

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 18, 2025 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, in the direction of the Chair. (For Possible Action)*
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on March 18, 2025. Present were Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, Commissioner Mike Schoenwald, and County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. Chairman Rich McKay and District Attorney Ted Beutel were not in attendance. 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 Schoenwald motioned to approve the agenda with the tabling of Commissioners item #3, Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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 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)*

Vice Chair Plaskett called for public comment in Crescent Valley, Community member Laura Shivers asked the Board if an EMT from a contracted company makes a run and the client or citizen chooses not to be transported, will they be billed? Vice Chair Plaskett responded that they would investigate the question and get back to her. Vice Chair Plaskett called for public comment in Eureka, and audience member Ashley Kemp stated that she would comment on Commissioner items number 9 and 10. It was her understanding that the Commission only received one letter of interest for the position of Eureka County Sheriff, the current acting Sheriff, Miles Umina. Ashley spoke as both a resident of Eureka County and an employee of the District Attorney's office in Eureka County. She wanted the Board to know that since November 1 the lines of communication between the Sheriff's Office and the DA's office have greatly improved. The tension that once existed is slowly dissipating, and you will hear that the county is not better off

since before Watts resigned, not retired, is a lie. She stated that most people who work in the criminal justice system in Eureka County can attest to that. She fully supports the Board proceeding to appoint Lt. Umina as the Sheriff of Eureka County and looks forward to continuing to mend fences and make Eureka County great again.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2025, Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the February 18, 2025 Commission meeting minutes. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. 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)*

The Board along with Kim Todd reviewed the expenditures.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the expenditures of \$2,043,952.36 with the passthroughs of \$327.87 to the Department of Taxation Room Tax, \$1,420,658.93 to the State Controller School Tax, \$4,574.38 to the Nevada State Controller, \$600 to the Division of Minerals, \$99 to the Washoe Crime Lab, \$1,500 to the Insects Grazing Board. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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

The Board reviewed the current Fund Balance report.

3. Discuss, approve or deny out of state travel for DeeAnna Colby to attend the Tyler Connect Conference in San Antonio, Texas from May 11-14, 2025. **(For Possible Action)**

Kim Todd explained that the Tyler Connect Conference is an opportunity to attend trainings in accounting, payroll, and accounts payable. Eureka County has been unable to attend the conference in the years past, so she is requesting that DeeAnna Colby attend the conference this year.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve out of state travel for DeeAnna Colby to attend the Tyler Connect Conference in San Antonio, Texas from May 11-14, 2025. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny a credit card increase for DeeAnna Colby of \$1,500.00 (total amount will be \$2,000) for the month of March and May to cover travel and conference expenses for the Tyler Connect Conference. **(For Possible Action)**

Kim Todd explained that the \$1,500 credit card increase will cover DeeAnna's flights and hotel expenses for the Tyler Connect Conference.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a credit card increase for DeeAnna Colby of \$1,500.00 (total amount will be \$2,000) for the month of March and May to cover travel and conference expenses for the Tyler Connect Conference. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss legislation being considered by the Nevada Legislature at their upcoming 2025 Session. No position on legislation will be taken by the Board at this time. **(Discussion)**

Nothing was reported.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a request from the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department for a donation to purchase the July 4th Fireworks in the amount of \$8,901.50 to be paid from Commissioners Misc Grants (010-001-53010-085). **(For Possible Action)**

Vice Chair Plaskett explained that he is part of the volunteer fire department, and they recently had some kickback that the amount spent on the fireworks is too excessive when they are trying to focus on things that are considered a need. The Board discussed that they would approve of the amount with the understanding that the fire department will look at the budget and see what can be cut.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the request from the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department for a donation to purchase the July 4th Fireworks in the amount of \$8,901.50 to be paid from Commissioners Misc Grants (010-001-53010-085) with the caveat of trimming it down for the future. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny accepting the Eureka County Library, MyBrary Contract for fiscal year 2025-2026, with a total increase of \$5,895.00 from the prior fiscal year contract. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.

