

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 6, 2023

STATE OF NEVADA)
 :SS
COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

- | |
|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">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, at the discretion of the Chair.</i> (For Possible Action)2. Pledge of allegiance. |
|---|

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on July 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: Two items were removed from the agenda - approval of minutes and Human Resources Item #2 regarding position descriptions, promotions, and waiver of the hiring freeze. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the agenda with the noted changes; Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- | |
|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">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 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.</i> (Discussion) |
|--|

Chairman McKay opened the floor for public comments. Sheriff Watts said he wanted the community to know that he would be on restricted duty for medical reasons.

- | |
|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">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.</i> (Discussion) |
|--|

Chairman McKay reminded everyone that the next meeting will include two public hearings - one concerning the Liquor Board and one for the Central Nevada Health District.

SHERIFF

- | |
|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sheriff's Office award presentations to community members and staff. (Discussion) |
|--|

Sheriff Jesse Watts said he was honored to present awards to community members and members of his staff whose actions were life-saving on two recent occasions.

While attending 8th Grade Graduation ceremonies on June 9, 2023, a local resident went limp with no detectable pulse. Sheriff Watts presented awards to Dave Hicks, Monty Hudson, and Clint Tognotti for their quick action and life-saving efforts to keep the patient stable until medical transport arrived. (Clint Tognotti was not available for the meeting.)

The Sheriff next recognized and presented awards to Deputy Nicholas Collins and Deputy William Hoggard who assisted a Nevada Highway Patrol officer on March 16, 2023, during a traffic stop involving an individual trying to take his own life. They protected the party from further injury and provided first-aid until help arrived.

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. She noted that expenditures included a \$100,000.00 donation to the Great Basin Children’s Advocacy Center as approved at an earlier meeting to be paid in Fiscal Year 2024.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$1,201,410.37 for accounts payable, \$548,216.74 for payroll and benefit related expenses (including employee paid deductions), and pass-through payments of \$348,721.63 (\$125,961.21 in school taxes, and \$222,760.42 in general taxes) to the Nevada State Controller, \$11,410.00 to Nevada Division of Minerals, \$765.76 to Nevada Department of Taxation, \$222.00 to Washoe County Crime Lab, and \$20,300.00 for the N1 Grazing Board, for a grand total of \$2,110,746.50. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Review Fund Balance Report. (Discussion)

The Board reviewed a report on current fund balances.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny adopting the Resolution Setting Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, as certified by the Nevada Tax Commission on June 26, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt a resolution setting tax rates for Fiscal Year 2024, as certified by the Nevada Tax Commission on June 26, 2023, with no rate increases; Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Eureka, Nevada

July 6, 2023

RESOLUTION SETTING TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

WHEREAS, the Eureka County Commissioners took action on May 19, 2023, to set the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, for the tax districts under their legal jurisdiction, and by this resolution are affirming that action; and

WHEREAS, the ad valorem revenues are assessed by tax rates on real and personal property as certified by the Nevada State Tax Commission; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NRS 361.460, and following certification by the Nevada Tax Commission on June 26, 2023, tax rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, will be hereby levied as listed below:

Taxing Unit	Imposed Legislative	Combined General	Combined Special
-------------	---------------------	------------------	------------------

	Rate	Tax Rate	County Rates	District	School	State	Total
Eureka County	.8675	.0783		.0085	.7500	.1700	1.8743
Crescent Valley Town	.2153		.9458	.0085	.7500	.1700	2.0896
Eureka Town	.2153		.9458	.0085	.7500	.1700	2.0896
Diamond Valley Rodent District	.0400		.9458	.0866	.7500	.1700	1.9924
Diamond Valley Weed District	.0781		.9458	.0485	.7500	.1700	1.9924
Eureka County TV District	.0085		.9458		.7500	.1700	1.8743

THEREFORE, IT IS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Eureka County, Nevada, does hereby certify the rates listed above for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Approved this 6th day of July, 2023.

