilient by educating residents and businesses on actions they can take to prepare for flood events; and
- WHEREAS, During Flood Awareness Week, local, state, and federal agencies are working together across Nevada to inform the public about the dangers of flooding, how to protect their homes, families, and businesses from a flood event and plan for recovery;

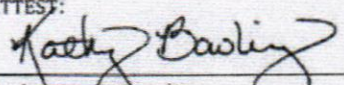
NOW THEREFORE, the Eureka County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim November 10<sup>th</sup> through November 16<sup>th</sup> as the 11<sup>th</sup> annual

**Nevada Flood Awareness Week**

AND MOREOVER, the Board urges all citizens to increase their awareness of the risks of floods by visiting [www.nevadafloods.org](http://www.nevadafloods.org) to learn how you can be prepared.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024

  
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Richard McKay, Chairman  
Eureka County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
  
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Katherine J. Bowling  
Eureka County Clerk Recorder

7. Discuss, approve or deny proposed Scope of Work and Fee Schedule with Arc Dome Strategies, LLC for the NV Legislature Lobbying Contract leading up to and through the 2025 Session and the subsequent two-year Interim. **(For Possible Action)**

Michael Mears and Jake Tibbitts explained that they both have worked closely with Caleb Cage, Arc Dome Strategies, they feel very confident in his ability to represent Eureka County. He has worked across multiple administrations with the governor's office as well as Churchill County and the Eureka County School District. Michael and Jake explained that they looked into other firms, and they believe the contract price is fair.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a proposed Scope of Work and Fee Schedule with Arc Dome Strategies LLC for the NV Legislature Lobbying Contract leading up to and through the 2025 Session and the subsequent two-year Interim. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

8. Discuss, approve or deny a meal variance allowance for the Lieutenant Governor dinner in the amount of \$214.00 (Total invoice is \$760.00, allowed amount is \$546.00). **(For Possible Action)**

Chairman McKay explained that he picked up the check at the Urban Cowboy when the Lieutenant Governor came to visit. There was about 25 people at the dinner.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a meal variance allowance for the Lieutenant Governor dinner in the amount of \$214.00 (Total invoice is \$760.00, allowed amount is \$546.00). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny providing comments on the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Rural Engagement Plan before November 25, 2024. **(For Possible Action)**

Chairman McKay delegated Jayme Halpin and Raymond Hodson to provide comments on the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Rural Engagement Plan before November 25, 2024.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve allowing Jayme Halpin and Raymon Hodson to provide comments on the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Rural Engagement Plan before November 25, 2024. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**CLERK RECORDER**-Kathy Bowling, Clerk Recorder

1. Canvass the returns and approve abstract of the vote for the 2024 General Election held November 5, 2024, pursuant to NRS 293.387. **(For Possible Action)**

Eureka County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling canvassed the 2024 General Election, total number of registered voters for Eureka County is 1,139. Total voters that cast votes were 1,037 a 91.04% voter turnout for Eureka County. There were 300 voters during early voting, 295 voters on election day, 442 mail ballots and drop box ballots were processed. On election day there was 52 same day

registered voters, the counting Board reconvened 8 days after the election to count the ballots that were verified. Eureka County was one of the top 5 counties with that high percentage of voter turnout. There were 7 Precinct 99 voters, who only vote for the president and vice president. Kathy Bowling explained that it takes a lot of work and a lot of different people to put on an election. She thanked her staff in the Clerk Recorders office; Kim Christiansen, Katie Ziemann and Brandy Mahoney. Kathy also thanked all the poll workers that helped during the election and even the Primary election, Crescent Valley poll workers; Kim Sewell, Veronique Unger, Nona Kellerman, Michael Kellerman and Christina Tucker. Eureka poll workers; Amy Damele, Kathy Porter, Cindy Beutel, Donovan Mears, Jack Christiansen and Ruth McHugh. The counting Board members; Kira Christiansen, Irma Davilla, Angelique Ard and Garney Damele. She thanked the Sheriff Office staff; William Hoggard, Michael Trumbull and Nick Harris. She also thanked the IT department for their help on election day with all the equipment, Misty Rowley, Jessica Santoyo and Annelle Watts. She also thanked the staff with the Secretary of States office, Dominion, ePulse, Poll Pad, Know Ink and the other Nevada Clerks in the State.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the abstract of the vote for the 2024 General Election held November 5, 2024, pursuant to NRS 293.387. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**SENIOR CENTERS**-Linda Gordon, Senior Center Program Director

**1. Report on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. (Discussion)**

Senior Center Program Director, Linda Gordon reported that they deposited \$9,944.89 for the month of October. Eureka Senior Center served 827 meals. Crescent Valley Fannie Komp Senior Center served 676 meals. Crescent Valley had their thanksgiving meal on November 12 and served 24 people. Eureka's Thanksgiving lunch will be held on November 19 starting at 11:30.