4. Discuss and consider a request from Christina Tucker to be added as an alternate to the Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee (CVMSAC). **(For Possible Action)**

Vice Chair Plaskett motioned to approve the request from Christina Tucker to be added as an alternate to the Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee (CVMSAC).
Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

5. Discuss, approve or deny whether Eureka County will make County supplied housing available to newly hired Emergency Service employees on a temporary and limited basis. **(For Possible Action)**

Jeb Rowley explained that regarding the urgency of the EMS staffing they are trying to figure out a housing solution to get newly hired EMS staff moved to Eureka sooner. Vice Chair Plaskett explained that the county currently has a unit that is vacant that was designated for clinic housing that they are asking to make available for emergency services housing. There are many potential precedents that still need to be discussed and will be discussed at the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve making County supplied housing available to newly hired Emergency Service employees on a temporary and limited basis. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

6. Discuss, approve or deny whether Eureka County will provide a housing stipend to newly hired Emergency Service employees, to offset the costs of privately obtained housing or lodging as an alternative to County supplied housing. **(For Possible Action)**

EMS Director Nichole Cooley explained that they hired an individual from Las Vegas and he could start immediately but unfortunately there is no housing available. Nichole has contacted i80 housing, McEwen housing, Valhalla Apartments, but none are available. One of the solutions would be to offer a housing stipend to cover hotel expenses until he can find a more permanent place to live. Jeb Rowley commented that there needs to be clarification that if housing becomes available does that mean that the stipend stops at that point or continues? Jeb Rowley also commented that MedX is in Eureka on an MOU until the end of the month and the housing stipend would be a great solution. The Board agreed that there needed to be clarification of the parameters of the stipend.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a housing stipend to newly hired Emergency Service employees, to offset the costs of privately obtained housing or lodging as an alternative to County supplied housing. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Kim Todd commented that she would like to be involved in this process, she was not involved in it at all. She also reminded the Board that there was once a housing stipend in Crescent Valley but it was removed from policy due to conflict, the sheriff office was getting a stipend but the road crew or the senior center was not. Kim believes that there needs to be more research into this, she understands the need for emergency, but would the Board be willing to offer a stipend to all employees that move to Eureka County. Heather Anderson gave a public comment stating that

she has been a resident of Eureka County for 11 years and has worked for Eureka County the last 2 ½ years. She was recently offered one of the EMS positions, she had not declined or accepted yet because she wanted to know if she would be offered the stipend as well. She mentioned that in 2023 she asked the County if she could live in the house that has been discussed and was told it was for the clinic providers only. She questioned why there is a difference in offers between an individual who already resides in Eureka County, who has lived here for 11 years, and someone moving here. She also mentioned that when miners move here, they do not get a stipend, they are choosing to take a job where there isn't any housing. She mentioned that it feels like a punishment for community members who want county jobs and then the people who aren't from Eureka County get a perk or stipend to move here. She feels that it isn't right and if they get a stipend then it should be that way for all county employees.

7. Review draft Resolution for lease of premises at 381 Well Street in Eureka to a newly hired Emergency Medical Services employee and consider adopting Resolution as presented or adopting with revisions. **(For Possible Action)**

Jeb explained that for time purposes he suggests approving of the resolution to adhere to NRS provisions and to begin advertising for the public hearing.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to consider the resolution for lease of premises at 381 Well Street in Eureka to a newly hired Emergency Medical Services employee, at a future meeting following the public hearing on April 15. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

8. Discuss, approve or deny scheduling a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. on April 15, 2025, to consider signing a Lease Agreement with a newly hired Emergency Medical Service employee for the premises located at 381 Well Street in Eureka. **(For Possible Action)**

Jeb explained that the draft lease agreement discussed at the Public Hearing on April 15, will include clarification around the rent, deposit, and the duration of term.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve scheduling a public hearing at 10 am on April 15 to consider signing a Lease Agreement with a newly hired Emergency Medical Service employee for the premises located at 381 Well Street in Eureka. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

9. Discuss applications/letters of interest submitted to the Board of County Commissioners by candidates applying for the remaining term of Office of County Sheriff which will become vacant effective April 1, 2025; and conduct interviews of the candidates that submitted applications/letters of interest. **(Discussion)**

The Board only received one letter of interest from acting Sheriff Miles Umina for the remaining term of Office of County Sheriff which will become vacant effective April 1, 2025. Before the

meeting the Board had an opportunity to read Miles Umina’s letter, resume and supporting documents. They asked Miles Umina if he wanted to make any comments. Mile Umina commented that since November 1 they have come a long way, building up relationships, mending bridges, and he sees a lot of good things coming up in the next two years. He mentioned that he has 20 years of law enforcement; he started as a dispatcher and worked his way into corrections at the detention’s facility in Lincoln County, he was able to join patrol in September 2007. He feels that he has been able to show that he can be fiscally smart and have good direction when working on building relationships with Public Works, the Comptroller, the Clerk and Assessor. He mentioned that as a community member and business owner Eureka has become home. He loves getting to work with the schools and the kids. Vice Chair Plaskett commented on the positives that he has seen and heard and applauded him for continuing the good work. Commissioner Schoenwald commented on the increased transparency and the effects it has had. He appreciates seeing the Sheriffs support at the Crescent valley town board meetings particularly.