/s/ Rich McKay
Rich McKay, Chairman

/s/ Michael Sharkozy
Michael Sharkozy, Vice Chairman

/s/ Marty Plaskett
Marty Plaskett, Member

Attest: /s/ Kathy Bowling
Kathy Bowling, Eureka County Clerk

4. Discuss, approve, or deny budget transfers from the General Fund to the following funds: Regional Transportation Commission/\$9,000,000.00; Retiree Health Insurance Fund/\$250,000.00; Water Mitigation Fund/\$1,500,000.00; Crescent Valley Water Fund/\$500,000.00; and Eureka Town Water Sewer Fund/\$4,000,000.00. *Note: These budget transfers were approved during the final budget process. (For Possible Action)*

Ms. Todd explained that the requested budget transfers were discussed and approved during budget workshops, and she now sought formal approval to move forward with the Fiscal Year 2024 transfers.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve budget transfers from the General Fund to the following funds: \$9,000,000.00 to the Regional Transportation Commission; \$250,000.00 to the Retiree Health Insurance Fund; \$1,500,000.00 to the Water Mitigation Fund; \$500,000.00 to the Crescent Valley Water Fund; and \$4,000,000.00 to the Eureka Town Water Sewer Fund. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING - CVTAB MEETING DATES/TIMES

Notice was given that a public hearing would be held on July 6, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (local time) in the Eureka Commission Chambers in the County Courthouse at 10 So. Main St. in Eureka, Nevada. The reason for said hearing is to invite public comments and take action on an ordinance amending the 2018 EUREKA COUNTY CODE, TITLE 13, TOWN OF CRESCENT VALLEY, CHAPTER 20, CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD, by amending SECTION .040 to change the day and time of meetings, and other matters properly relating thereto. The ordinance shall be known as THE JUNE 2023 CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD DATES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS ORDINANCE. This ordinance has been proposed by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners, and a copy of said ordinance is on file in the office of the County Clerk for public examination.

1. Open public hearing and invite comments on proposed ordinance, described herein, to amend Eureka County Code. (Discussion)

Chairman McKay opened the public hearing and invited comments on a proposed ordinance that would amend the dates and time that the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board holds its regular meetings.

Jeremy Rice, Chairman of CVTAB, said his Board originally considered changing the meeting dates to the second and fourth Wednesdays, but with the recent change in Commission meetings (to the first and third Tuesdays), they now felt meeting on the first and third Wednesdays would align better with the Commissioners' meeting schedule. Adjusting the start time from 5:30 to 5:00 p.m. will better accommodate the members' work schedules.

- | |
|--|
| 2. Close public hearing, and consider adopting as presented, adopting with further revisions, or denying an ordinance amending the 2018 Eureka County Code by changing the dates and time that regular meetings of the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board are held. (For Possible Action) |
|--|

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Plasket motioned to adopt THE JUNE 2023 CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD DATES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS ORDINANCE, an ordinance amending the 2018 County Code, in order to change the Town Board's regularly scheduled meetings to the first and third Wednesdays of each month beginning at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The change will be effective July 24th.

COMMISSIONERS

- | |
|---|
| 1. Review letter from Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy and, per the Department's request, consider reappointing Judge Dorothy Rowley as Eureka County representative to the Nevada Local Reinvestment Coordinating Council for an additional two-year term beginning August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023. (For Possible Action) |
|---|

Judge Dorothy Rowley represents Eureka County on the Nevada Local Reinvestment Coordinating Council. Her initial two-year term will expire on July 31, 2023, and the Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy has recommended her reappointment.

Judge Rowley explained that the Council was awarded \$3 million in the 2023 Legislative Session. This money will be used to set up grants for local governments and nonprofit organizations to fund programs and treatment that will reduce recidivism. She said the Council's primary purpose is to get funding into local communities.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to reappoint Judge Dorothy Rowley as Eureka County representative on the Nevada Local Reinvestment Coordinating Council for an additional two-year term from August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2025. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- | |
|---|
| 2. Discuss, approve, or deny signing the Indigent Defense Financial Status Report for the 4 th quarter of Fiscal Year 2023, detailing costs expended for provision of public defense services, due to the Department by July 15, 2023. (For Possible Action) |
|---|

The Indigent Defense Financial Status Report , due to the Nevada Department of Indigent Defense Services by July 15th, showed that Eureka County paid \$15,653.50 for the quarter (April, May, June 2023) to provide public defense services to defendants with criminal charges.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the Financial Status Report for the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2023 detailing costs expended for provision of public defense services; Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss passage of AB 518, which provides supplemental compensation for Judges, District Attorneys, and Public Defenders to conduct mandatory 48-hour pretrial release hearings on weekends and holidays, and determine whether Eureka County will (a) accept up-front payment of the annual Public Defender stipend; or (b) allow the Public Defender stipend to remain with the Department of Indigent Defense Services to be reimbursed to the County on a utilization basis. *Note: The stipend for Judges and District Attorneys will be distributed to all counties prior to August 1st of each fiscal year.* (For Possible Action)

Assembly Bill 518 was adopted during the recent Legislative Session to provide supplemental compensation for Judges, District Attorneys, and Public Defenders who participate in mandatory 48-hour pretrial release hearings. Earlier legislation made these hearings mandatory effective July 1, 2022.

