

# EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 6, 2023

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COUNTY OF EUREKA     )

## CALL TO ORDER

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

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on February 6, 2023. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy, and District Attorney Ted Beutel. 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, with only audio capabilities (no video).

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the agenda as posted; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

## 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. Sheriff Jesse Watts asked for a moment of silence for the recent passing of longtime Eureka County citizen and Television District board member Bill Leppala.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the September 6, 2022 and September 20, 2022 BOCC meetings. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve minutes of the September 6, 2022, meeting; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve minutes of the September 20, 2022, meeting; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

## 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 for approval by Comptroller Kim Todd. Ms. Todd noted that there was a CDW-G invoice that exceeded the six-month limit. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to

approve payment of CDW-G Invoice #V038253, dated March 25, 2022, in the amount of \$383.12; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve expenditures in the total amount of \$1,722,691.94, which included pass-through payments of \$422,112.80 (\$417,145.36 in school taxes and \$4,967.44 in general taxes) to the Nevada State Controller, \$5,200.00 to the Nevada Division of Minerals, \$309.50 to the Nevada Department of Taxation, and \$102.00 to the Washoe County Crime Lab. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Review Fund Balance Report. (Discussion)

The Board reviewed the current fund balance report.

## COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a request by Tyler Ingram for additional funding donations for the Child Advocacy Center in Elko, Nevada for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, (For Possible Action)

Tyler Ingram, Elko County District Attorney, could not attend the day's meeting. so the request for an additional donation to the Child Advocacy Center in Elko was tabled for consideration at a future meeting.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny ratification of the amended Quarterly Financial Status Report of Indigent Defense Services for the submission to the Nevada Department of Indigent Services for the quarter comprised of July-Sept 2022. (For Possible Action)

**FY2023 Quarter 1 Report:** Deputy Clerk Recorder Brandy Mahoney presented quarterly reports on criminal indigent defense services for the first and second quarters of Fiscal Year 2023. She explained that the County was recently contacted by the Nevada Department of Indigent Defense Services (DIDS) to request that, as of July 1, 2022, the quarterly reports be calculated on a cash basis rather than an accrual basis as DIDS had previously directed. The report for Quarter 1 was amended accordingly.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to ratify the Financial Status Report of Indigent Defense Services for Quarter 1 (July, August, September 2022) of Fiscal Year 2023. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny ratification of the Quarterly Financial Status Report of Indigent Defense Services for the submission to the Nevada Department of Indigent Services for the quarter comprised of Oct-Dec 2022. (For Possible Action)

**FY2023 Quarter 2 Report:** Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to ratify the Financial Status Report of Indigent Defense Services for Quarter 2 (October, November, December 2022) of Fiscal Year 2023. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

## JUVENILE PROBATION

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a one-time credit limit increase, in the amount of \$1,000.00, on the County credit card issued to Stephen Zimmerman in order to purchase dance costumes for the dance program. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a one-time credit limit increase, in the amount of \$1,000.00, on the county credit card issued to Mr. Zimmerman in order to purchase dance costumes for the dance program. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny a one-time credit limit increase, in the amount of \$1,000.00, on the County credit card issued to Irma Davila in order to purchase dance costumes for the dance program. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a one-time credit limit increase, in the amount of \$1,000, on the county credit card issued to Ms. Davila in order to purchase dance costumes for the dance program. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

## **EUREKA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a donation to the Eureka High School Alumni Association, in the amount of \$2,000.00, to assist in funding the Annual Alumni Dinner. (For Possible Action)

Officers Errol Porter and Matthew Crimm appeared before the Board and requested a donation to assist in covering the costs of the Eureka High School Alumni Dinner. Immediate costs include postage, invitations, and catering. The total projected costs are approximately \$4,000.00. Vice Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve donating \$2,000.00 from the miscellaneous grants account in the Commissioners' budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

## **IT DEPARTMENT**

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

IT Director Misty Rowley reported on IT projects and activities.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel for the IT Director and Helpdesk Technician I to travel to San Diego for the dates of June 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> for the Wireshark Sharkfest 2023 Conference. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve out-of-state travel for the IT Director and Helpdesk Technician to attend the Wireshark Sharkfest 2023 Conference in San Diego June 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing Quote #016897 Version 1 from Quest for a one-time cost not to exceed amount of \$279,960.00 (\$233,300.00 plus a 20% contingency) for a point to point microwave radio solution from Eureka to Crescent Valley utilizing funds budgeted for Capital Outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. Health checks on equipment will be performed as needed and will occur at least every year, up to every quarter in an amount of \$6,500 per visit. (For Possible Action)