10. Discuss, approve or deny appointing a candidate to serve the remaining term of Office of County Sheriff until December 31, 2026. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve appointing Miles Umina to remain as Sheriff and finish out the remaining term until December 31, 2026. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

The County Clerk recorder will swear Miles Umina in at the April 1, 2025 Board of County Commissioners meeting held in the Crescent Valley Town Hall.

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 for the month of February the Eureka Senior Center served 362 meals and the Crescent Valley Fannie Komp Senior Center served 388 meals. They deposited \$12,712 and that included most of her grants.

NEVADA GOLD MINES- Shawna Adams and Katie Chakhova

1. Presentation by Nevada Gold Mines’ Katie Chakhova on the Bullion Hill Decline (BHD) Exploration Project. **(Discussion)**

Shawna Adams with Nevada Gold Mines works as their community engagement and development specialist and Katie Chakhova, the permitting specialist with Barrick, gave a presentation on the Bullion Hill Decline Exploration Project. The project Barrick is proposing is the Bullion Hill decline exploration project that will target the 4 mile ore body. Through exploration and development, it will help with geological characterization, exploration and drilling through the underground as well as sampling. They are proposing it as a Barick project as

opposed to Nevada Gold Mines existing Mil Canyon exploration plan, because the ore body resources are under Barrick. As part of the development, they will have waste rock that will be generated and proposed to dispose of it within the existing facilities at Cortez, there will be no new waste rock facilities. From the existing infrastructure at the Cortez mine the overall ground disturbance will be about 112 acres, and it is adjacent to the existing Coretz mine. Their current target date is Quarter 2 of 2026, the exploration project is expected to be 6 years, before mining will begin. They are expecting 150 increased contractors and employees. They presented a graph showing the footprint of 2024 as far as social giving of \$14.9 million; it included the Heritage Fund or Native Affairs contributions, education, economic development health, cultural heritage and environmental aspects. They presented a graph showing Nevada Gold Mines personnel costs of \$1.24 million and a \$1.30 billion in goods and services in the state of Nevada, they are projecting \$24.9 million for 2025. Crescent Valley audience member Laura Shivers asked if they could get a copy of the presentation to show their community, Commissioner Schoenwald offered to get the information to her. Raymond Hodson thanked Nevada Gold Mines for going underground instead of open pit again.

The Board took a 5- minutes break.
Vice Chair Plaskett call the meeting back to order at 10:34 a.m.

IT-Misty Rowley, IT Director

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

IT Director, Misty Rowley reported that her IT department worked with Cyber network program switches, they worked on reviewing and updating the county AUP. They also worked on the SMARCH project, worked on the Mimecast DMARC project, and continued working on the Mimecast business email compromise project.

2. Discuss, approve or deny renewing a one-year proposal (EUREKACOUNTYPR2024) from Marketshare PR for 46 hours each month of public relations services at a monthly cost of \$7,500.00, with additional project hours billed at a rate of \$175.00 per hour, to be paid with monies budgeted for contract services (010-018-53010-058) in the Technology Support budget and authorize the IT Director to sign the documents outside of the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Misty Rowley explained that Marketshare PR is a public relations portal that includes the newsletter, social media, photo contest flyers and things that go out to the public. Both Misty and Marty commented that they have been happy with the agreement they made with Marketshare PR.

Vice Chair Plaskett motioned to approve the Marketshare PR contract for another year with a monthly cost of \$7,5000.00, with additional project hours billed at a rate of \$175.00 per hour, to be paid with monies budgeted for contract services (010-018-53010-058) in the Technology

Support budget and authorize IT Director, Misty Rowley to sign the documents outside of the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny Estimate #538 ECSO RIMS Server Project from Syber Networks for a not to exceed amount of \$15,954.57 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Misty Rowley explained that the ECSO RIMS Server Project from Syber Networks will replace the down server at the Sheriff's office.

