

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 7, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF NEVADA)

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

1. Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item. *Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda, in the direction of the Chair. (For Possible Action)*
2. Pledge of allegiance.

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on April 2, 2024. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy, Commissioner Marty Plaskett, District Attorney Ted Beutel, and Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Approval of minutes: It was brought to the Boards attention that there was an error with a date that was posted in the agenda. Two items were tabled, Sheriff #1 and Commissioner #1.

Commissioner Sharkozy moved to approve of the agenda with the date change and tabled of items. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public comment and discussion. *Notice: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public 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, 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)*

None considered at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the October 17, 2024, February 16, 2024, and February 20, 2024, Commission meetings. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve minutes for the October 17, 2024, February 16, 2024, and February 20, 2024, Commission meetings. Commissioner Sharkozy abstained from voting because of being unable to read the minutes due to technical difficulties. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1.

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 the Comptroller, Kim Todd reviewed expenditures.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve expenditures of \$1,659,021.19 with a \$10 pass through to the Nevada Division of Minerals, and a late payment to Suburban Propane for \$462.87. Commissioner Sharkozy 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 accepting the Eureka County Library, MyBrary Contract for fiscal year 2024-2025, with a total increase of \$6,187.00 from the prior fiscal year contract. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was Tabled.

SHERIFF-Jesse Watts, Sheriff

1. Discuss, approve, or deny Civil Contract between Eureka County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Jason Flanagan, for usage by ECSO of Deputy Jason Flanagan's dog, K9 Scout, with the agreement that ownership of K9 Scout will transfer back to Deputy Flanagan upon K9 Scouts' retirement, or when no longer serviceable to the Eureka County Sheriff's Office. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny out of State Travel and credit card increase for Sheriff Watts to attend the National Sheriff's Association Conference in Oklahoma City, OK from June 22-28, 2024. The Sheriff requests a \$500.00 increase in the month of May to pay registration fees and to book flights. *Note: Sheriff Watts' current credit card limit is \$2,000.00.* **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve out of State Travel and credit card increase for Sheriff Watts to attend the National Sheriff's Association Conference in Oklahoma City, OK from June 22-28, 2024. The Sheriff requests a \$500.00 increase in the month of May to pay registration fees and to book flights. Commissioner Plaskett abstained from voting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny a \$1,000.00 credit card increase in the month of June 2024, for Sheriff Watts. This increase will cover hotel room charges during the out of state travel to The National Sheriff's Association Conference in Oklahoma City, Ok, June 22-28, 2024. *Note: Sheriff Watts' current credit card limit is \$2,000.00.* **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a \$1,000.00 credit card increase in the month of June 2024, for Sheriff Watts. This increase will cover hotel room charges during the out of state travel to The National Sheriff's Association Conference in Oklahoma City, Ok, June 22-28, 2024. Commissioner Plaskett abstained from voting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1.

4. Pursuant to Personnel Policy 5.7.3, consider authorizing the Eureka County Sheriff's Office to make an advanced step hire for the position of Deputy Sheriff II at Range 121/Step 5 on the Eureka County wage and salary scale for a Lateral Deputy Sheriff Applicant, contingent to start in the middle of May, stationed in the Southern Area Command (Eureka). **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve authorizing the Eureka County Sheriff's Office to make an advanced step hire for the position of Deputy Sheriff II at Range 121/Step 5 on the Eureka County wage and salary scale for a Lateral Deputy Sheriff Applicant, contingent to start in the middle of May, stationed in the Southern Area Command (Eureka). Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

IT DEPARTMENT-Jessica Santoyo, IT Professional III

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

IT professional III, Jessica Santoyo reported that the IT department has been busy attending meetings; KnowBe4's phisher demonstration, higher ground calls to complete the integration with AT&T, Zscaler. They have been working on the newsletter, photo contest and social media. They have been working on the Tyler utility deployment, Sunridge and cyber networks to deploy a test server. They have been working with a Comnet and a local Nevada contractor and NV Energy to install live feed for the Crescent Valley Town Hall and Clinic for fiber.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny a permanent credit card limit increase, for a \$3,500.00 recurring monthly limit, on the County purchasing card issued to Annelle Watts to accommodate ordering and purchasing supplies for the IT Department. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a permanent credit card limit increase, for a \$3,500.00 recurring monthly limit, on the County purchasing card issued to Annelle Watts to accommodate ordering and purchasing supplies for the IT Department. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

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

Treasurer, Pernecia Johnson presented the Treasurers report for March 2024.