A quote was obtained from Quest for a one-time cost not to exceed \$279,960.00 (\$233,300.00 plus 20% contingency) for a point-to-point microwave radio solution from Eureka to Crescent Valley. Equipment health checks will be performed on a regular basis (potentially quarterly, but at a minimum annually, or when issues arise) at a cost of \$6,500.00 per visit.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve Quest Quote #016897 Version 1, for a not to exceed amount of \$279,960.00 to be paid with monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget, including ongoing equipment health checks to be billed at \$6,500.00 per visit. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

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

Raymond Hodson, Assistant Public Works Director, reported on Road Department activities. Plowing, clearing, and hauling snow has been the top priority for crews both north and south. The buildings and grounds crew continues working on the Crescent Valley Firehouse. Sheet rock has been installed, work on the floor is nearly complete, and painting should begin soon.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel to Nephi, Utah, to pick up posts for the Fairgrounds project from Mountain Country Equipment. *Note: Dates will be determined upon scheduling in the month of February, 2023.* (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve out-of-state travel (date pending) to Nephi, Utah, for Mr. Hodson to pick up posts from Mountain Country Equipment for the Fairgrounds project. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

## PUBLIC WORKS

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

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported on projects and activities.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny a 3/4-inch residential water meter and service application to serve APN 007-397-11 located in Devil's Gate GID 2. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the application for a 3/4-inch residential water meter and service for APN 007-397-11 located in Devil's Gate District #2; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve, or deny a permanent credit limit increase in the amount of \$2,000.00 on the County credit cards issued to Jeb Rowley, Raymond Hodson, Jayme Halpin, Lester Porter, and Dvid Jones in order to accommodate ordering and purchasing supplies for the Public Works Department in FY2023. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a permanent credit limit increase, for a total amount of \$2,000.00, on County credit cards issued to Jeb Rowley, Raymond Hodson, Jayme Halpin, Lester Porter, and David Jones; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss, approve, or deny a permanent credit limit increase in the amount of \$1,500.00 on the County credit cards issued to Leah Smith, Angeliek Ard, and Christina Tucker in order to accommodate ordering and purchasing supplies for the Public Works Department in FY2023. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a permanent credit limit increase, for a total amount of \$1,500.00, on Ccounty credit cards issued to Leah Smith, Angeliek Ard, and Christina Tucker to accommodate ordering and purchasing supplies for the Public Works Department in Fiscal Year 2023; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

5. Discuss, approve, or deny a one-time credit limit increase in the amount of \$2,000.00 on the County credit card issued to Brenna Rogne to attend Lifeguard, Lifeguard Instructor, Certified Pool Operator, and Water Safety Instructor training in Las Vegas during the month of February, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a one-time credit limit increase, for a total of \$2,000.00, on the county credit card issued to Brenna Rogne to attend Lifeguard, Lifeguard Instructor, Certified Pool Operator, and Water Safety Instructor training in Las Vegas during the month of February 2023. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

6. Discuss, approve, or deny proposal for Eureka County Airport Layout Plan Update and Narrative Report in the amount of \$160,000.00 for Lumos & Associates budgeted with funds in Fiscal Year 2023 out of Airport Capital Outlay account (010-016-55010-000). (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the proposal from Lumos & Associates for completion of the Eureka Airport Layout Plan Update and Narrative Report, in the amount of \$160,000.00, to be paid with monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Airport budget. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

## COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

1. Discuss, approve, or deny Capital Improvement expense in the amount not to exceed \$66,000.00 for the Great Basin Research & Extension Center to create office/commissary space for employees. (For Possible Action)

Gary McCuin, Director/Extension Educator for Great Basin Research & Extension Center (GBREC), presented the need for office space and commissary space at the Research & Extension Center. He proposed purchasing two Conex units that are currently serving as office space as rentals, and only recently available for purchase from Quick Space. An additional purchase of a 12'x16' building from Outwest Buildings, would serve as a commissary and provide food storage.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a capital outlay expenditure for purchase of the buildings described to provide office and commissary space at the Great Basin Research & Extension Center, for an amount not to exceed \$66,000.00. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

1. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel for Jenesis Dominguez to attend the Karpel National User Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, on Monday, April 3, 2023-Thursday, April 6, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve out-of-state travel for Jenesis Dominguez to attend the Karpel National User Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, April 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2023; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny a one-time credit limit increase to \$2,000.00 on the credit card issued to Ashley Kemp to procure airline flights for both Ashley Kemp and Jenesis Dominguez to attend the Karpel conference. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a one-time credit limit increase, for a total of \$2,000.00, on the county credit card issued to Ashley Kemp to procure airline tickets for Ms. Kemp and Ms. Dominquez to attend the Karpel National User Conference. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