Vice Chair Plaskett motioned to approve Estimate #538 ECSO RIMS Server Project from Syber Networks for a not to exceed amount of \$15,954.57 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny Estimate #539 Albert Sensor Server Project from Syber Networks for a not to exceed amount of \$8,977.46 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Misty Rowley explained that the Albert Sensor Server project monitors traffic and is required for elections from the Secretary of States office. She mentioned that the State will reimburse the costs of the physical server and will provide services. She explained that the server runs a program that ties into the Center for Internet Security to scan all traffic on the network.

Vice Chair Plaskett motioned to approve Estimate #539 Albert Sensor Server Project from Syber Networks for a not to exceed amount of \$8,977.46 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

AMBULANCE & EMS- Nicole Cooley, EMS Medical Services Director

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

EMS Medical Services Director, Nicole Cooley reported for the month of February there were a total of 22 runs, Eureka had 14 and Crescent Valley had 8. They have filled both positions in Crescent Valley with Adam Baron and Brent Jones, both live in Crescent Valley and start on the 24th. Nichole mentioned that she found a new program to handle scheduling, supply numbers, expiration dates and all the ambulance inspections. Nichole met with i80 Gold's Health and Safety Security Manager Victor Ortiz, Carl Olsen and Dennis Gordon to discuss implementing an MOU for transportation services for when they go underground and what it would look like for the community. Nichole and MedX went through all the supplies and ambulances, they helped her label everything and find all the items that were expired. She mentioned the new program will also send an automatic reminder when to order things. Commissioner Schoenwald mentioned he heard that the Intermountain ambulances are not fitting in the ambulance bay.

Nichole answered that they solved the problem by swapping it out with the all-wheel drive ambulance and moved the Intermountain ambulance to the Firehouse. Crescent valley audience member Diana Kersey commented that the man camp has been letting them plug the ambulances in at their location. Nichole mentioned that MedX has been helping cover the community for the month while they are processing and training staff. There is not a contract they are just helping out but will be done at the end of the month, if Eureka County wants them to stay longer they will draft a contract. She explained that MedX has 2 person crews who work 24 hours for 4 day shifts, they are only out of the valleys for 12 hours while they go back to their hub and switch crews. In Crescent Valley they are stationed at the man camp and in Eureka they are stationed at the airport. Nichole did answer Laura Shivers public comment regarding the charge if a patient refuses service, Nicole answered saying they will not be charged. They will be hosting their first EMR class the week of April 28th, they will hold 3 more after that for the communities. Crescent Valley audience member Jeremy Rice asked if there will be video setup for the Crescent Valley community to attend the EMR classes. Nichole answered yes there will be video access, they are still working on the scheduling for the classes. Nicole also updated that they received 2 volunteer drivers back as a basic and an advanced EMT. They have found a new medical director for Wiliam B Ririe and hoping he can begin soon.

HUMAN RESOURCES-Tasha Dunlap, Human Resources Director

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

Human Resources Director Tasha Dunlap reported that she will be holding a de-escalation training soon and she has been working with the EMS candidate.

SHERIFF- Miles Umina, Acting Sheriff

1. Report on Sheriff’s Office projects and activities. **(Discussion)**

Acting Sheriff, Miles Umina reported that he and Undersheriff Tyler Thomas attended the Western States Sheriff’s Association in Reno, they discussed national problems down to local. They also discussed mental health issues and discovered that Eureka County is ahead of the curve. He reported that construction at the Sheriffs office is coming along, they are all happy with the improvements. He reported that 3 deputies are attending a training in Lincoln County for advanced search and seizure.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a one-time credit card increase of \$1,000 (Total of \$2,000 Credit card limit) for Sgt. Collins to attend the Emergency Vehicle Operation Course in Boulder City, NV April 2 to April 11, 2025. **(For Possible Action)**

Acting, Sheriff Umina explained that at the Emergency Vehicle Operation Course in Boulder City, NV Sgt. Collins will learn how to train other individuals on emergency vehicles driving properly and safely. He has already talked with Nicole Cooley on working with the EMS drivers.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a one-time credit card increase of \$1,000 (Total of \$2,000 Credit card limit) for Sgt. Collins to attend the Emergency Vehicle Operation Course in

Boulder City, NV April 2 to April 11, 2025. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