2. Review and consider accepting Treasurer's verified return of sale and reconciliation of trust property for the tax delinquent properties auction held on April 25, 2024. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to accept the Treasurer's verified return of sale and reconciliation of trust property for the tax delinquent properties auction held on April 25, 2024 for a total of \$104,697.42. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Review and consider adopting a resolution directing the County Treasurer to execute and file quitclaim deeds for record with the County Recorder and deliver said quitclaim deeds for properties sold at auction on April 25, 2024. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve adopting a resolution directing the County Treasurer to execute and file quitclaim deeds for record with the County Recorder and deliver said quitclaim deeds for properties sold at auction on April 25, 2024, along with name change corrections on resolution. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

Return of Sale of Trust Property

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Eureka County, Nevada, on the 2nd day of January, 2024 duly ordered the sale at public auction of the hereinafter described real property held by Pernecia Johnson, as County Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Receiver of Eureka County, Nevada, in trust; and

WHEREAS, after due and legal notice of the place and manner of said sale was duly given in the manner required by NRS 361.595, by publication in the Eureka Sentinel, a newspaper published within the County of Eureka, State of Nevada, and posted as required by NRS 361.595 and the 2019 Order of the Board of Commissioners Directing the County Treasurer to Offer all Tax Delinquent Properties for Sale, said property was sold by "sealed bids" received on the 25th day of April, 2024, in the Eureka County Treasurer's office, Eureka County Nevada, in pursuance of said Order of Sale;
and

WHEREAS, at said sale the property described in the Reconciliation of Tax Auction held April 25, 2024 attached hereto was sold to the persons or entities listed for the total sum of ONE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FORTY-TWO CENTS (\$104,697.42), which were the highest and best bids for the same and the whole amount bid and paid for said property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Eureka County, Nevada as follows:

1. That the Eureka County Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Receiver of Eureka County Nevada, in trust, execute and file Quit Claim Deeds for record with the County Recorder of Eureka County, Nevada and deliver said Quit Claim Deeds for properties sold to said purchasers on the attached

list.

ADOPTED the 7th day of May, 2024 by the Board of County Commissioners, Eureka County, Nevada.

/s/ Rich McKay, Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

4. Update on disposition of excess proceeds from tax delinquent properties auction on April 25, 2024. **(Discussion)**

Item was included in Treasurer's report.

JUVENILE PROBATION- Steve Zimmerman, Juvenile Probation Officer

1. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel on June 27th – July 1st 2024, for Stephen Zimmerman and Irma Davila to attend American Probation and Parole Association 49th Annual Training Institute in Indianapolis, IN. Funds for this conference will be paid for by the 7th Judicial District Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plasket motioned to approve out-of-state travel on June 27th – July 1st, 2024, for Stephen Zimmerman and Irma Davila to attend American Probation and Parole Association 49th Annual Training Institute in Indianapolis, IN. Funds for this conference will be paid for by the 7th Judicial District Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny credit card limit increase for Steve Zimmerman for the months of May and June 2024 in the amount of \$3,500 each month to cover cost of Grad Night purchases, registration costs, and travel costs for National APPA Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana – June 28-July 1, 2024. *Note: Steve Zimmerman's current credit card limit is \$1000.00.* **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plasket motioned to approve credit card limit increase for Steve Zimmerman for the months of May and June 2024 in the amount of \$3,500 each month to cover cost of Grad Night purchases, registration costs, and travel costs for National APPA Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana – June 28-July 1, 2024. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny credit card limit increase for Irma Davila for the months of May and June 2024 in the amount of \$1500 each month to cover additional costs for Grad Night purchases, registration costs, and travel costs for National APPA Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana – June 28-July 1, 2024. *Note: Irma Davila's current credit card limit is \$500.00.* **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plasket motioned to approve credit card limit increase for Irma Davila for the months of May and June 2024 in the amount of \$1500 each month to cover additional costs for Grad Night purchases, registration costs, and travel costs for National APPA Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana – June 28-July 1, 2024. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