The fiscal year weekend/holiday stipend for Eureka County is \$23,400.00 for each official (or their replacement). Funds for the Judges and District Attorneys will be distributed directly to the counties. At each counties' discretion, the stipend for Public Defenders can be distributed directly to the respective county or to the Nevada Department of Indigent Defense Services (to be disbursed as it is utilized). District Attorney Beutel, Judge Rowley, and Public Defender Kelly Brown all recommended that the Public Defender stipend be held by Eureka County.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned that Eureka County accept up-front payment of the annual Public Defender stipend established by AB 518 to provide supplemental compensation for officials required to conduct mandatory 48-hour pretrial release hearings on weekends and holidays. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve, or deny appointing two members, representing Eureka County, to the Board of Health for Central Nevada Health District. (For Possible Action)

As member of the Central Nevada Health District, Eureka County must name two individuals to represent the County on the CNHD Board of Health. Chairman McKay had received a recommendation to appoint the Public Works Director. Commissioners Sharkozy and Plaskett felt the Chairman should be appointed to the second seat.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to appoint Rich McKay and Jeb Rowley to the Board of Health for the Central Nevada Health District; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

5. Discuss, approve, or deny writing a letter supporting Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8194, in efforts to construct the Veterans Memorial Park on Main Street in Eureka. (For Possible Action)

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8194 asked for a letter supporting their efforts to seek grants and donations for construction of the Veterans Memorial Park on Main Street in Eureka.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a letter supporting VFW Post 8194 in efforts to raise funds and construct the John Biale Sr. Veterans Memorial Park in Eureka; Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

6. Discuss, approve, or deny a request from Jim Richardson, Northern Nevada Outreach Director for the Nevada Department of Veterans Services, to waive the facility rental fees for use of the Opera House on September 28th & 29th, 2023. *Note: Refundable deposit will still be required.* (For Possible Action)

Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling said that Jim Richardson utilized the Commission Chambers recently for veteran services outreach. He had a good turnout and wanted a venue with more space, and was now requesting that rental fees be waived for use of the Opera House for his next outreach in September.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to waive the facility rental fees for use of the Opera House on September 28th & 29th, 2023, for an outreach event conducted by Jim Richardson, Northern Nevada Outreach Director for Nevada Department of Veterans Services. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IT DEPARTMENT

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

IT Director Misty Rowley reported on recent activities. The County's social media page was launched and the first newsletter was published and made available online. Launch date for the new website is mid-August. Quest technicians were in Eureka recently to complete projects at the Eureka Fire Station and the District Attorney's office. Firmware was upgraded on the routers and switches. Fiber is now lit at both the Crescent Valley Elementary School and Town Center and testing will be done over the next week.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Report on Human Resource projects and activities. (Discussion)

Human Resources Director Heidi Whimple reported on activities. She is currently advertising for three positions: Deputy District Attorney, Dispatcher, and Deputy Sheriff. She is working with Judge Rowley on a Court Manager job description. Six leadership meetings were completed with Paypoint HR for the compensation and classification study.

Ms. Whimple completed one new hire orientation last week and has two scheduled this week for the Kitchen Aide/Janitor and Public Works Custodian. The next department head roundtable is scheduled on July 12th. Union contract negotiations are set to begin the following week for the three bargaining units: (1) Sergeants; (2) Deputies; and (3) Dispatch & Civilian Staff.

OLCESE WASTE SERVICES

1. Quarterly update on residential and commercial waste services in Eureka County. (Discussion)

Tilio Olcese, President of Olcese Waste Services, was in attendance to give an update on residential and commercial waste collection in Eureka County for the quarter. For the period of

April/May/June, there were two new services in the Eureka service area (one residential and one commercial) and five new residential services in Crescent Valley. The new drivers for Eureka County are working out well.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

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

Assistant Public Works Director Raymond Hodson reported on Road Department activities. In southern Eureka County, the crew has bladed Monitor Valley Road, East Antelope Road, Spring Valley roads, 7th Street and Gold Street in Diamond Valley, Grass Valley roads, the JD Ranch Road area, and a blade is currently on Henderson Pass.