JUVENILE PROBATION – Steve Zimmerman, JPO

1. Discuss, approve or deny out-of-state travel on April 6th to April 11th, 2025, for Stephen Zimmerman and Irma Davila to attend the IVAT’s (Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma) 22nd Annual Hawaii International Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii. *Note: Funds for this conference will be paid for by the 7th Judicial District Court’s Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant.* **(For Possible Action)**

Steve Zimmerman explained that they have attended the IVAT’s (Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma) Hawaii International Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii in the past and feels that it was very informative on how to better help children. The funds for the trip will be reimbursed by the Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant from the 7th Judicial District Court.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve out-of-state travel on April 6th to April 11th, 2025, for Stephen Zimmerman and Irma Davila to attend the IVAT’s (Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma) 22nd Annual Hawaii International Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a donation towards the 34th annual Eureka High School Grad Night, to be held May 30, 2025, to be paid from Commissioners Misc Grants (010-001-53010-085). *Note: Last year’s donation from the board was \$1,000.00* **(For Possible Action)**

Steve Zimmerman explained that this year will be the 34th Eureka Grad night, the program was started to help keep kids out of trouble on the night of graduation. They offer a fun night of activities and prizes from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am.

Vice Chair Plaskett motioned to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the 34th annual Eureka High School Grad Night, to be held May 30, 2025, to be paid from Commissioners Misc Grants (010-001-53010-085). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

EUREKA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION- Matthew Crimm, President

1. Discuss, approve or deny waiving the rental fees for the use of the Opera House, May 23-24, 2025, for the “Eureka Palooza” Concert Fundraiser and annual Eureka County High School Alumni Association dinner. **(For Possible Action)**

Matt Crimm President of the Eureka County Alumni Association went before the Board to request the rental fee of the Opera House be waved for the “Eureka Palooza” Concert Fundraiser and annual Eureka County High School Alumni Association dinner on May 23-24, 2025.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve waiving the rental fees for the use of the Opera House, May 23-24, 2025, for the “Eureka Palooza” Concert Fundraiser and annual Eureka County High School Alumni Association dinner. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a donation of \$2,500.00 to the Eureka Alumni Association to assist with the purchase of supplies and postage for invitations for the events held on May 23-24, 2025, to be paid from Commissioners Misc Grants (010-001-53010-085). **(For Possible Action)**

Matt Crimm presented the Board with a breakdown of all their expenses for the 2-day festivities and showed how they would use the donation. Matt explained that the donation, along with the purchase of supplies and postage for invitations, will go towards the catering.

Vice Chair Plaskett motioned to approve a donation of \$2,500.00 to the Eureka Alumni Association for the events held on May 23-24, 2025, to be paid from Commissioners Misc Grants (010-001-53010-085). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

EUREKA RESTORATION ENTERPRISE & EUREKA MAIN STREET GROUP- Garney Damele, ERE and Kristan Umina, Eureka Main Street Group

1. Discuss, approve or deny a donation in the amount of \$4,000.00 to purchase flowers, baskets and misc. supplies for the beautification of the downtown area on Main Street, to be paid from Commissioners Misc Grants (010-001-53010-085). **(For Possible Action)**

Garney Damele with Eureka Restoration Enterprise and Kristan Umina with Eureka Main Street Group went before the Board to request a donation of \$4,000. They explained that they are looking to purchase 12 planters from Earth Planters, they are sustainable and long-lasting baskets. They will purchase the flowers from Lynn Conley's nursery. They explained they will create a volunteer schedule to take care of all the watering between Garney, Kristan and the garden club. They also had an update that Eureka Main Street received a \$12,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Economic Development and part of the grant is for downtown beautification. They are ordering 6 vinyl banners that will say Eureka Historic District along with some bronze banners that will be placed at either end of town as well as other art projects. They wanted to recognize the Garden Club; Patty Benson, Kathy Klatt, Marion Byler and Leora for their interest in helping.