**JUSTICE COURT**-Amy Jensen, Justice Court Manager

**1. Discuss, approve or deny the purchase of a new copier in the amount of \$6,877.00 to be paid from Capital Outlay (010-028-55010-000). (For Possible Action)**

Amy Jensen explained that their copier has quit working and for a month they have been going to other offices to use their copiers. Their current copier was priced at \$13,000 in 2014, they will also be receiving a trade in value.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the purchase of a new copier in the amount of \$6,877.00 to be paid from Capital Outlay (010-028-55010-000). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a one-time credit card increase, in the amount of \$500.00 (\$1,000.00 total) in the month of December 2024, to Officer Jeri Sanders credit card for costs related to her attendance at the Court Security Officer Certification class held in Las Vegas, NV. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a one-time credit card increase, in the amount of \$500.00 (\$1,000.00 total) in the month of December 2024, to Officer Jeri Sanders credit card to attend the Court Security Officer Certification class held in Las Vegas, NV. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

#### IT – Misty Rowley, IT Director

IT Director, Misty Rowley reported that they worked with departments and members of the community on the October newsletter and social media content. They worked on linking corporate logins with Apple services and ID's. Reprogrammed and installed all the new Crescent Valley switches. Continued work on Zscaler policies. They worked with Public Works on the new UPS installation and Starlink installation and tested connectivity.

1. Discuss, approve or deny authorizing the IT Director to sign the Tyler Technologies Nondisclosure Agreement, to obtain a copy of the Tyler Technologies System & Organization Control (SOC) Reports, outside of the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Misty explained that the Tyler Technologies System & Organization Control (SOC) Reports will allow her to review the security controls of the system that runs the Tyler software. The reports will provide independent verification of Tylers practices in areas like data protection, access controls and regulatory compliance.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve authorizing IT Director Misty Rowley to sign the Tyler Technologies Nondisclosure Agreement, to obtain a copy of the Tyler Technologies System & Organization Control (SOC) Reports, outside of the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny accepting Quote #019400 Version 1, from Quest to replace the wireless access points in Eureka and Crescent Valley, for an amount not to exceed \$29,808.84, (\$24,840.70 plus 20% contingency), utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget and allow the IT Director to sign outside of the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Misty Rowley explained that Quote #019400 Version 1, from Quest will be replacing the access points that we already have in Crescent Valley.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve accepting Quote #019400 Version 1, from Quest to replace the wireless access points in Eureka and Crescent Valley, for an amount not to exceed \$29,808.84, (\$24,840.70 plus 20% contingency), utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget and allow IT Director Misty Rowley to sign

outside of the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny quote # 441364 from Eaton Corporation for a three-year renewal of the UPS Service Contract for equipment located in the Sheriff's Office at a discounted annual cost of \$15,851.92, and authorize the acting Sheriff, Miles Umina, to sign outside of the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Misty explained to the Board that Eureka has been working with Eaton Corporation for many years and this contract will be a renewal. Eaton Corporation will come to Eureka and do onsite maintenance inspections.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve quote # 441364 from Eaton Corporation for a three-year renewal of the UPS Service Contract for equipment located in the Sheriff's Office at a discounted annual cost of \$15,851.92, and authorize the acting Sheriff, Miles Umina, to sign outside of the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**AMBULANCE & EMS**- Kenny Sanders, EMS Director

1. Report on ambulance and emergency services. **(Discussion)**

Item was tabled.

2. Review 3rd Quarter report on mandatory ambulance bill write-offs for Medicaid and Medicare accounts. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.

**TREASURER**- Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

1. Review Treasurer's Report for September 2024. **(Discussion)**

The Board along with Treasurer Pernecia Johnson reviewed the Treasurer's Report for September 2024.

**HUMAN RESOURCES** – Tasha Dunlap, HR Director

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

Report tabled.



2. Discuss, approve or deny a promotional request form for the Appraisal Supervisor position, which has been budgeted for. **(For Possible Action)**

Kim Todd and Michael Mears presented to the Board a promotional request form for the Appraisal Supervisor position; it will be the highest level in his office. The position will be filled within the Assessor's office and will not be adding headcount to the Assessor's office. Michael has an employee that will be filling the position, an employee who has been doing the job but will be compensated appropriately.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the promotional request form for the Appraisal Supervisor position, Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss ratifying an approval for costs, such as air fare, car rental and hotel stay, accrued for a site visit of a Medical Services Director/Coordinator candidate on November 14th-15th. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve ratifying costs, such as air fare, car rental and hotel stay, accrued for a site visit of a Medical Services Director/Coordinator candidate on November 14th-15<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**SHERIFF-** Tyler Thomas, Undersheriff