The northern crew finished Maggie Creek Road, Palisade, McCluskey Creek Road, Tonkin Road and is currently working in Cottonwood Canyon. Street maintenance in Crescent Valley is on track; truck route paving is complete; and there was enough material to extend the asphalt parking lot near the road shop (which is used as a helicopter pad for medical flights).

The Antelope Valley well (Rosenlund Drilling) was drilled to 320 feet with a six-inch casing and produces about 20 gallons a minute. The majority of the water was hit in the first 100 feet. It will fill the frac tank in about 13 hours, so the crew will let it fill overnight.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported on Public Works projects and activities.

Road & Utility Project: The large road and utility project going well in both Crescent Valley and Eureka. Soil testing is being done in Eureka as materials are excavated. Anything testing high for lead or arsenic will not be reused, but will be hauled to the repository (200 yards have been deposited so far). Status of the project is routinely posted on the County's social media site.

Crescent Valley Municipal Tank: Sandblasting is underway to prepare for repainting the municipal water tank in Crescent Valley. The contractor reported that the steel construction of the tank is in very good condition. The tank should be ready for use the first week in August.

FEMA Site Inspections: FEMA representatives were in Eureka on July 5th to conduct site inspections on the remaining flood-damaged roads. Mr. Rowley and Assistant Public Works Director Jamie Halpin split up with the crew so more roads could be inspected. FEMA will generate cost estimates based on these inspections.

- | |
|---|
| 2. Discuss, approve, or deny installation of door restrictors and door lock monitoring system to the Opera House elevator in the amount of \$25,369.00 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Buildings & Grounds budget. (For Possible Action) |
| 3. Discuss, approve, or deny installation of door restrictors and door lock monitoring system to the Courthouse elevator in the amount of \$24,287.00 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-015-55010-000) in the Buildings & Grounds budget. (For Possible Action) |

Mr. Rowley reported that the State granted a one-year extension to complete safety code upgrades to elevators in the Courthouse and Opera House. The State is not granting any exemptions, so Eureka County will have to comply or take the units out of service.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve proposals from Silver State Elevator Company to furnish and install door restrictors and door lock monitoring systems on elevators in the Opera House (\$25,369.00) and County Courthouse (\$24,287.00) utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Buildings & Grounds budget. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve, or deny application for a 3/4-inch residential water meter and service for APN 002-027-08 located in the Town of Crescent Valley. (For Possible Action)
5. Discuss, approve, deny application for a 3/4-inch residential water meter and service for APN 002-018-32 located in the Town of Crescent Valley. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve two applications for 3/4-inch residential water services in Crescent Valley for APN 002-027-08 and APN 002-018-32; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts reported on recent activities. He is currently reviewing multiple environmental documents for various mining exploration and expansion activities. He noted there is also a lot of activity on the national level as the current administration appears to be trying to undo every rule or regulation approved under the previous administration.

Mormon Crickets: Mr. Tibbitts receives calls related to Mormon crickets and is happy to relay the information to the State, but he wanted to remind residents that baiting and mitigation efforts are not the responsibility of Eureka County. The Nevada Department of Agriculture has a verification process to determine which areas warrant treatment, and this must all be coordinated with the BLM. For private landowners wanting to treat their private property, the bait is available for purchase by the general public.

Upcoming Meetings: The national BLM is hosting three virtual public meetings on its proposed Renewable Energy Rule intended to help facilitate development of renewable energy projects on public lands. The first meeting occurred on June 29th and the remaining two will be on July 11th and July 25th. Other meetings include the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority on July 7th; Natural Resources Advisory Commission on July 12th; and Nevada Gold Mines Community Development Committee on July 13th.

Nevada Water Conservation & Infrastructure Initiative: Mr. Tibbitts informed the Board that \$100 million in American Rescue Plan Act monies are available across the State for water conservation projects, with \$25 million set aside for water rights retirement. Applications are due to the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources by August 7th. There is a meeting on July 11th to review the application process and Mr. Tibbitts plans to attend.