Vice Chair Plaskett motioned to approve a donation in the amount of \$4,000.00 to purchase flowers, baskets and misc. supplies for the beautification of the downtown area on Main Street, to be paid from Commissioners Misc Grants (010-001-53010-085). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley reported that for the month of February the Opera House had 28 visitors and 182 people attending various events. The swimming pool saw 104 daily swimmers, 2 private parties and 36 seniors. The landfill had 364 deliveries totaling 350 cubic yards of municipal solid waste, Olcese services accounted for 195 cubic yards. The Public Works department will be busy at the clinic replacing the flooring, lighting, electrical and structural modifications to support the installation of the X-Ray machine. They will also be replacing the

countertops in the reception area of the clinic. The heating system replacement is scheduled for the clinic and repairs to the Opera House HVAC. The Crescent Valley firehouse water drops have been completed as well as the annual maintenance for the servicing of the fuel island at the airport. Lester Porter has been in Crescent Valley conducting flow tests on hydrants, Jeremy Rice accounts for the fire response and risk assessment of the ISO inspections. The water departments will be conducting meter reads for baseline readings the end of March. Due to difficulty getting to the meters in the snow, the May 1st billing will show April usage. They are walking 60% plans on Phase 2B and will start the GMP contract for Crescent Valley utility projects.

2.

Discuss, approve or deny application by the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) for the Fiscal Year 2026 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 to meet the March 25th deadline.* **(For Possible Action)**

Jeb explained that they have a LEPC meeting following the Commission meeting to discuss how they can maximize the \$32,000 grant whether its radios, fire monitors or SCBAs. They will be submitting their application with signatures on March 21.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the application by the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) for the Fiscal Year 2026 State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Operations, Planning, Training and Equipment (OPTE) grant. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1.

Review correspondence. **(Discussion)**

Eureka County Clerk Recorder, Kathy bowling read the meeting correspondence, she received NACO Newsletters for 3-7-25 and 3-14-25, Nevada Tax Commission Meeting Invitation, Upcoming NWRA Committee Meetings, March 13th NRAC Agenda, CVTAB Agenda for March 19th, I-80 Town Meeting Flyer for March 12th, an email Information On Intermountain Health from EMS Director Nichole Cooley and the Letter in Support of Miles Umina for the Sheriff Appointment from Trina Machacek, The Eureka County Star Publisher-Editor. She received a Governor’s Office press release from Governor Lombardo Applauding FHLBank San Francisco’s \$10 Million Affordable Housing Investment in the Silver State. The Board received a letter from Men’s Health Network, requesting Proclamation in support of Men’s Health Month or Men’s Health Week June 09-15, 2025), if the Board would like to support it, it can be a future agenda item. The Board received a letter from NDEP notice of Leeville Infiltration Water pollution Control Permit application for a renewal filing.

2.

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

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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)**

County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling commented that it was brought to her attention by Ted Beutel that with them moving the April 1st meeting to Crescent Valley, it is outside of the 10-mile radius of the county seat for heavy decision items to be put on the agenda. Ted suggests a light agenda due to it being frowned upon by boards to move meetings outside the county seat and then make decisions. Kim Todd also commented that the Board must sign the tentative budget on April 1, by NRS statute it must be at that meeting. The Board discussed possibly holding a special meeting to approve the budget. Jeb also commented that the airport FAA grant is due between March 15th and April 16th, he wanted the Board aware that he may also request a special meeting, so he doesn’t miss his deadlines. Kathy explained that the county code states that meetings held in Crescent Valley are an additional meeting, they are not replacing a regular meeting. She commented that it is something to remember going forward, when scheduling future meetings in Crescent Valley.