1. Discuss, approve or deny ratifying a \$500 increase to the credit card for Trina Webster (\$1,000.00 total) for the month of November, for costs associated with a Terminal Agency Coordinator/Assistant Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC/ATAC) training that is being held in Carson City, NV from November 18-22, 2024. **(For Possible Action)**

Undersheriff Tyler Thomas explained the need for the ratify, the charges for the Terminal Agency Coordinator/Assistant Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC/ATAC) training fell between the rescheduled Commission meetings. Kim Todd helped them increase the credit card limit, so Trina Webster didn't miss the opportunity to sign up for the class.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve ratifying a \$500 increase to the credit card for Trina Webster (\$1,000.00 total) for the month of November, for costs associated with a Terminal Agency Coordinator/Assistant Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC/ATAC) training that is being held in Carson City, NV from November 18-22, 2024. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**The Board took a 5-minute recess.**

**Chairman McKay called the meeting back to order at 11:02 a.m.**

2. Discuss, approve or deny accepting quote from Sierra Electronics to install a prisoner cage and radar into a new patrol unit, with a property tag # of 8629 and the last 5 digits of the VIN # being

44584, for an amount not to exceed \$2,212.30 to be paid from Capital Outlay (010-034-55010-092). **(For Possible Action)**

Undersheriff Tyler Thomas fixed the error of the property tag #8629 to property tag #8759. He explained that to ensure the safety of the deputy's and the people being transported in the back a prisoner cage needs to be installed into the patrol unit with a property tag # 8759.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve quote from Sierra Electronics to install a prisoner cage and radar into a new patrol unit, with a property tag # of 8759 and the last 5 digits of the VIN # being 44584, for an amount not to exceed \$2,212.30 to be paid from Capital Outlay (010-034-55010-092). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny quote from Sierra electronics to install cages and gun locks into patrol vehicle with vin number ending in 44597 (8629 property tag) and 44584 (8627 property tag). **(For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled for more information

#### **COUNTY FACILITIES** – Jayme Halpin, Assistant Public Works Director

1. Report on activities and projects at County managed facilities. **(Discussion)**

Assistant Public Works Director, Jayme Halpin reported that the road crew has been filling in at the landfill, the Opera House had some private parties. General maintenance on facilities from the Buildings and Grounds crew, everything has been running smoothly.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS** – Jayme Halpin, Assistant Public Works Director

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

Assistant Public Works Director, Jayme Halpin reported that they have started their bi-weekly meeting for Phase 2B construction and Loomis should be in Eureka within the next month to finish their 30%. They have been working to finalize the ALP plan, they do have some confirmed updates. He received an email from DEM about small projects from FEMA, he is hoping for an update soon. They ordered equipment for the Opera House projects and working on grants for energy efficiency for the Courthouse doors and windows.

2. Discuss and Consider recommendation to award the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) project to Wise Oak Consulting, for an amount not to exceed \$118,000.00 utilizing funds from Emergency Management Contract Services (010-040-53010-058) and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve awarding the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) project to Wise Oak Consulting, for an amount not to exceed

\$118,000.00 utilizing funds from Emergency Management Contract Services (010-040-53010-058) and authorize Chairman McKay to sign the contract outside of the meeting. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny equipment and repairs, performed by Mt. Rose Heating and Air Conditioning, to the Eureka Medical Clinic heating system for an amount not to exceed \$191,026.00 (includes a 10% Contingency) utilizing funds from Capital Projects (042-140-55010-249). **(For Possible Action)**

Jayme Halpin explained that the new heating and air conditioning will be mounted on the side of the Clinic building by the generator and will replace the units in the basement that are from the 80's.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve equipment and repairs, performed by Mt. Rose Heating and Air Conditioning, to the Eureka Medical Clinic heating system for an amount not to exceed \$191,026.00 (includes a 10% Contingency) utilizing funds from Capital Projects (042-140-55010-249). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny a ¾-inch residential water meter and service application to serve APN# 007- 380-47 located in Devil's Gate GID District #1. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve deny a ¾-inch residential water meter and service application to serve APN# 007- 380-47 located in Devil's Gate GID District #1. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES** – Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager

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

Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts reported that on October 28 he traveled to Winnemucca to attend the Mormon Cricket and Grasshopper post season meeting held by the USDA APHIS and State Department of AG. He reported from that meeting there was a lot of discussion about funding for aerial treatments, and that they don't expect the same treatments this next spring. The BLM hosted their Greenlink North Project meeting here at the Opera House on October 30<sup>th</sup>, Jake was surprised in the lack of turnout from the public. He wants to remind everyone that the EIS is out and comments are due on December 11. There was a Water legislation meeting in Reno on November 6. Jake reminded the Board that they will start to see legislative language on every agenda moving forward. November 7 the Conservation District held their election with the help of Kathy Bowling and her election staff. Vicki Buchanan and Gary McCuin were both reelected to their seats. Jake reported that as of that day November 15, the Greater Sage Grouse Final EIS and proposed resource management plan amendment hit the Federal Register. Jake and the

Commissioners will be attending The Central Nevada Regional Water Authority Legislative committee meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and i80's meeting.