CLERK RECORDER-Kathy Bowling, Clerk Recorder

1. Discuss, approve, or deny accepting Garney Damele's resignation from Clerk Recorder Casual Position. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to accept Garney Damele's resignation from Clerk Recorder Casual Position. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny changing the Clerk Recorder casual position back to Clerk Recorder I, II, III full time position and opening this position on the portal. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve changing the Clerk Recorder casual position back to Clerk Recorder I, II, III full time position and opening the position on the portal and also ratify the hiring freeze waiver at the next meeting. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

CRESCENT VALLEY CELEBRATE AMERICA-Tracey Mellard, Friends of CVVFD

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a request from the Friends of CVVFD for a donation of \$2,500.00 from the Commission's miscellaneous grants account (010-001-53010-85) to help sponsor the Crescent Valley Independence Day Celebration, to be held on July 6, 2024. **(For Possible Action)**

Item tabled until more information can be presented.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Raymond Hodson, Assistant Public Works Director

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

Assistant Public Works Director, Raymond Hodson reported on projects with the Road Department. He reported that the crew has finished up the Three Bars Project, they replaced a culvert at Sheep Creek that was damaged during snow removal. The roads held up good during winter but he is still sending out Blades to clean up the roads. The street sweeper went through town and he had a crew work on parking lots. They have had to replace 6-8 road signs due to vandalization. In Crescent Valley they sprayed weeds along the roads.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley reported that they have started the Ruby Hill project, they have a traffic plan for detours, and the Board will be getting regular updates. They continue to work on the 5 obligated projects from FEMA. Jeb and Jayme Halpin attended a disaster assessment training in Elko. They got 2 14-person vans that they put in Eureka for the Eureka Senior Center and one in Crescent Valley for the Fannie Komp Senior Center. The Water crew has been sending water samples for various buildings around Crescent Valley.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny a ¾-inch commercial water meter and service application for APN 002-025-06 located in the Town of Crescent Valley. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a ¾-inch commercial water meter and service application for APN 002-025-06 located in the Town of Crescent Valley. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny contracting Patterson Dental to perform an on-site assessment, valuation, and possible re-certification of dental assets in the Eureka County clinic with recommendations from the assessment to be reviewed by Public Works and the board at a future meeting. Cost of assessment not to exceed \$4,000, utilizing funds from Contract Services (010- 042-53010-058). **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of contracting Patterson Dental to perform an on-site assessment, valuation, and possible re-certification of dental assets in the Eureka County clinic with recommendations from the assessment to be reviewed by Public Works and the board at a future meeting. Cost of assessment not to exceed \$4,000, utilizing funds from Contract Services (010- 042-53010-058). Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

DEVILS GATE GID- Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a ¾-inch residential water meter and service application to serve APN # 007-393-06 located in Devil's Gate GID District #2. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a ¾-inch residential water meter and service application to serve APN # 007-393-06 located in Devil's Gate GID District #2. Commissioner Sharkozy 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 NEPA reviews are either just ended or still reviewing the sage Grouse draft EIS, the Westwide Solar draft EIS, the Greenlink North Project cooperating agency draft EIS, the South Railroad mining project, supplemental environmental reports. He gave a detailed report on the plan for the Mormon cricket migration, aerial spraying and ground baiting. Commissioner Plaskett commended Jake and his team on the success of the Eureka Fire Wise Day.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny continued engagement with Laura K. Granier, Esq. (with Holland & Hart) for legal assistance related to BLM land use and planning efforts including BLM Greater Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) (including Areas of Critical Environmental Concern) and BLM Public Lands Rule. *Note: Efforts are being made to work with others whose interests are aligned, including other counties, to maximize efficiency and share costs to the extent possible.* **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve continued engagement with Laura K. Granier, Esq. (with Holland & Hart) for legal assistance related to BLM land use and planning efforts including BLM Greater Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) (including Areas of Critical Environmental Concern) and BLM Public Lands Rule. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss and consider providing comments on BLM's consideration of potential Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) in the Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of providing a comment on BLM's consideration of potential Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) in the Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m.
Chairman McKay called the meeting back to order at 12:21 p.m.