2. Discuss and consider providing scoping comments for the Greenlink North Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which will analyze NV Energy's proposal for a new transmission line system in White Pine, Eureka, Lander, Lyon and Churchill Counties. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Tibbitts prepared a response to the BLM accepting cooperating agency status for Eureka County and providing scoping comments on the Environmental Impact Statement for Nevada Energy's proposed Greenlink North Project.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to accept cooperating agency status and send scoping comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, on the Greenlink North Project Environmental Impact Statement. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny accepting invitation by Bureau of Land Management to serve as cooperating agency on the environmental permitting process for the Crescent Valley Geothermal Exploration Project. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Tibbitts recommended that the County accept cooperating agency status on the Environmental Assessment for the Crescent Valley Geothermal Exploration Project.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to accept invitation by the Bureau of Land Management to serve as a cooperating agency during the environmental permitting process for the Crescent Valley Geothermal Exploration Project. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss and consider response to BLM Copper Canyon Allotment Willow Creek Grazing Enclosures Proposed Action. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Tibbitts prepared comments in response to the BLM's Copper Canyon Allotment Willow Creek Grazing Enclosures Proposed Action to fence off springs and riparian areas, which would impact three ranching operations and establish a dangerous precedent. He noted that, in the past, Eureka County protested a similar decision by the BLM to cancel AUMs (animal unit month) because of this proposed mining project.

The County's response letter offered an alternative for controlled grazing of the area with installation of fencing and cattle guards. In conclusion, it asked the BLM to cease moving forward with the proposed action until (a) the County's concerns are addressed; (b) there is alignment and conformance with an earlier Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision on the Greater Phoenix Project; and (c) there is full consultation with the affected ranchers.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to send comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Mount Lewis Field Office, in response to the BLM Copper Canyon Allotment Willow Creek Grazing Enclosures Proposed Action. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Discuss and make election to receive payment for Fiscal Year 2023 under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (SRS) including designating allocations to SRS titles and providing direction to staff to work with County Treasurer to submit required paperwork. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Tibbitts gave a brief history of the Secure Rural Schools & Community Self Determination Act (collectively referred to as SRS), which provides payments to counties to replace lost revenue from tax-exempt forest lands. Counties may elect to use the funds for three specific categories. Title I is for roads and schools; Title II is for projects on forest lands determined by Resource Advisory Committees; and Title III is for local projects, which the County has used to support the Firewise Community programs.

Payments are received following the fiscal year, and Eureka County's estimated payment for Fiscal Year 2023 was \$117,800.00. Each year the County elects how the funds will be distributed. In the previous year, 80% went to Title I, and 10% each went to Title II and Title III. Mr. Tibbitts recommended the same distribution.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to elect distributing Secure Rural Schools & Community Self Determination Act funds as follows: 80% to Title I, 10% to Title II, and 10% to Title III for Fiscal Year 2023 payments. 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: Dan Stevens, Nancy Sellard, District Attorney Ted Beutel (2); Eureka Television Dist.; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board; Nevada Assoc. of Counties (3); Central Nevada Regional Water Authority; Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority; Nevada Dept. of Sentencing Policy; Nevada Dept. of Veteran Services; Nevada Dept. of Business & Industry; EITA Administration; Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection; Nevada Div. of Water Resources; Nevada Dept. of Health & Human Services; Public Utilities of Nevada; US Dept. of the Interior-BLM (4); National Assoc. of Counties; Grant Match; US Navy; and America First Works.

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

Commissioner Plaskett commented on two items of correspondence that raise concern. First, proposed expansion of the Navy's Fallon Range Training Complex, which includes lowering air space thresholds, could interfere with GPS signals that producers in Diamond Valley rely on for operation of their pivots.

Second, Commissioner Plaskett agreed with concerns that the District Attorney raised in an email about the use of ATVs on paved highways (particularly Highway 50), and new legislation (SB 338) addressing the use of ATVs and redefining what qualifies as a large ATV.

The email pointed out that ATVs are often operated by parties too young to hold a driver's license, and often without safety helmets or insurance. Mr. Beutel commented that the intent of his email was to update the Board on legal aspects and to encourage working towards a solution before a tragedy occurs.

Chairman McKay reported that representatives from most of the area mines attended the last Eureka Business Network meeting to provide an update on their operations. Without exception, each mine shared plans for further exploration and/or expansion. Commissioner Plaskett said he agreed with the District Attorney's concern over the risk of collision between a large vehicle and a very small one.

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 12:21 p.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 17th 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 Jul 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