2. Discuss, approve or deny using the services of Eureka County's water counsel, Allison MacKenzie Law Office, to file an *Amicus Curiae* brief in the case of *Baker Ranches, Inc., et al. v. Haaland, et al.*, regarding the federal government's waiver of sovereign immunity in cases involving administration of water rights decrees. *Note: Efforts are being made to have other aligned entities join this effort to share some costs and reduce filings. (For Possible Action)*

Jake explained that the Humbolt River Basin could potentially be affected during the case of Baker Ranches, Inc., et al. v. Haaland, et al. Pine Valley, all of Crescent Valley, all of Boulder Flat, Maggie Creek and the whole northern part of the county is in the Humbolt River Basin. He suggests the County use the services of Allison MacKenzie Law Office, to file an Amicus Curiae brief to help protect Eureka County.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve using the services of Eureka County's water counsel, Allison MacKenzie Law Office, to file an Amicus Curiae brief in the case of Baker Ranches, Inc., et al. v. Haaland, et al., regarding the federal government's waiver of sovereign immunity in cases involving administration of water rights decrees. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss and consider providing scoping comments to Ely BLM for their consideration in development of the Antelope and Triple B Wild Horse Complexes Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP). **(For Possible Action)**

Jake suggested commenting on the consistency with the county's plans and policies that is required by federal law and that the Triple B wild horses do bleed over into the Diamond Mountains. It has been documented where the horses come onto the Diamond hills north and south, they aren't on the official map part of the Triple B complex, but they need to be. He also suggests asking them to not diminish the socioeconomic impacts and include the water law implications where ranchers are displaced from springs. Commissioner Plaskett suggested commenting on the wording regarding impacts to hunting tags and goods sales.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve providing scoping comments to Ely BLM for their consideration in development of the Antelope and Triple B Wild Horse Complexes Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP) and to allow Chairman McKay to sign outside of the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss and consider providing comments to Ely BLM on the Pancake Wild Horse Complex HMAP Preliminary Environmental Assessment. **(For Possible Action)**

Jake explained that the Pancake Wild Horse Complex corners near the Fish Creek Ranch allotment and the Fish Creek Wild Horse Complex, commenting on the fact that the horses do transfer back and forth and asking for them to consider that area even though it's not on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment map.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve providing comments to Ely BLM on the Pancake Wild Horse Complex HMAP Preliminary Environmental Assessment. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

5. Discuss status of groundwater rights retirement in Diamond Valley through the Nevada Water Conservation Infrastructure Initiative (NWCII) and consider efforts, including potential funding contribution, to leverage remaining NWCII funding held by the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority to retire additional water rights to benefit the Diamond Valley aquifer. **(For Possible Action)**

Jake explained to the Board that as of the day before, November 14<sup>th</sup>, he received a notification from the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority that they have requested another round of applications and there is \$380,000.00 left. Jake asked the Board to consider appointing a commissioner to work with him, Public Works and the District Attorney to help find a solution that could benefit Eureka County.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to appoint Commissioner Marty Plaskett to work with Jake Tibbitts on the Nevada Water Conservation Infrastructure Initiative (NWCII) project in Diamond Valley. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

#### **SHERIFF (continued)-**

3. Discuss, approve or deny quote from Sierra electronics to install cages and gun locks into patrol vehicle with vin number ending in 44597 (8629 property tag) and 44584 (8627 property tag). **(For Possible Action)**

Undersheriff Tyler Thomas explained that with the change of the new interim Sheriff, they are putting Jesse Watts vehicle back into patrol. While moving some of the vehicles around they are needing to add prisoner cages and gun locks to make them patrol ready.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve quote from Sierra electronics to install cages and gun locks into patrol vehicle with vin number ending in 44597 (8629 property tag) and 44584 (8627 property tag), for an amount not to exceed \$2,838.90 to be paid from Capital Outlay (010-034-55010-092). Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE-**

1. Review correspondence. **(Discussion)**

County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling read the meeting correspondence; SAVE THE DATE for the 2025 Southern Nevada Luncheon, Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Agenda, US Department of Interior BLM Announcement, CVTAB AGENDA 11-20-24, ECC Letter, Eureka Conservation District Election 2024, Follow the Law Letter, Great Basin Children's Advocacy Center 1 year Anniversary invitation, McKinsey MDL Settlement, Mt Wheeler Power