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET – Kim Todd, Comptroller

1. Review Tentative Budgets and discuss, approve, or deny possible eliminations of expenses, addition of expenses, staffing levels, capital outlay requests and any other budget related items listed in the tentative budgets. Note: These changes will be incorporated into the Final Budget, which is due to the Nevada Department of Taxation no later than June 1, 2024. Final budgets will be reviewed and approved at a public hearing scheduled for May 21, 2024. **(For Possible Action)**

The Board with the help of Comptroller Kim Todd reviewed and discussed changes to the 2024-2025 budget. The Board decided to increase the capital outlay from \$100,000 to \$250,000. They combined the Treasurer and Public Guardian funds. \$100,000 will be rolled over from 2023-2024 to 2024-2025 for 2 vehicles that Public Works are still researching the best deal for. The Board added \$60,000 to the Diagnostic and Treatment Budget for the possibility of adding a Dentist to the clinic. The library budget was increased to \$6,000. \$2 million to the Road Department, \$2 million to the RTC and \$6.2 million to Eureka water for the next phase of the phase of the paving water project. \$15,000 was added to clinic equipment for the possibility of purchasing dental equipment. \$125,000 was added for X-Ray repairs at the Eureka Clinic. Devils Gate Water went down \$25,000. They decided to put in \$150,000 for the Senior Center vans just in case the grant does not come through.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve tentative budget; Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss and consider any fund transfers that will be required to fund operating and capital outlay expenses in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and provide direction to the Comptroller for including these transfers into the Final Budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve fund transfers of \$2 million to the Road Department, \$2 million to the RTC and \$6 million to the Water and Sewer department. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Eureka is hosting the NACO meeting on May 24th at 9 a.m. BLM wildfire season notice.

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

None considered at this time.

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 called for public comment in Crescent Valley, seeing none he moved on to Eureka. Eureka audience member Cindy Adams brought to the Board an issue she had recently with the Sheriff's office and a wild dog in her neighborhood. Cindy asked the Board to look into the County ordinance on wild animals. Sheriff Jesse Watts echoed her comment to the Board about the County ordinance on animal control due to multiple issues with wild dogs.

2. Consider items requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. *Notice: The public is welcome to request agenda items for future meetings during the Public Comment period or may consult with one or more of the Board of Commissioners to request agenda items for future meetings. (Discussion)*

None considered.

ADJOURNMENT

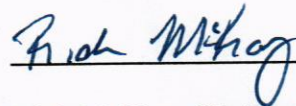
1. Adjournment of meeting.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Katelyn Ziemann, Deputy Clerk.

Approved by vote of the Board this 16th day of July, 2024.



Rich McKay, Chairman

Attest:



Katherine J. Bowling, Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment and discussion. Board members may wish to ask questions of the public or to make comments on the public's comments. Public comment will be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Public comment will be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Public comment will be limited to the subject of the agenda item. (Continued)

Chairman McKay called for public comment on the agenda item. Board members may wish to ask questions of the public or to make comments on the public's comments. Public comment will be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Public comment will be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Public comment will be limited to the subject of the agenda item.

A. Consideration regarding motion to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The public is welcome to comment on the agenda item. Public comment will be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Public comment will be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Public comment will be limited to the subject of the agenda item.

None considered.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting

Commissioner Sherry motioned to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Report was submitted by Kevin Connor, Deputy Clerk

Agenda items of the Board for the following week:

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Public Comment

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Kathleen Bowling, Clerk