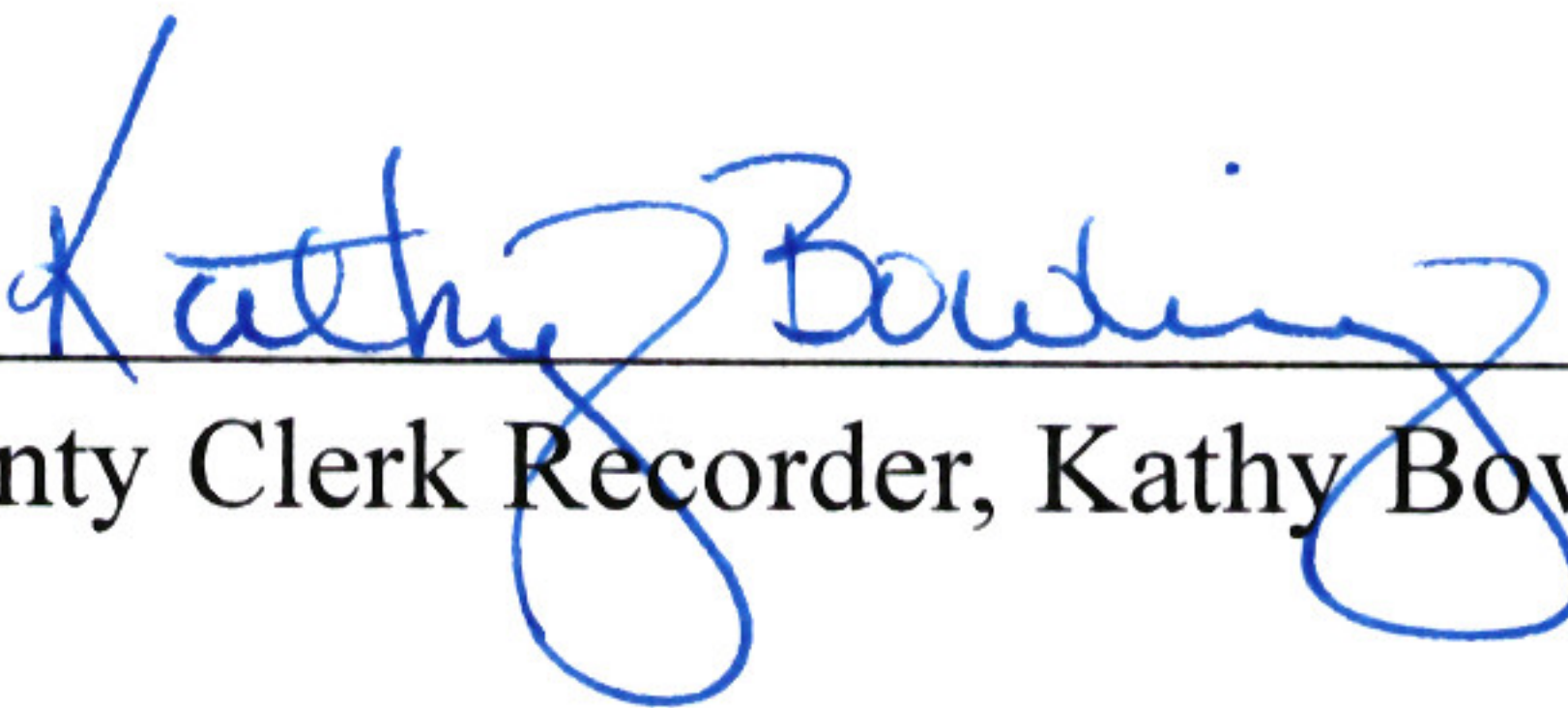
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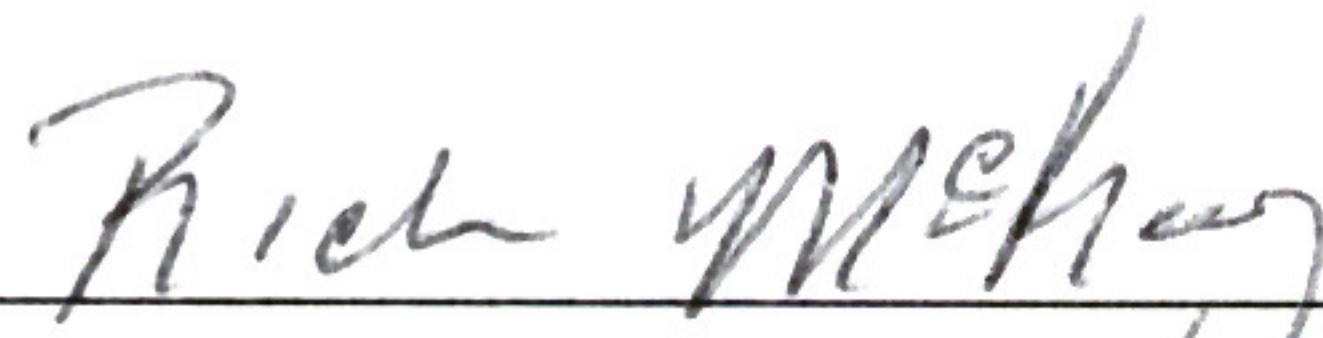
1. Adjournment of meeting.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Plaskett seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 pm.

*Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder, Katelyn Ziemann.
Approved this 15th day of April, 2025 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.*

ATTEST: 
County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling


Chairman, Rich McKay