## **K9 PARTNER “COOPER”**

1. Discuss, approve, or deny Resolution to retire K9 Unit police dog, Cooper, and allow Dylan to assume ownership upon his resignation from Eureka County on January 16, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt the resolution retiring K9 Unit police dog, Cooper, and authorizing Dylan Korth to assume ownership upon his resignation from the Eureka County Sheriff’s Office effective January 16, 2023. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Eureka County, Nevada

Approved January 20, 2023  
(Adopted/Signed February 6, 2023)

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
TO DONATE DOG COOPER TO FORMER EUREKA COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF  
DYLAN KORTH UPON THE DEPUTY’S RESIGNATION**

WHEREAS, Eureka County Deputy Sheriff Dylan Korth resigned effective January 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this Deputy was assigned to work with Cooper, a dog trained to detect narcotics. Cooper, placed into service in June 2021, was purchased and trained with taxpayer dollars, and is a County asset with a current listed value of \$7,833.29 (not including training costs); and

WHEREAS, in order to properly account for how local government spends taxpayer money, and because of the amount of taxpayer money spent by the Eureka County Sheriff’s Office to obtain Cooper, Cooper is considered a capital asset of Eureka County (asset ID 8559); and

WHEREAS, the donation of capital assets is governed and restricted by both State law (NRS 244.1505; Expenditure of public money; grant of public money and donation of certain property to certain nonprofit organizations or governmental entities) and Eureka County Code (Title 3, Chapter 20, Section .130); and

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 does not apply because Dylan Korth is not a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes, and he is not another governmental entity, and he does not plan to use Cooper for a purpose which will provide substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County; and

WHEREAS, Eureka County Code 3.20.130 does not apply because the Eureka County Sheriff and the Board chose not to follow that County regulation, which requires 7 steps (steps which include a “using department” written determination of surplus, a second department head concurrence, and a request form for review and approval by the Comptroller and the Board, all of which was not done); and

WHEREAS, instead of working through State law or the County Code steps to appropriately account for the County's property, the Board considered the equities and chose to grant Cooper to Dylan Korth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY Cooper is and will remain the property of Dylan Korth; all other County property relating to Cooper's care and control, including but not limited to Cooper's dog kennel, leashes, feeding station, etc., may also leave with Cooper and Dylan Korth upon their departure from service with Eureka County; and all assets of County property related to this retirement and donation shall be removed from the list of County assets.

RESOLVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023 by unanimous vote (one seat on the Board currently vacant).

Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

/s/ Michael Sharkozy  
Michael Sharkozy

/s/ Richard A. McKay  
Richard McKay

/s/ Kathy Bowling  
Clerk of the Board

cc: Eureka County District Attorney

## NATURAL RESOURCES

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

Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts reported on recent activities, meetings, and upcoming meetings – including the 2023 Session of the Nevada Legislature beginning on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

SLUPAC: Mr. Tibbitts serves on the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC), whose membership is made up of Governor appointed representatives from each county in the State. He informed the Board that, at its last meeting, SLUPAC took action to send a letter to the BLM in opposition of the Utility Scale Solar Energy Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

### 2. Discuss, approve, deny, or request changes to cooperating agency memorandum of understanding with BLM on the EIS process for the Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments. (For Possible Action)

The Memorandum of Understanding with the BLM for Eureka County's status as a cooperating agency on the Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments was received by Mr. Tibbitts. He explained that the BLM had accepted some, but not all, of the County's recommended changes. In the interest of forward movement, Mr. Tibbitts recommended approving and signing the MOU.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to accept and sign the cooperating agency Memorandum of Understanding for the BLM's Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

### 3. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel for Natural Resources Manager to attend the National Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting in New Orleans, LA February 13-15, including to chair the NACD Public Lands committee, with no cost to the county for travel, lodging, meals and per diem which will be paid for by the Nevada Association of Conservation districts. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Tibbitts requested authorization for out-of-state travel to attend the upcoming National Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting. Mr. Tibbitts serves as Chair on the National Public Lands Committee which holds a meeting each year in coordination with this event. His travel, lodging, meals, and per diem for this annual meeting are paid by the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve out-of-state travel for the Natural Resources Manager to attend the National Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. Report on Human Resources projects and activities. (Discussion)
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Human Resources Director Heidi Whimple reported on recent projects and activities. The Survey of Occupational Injuries & Illnesses, compiled from the OSHA 300 report, has been submitted to the Bureau of Labor & Statistics in accordance with State and federal requirements.

The next leadership/departments head roundtable is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Whimple has been working with Raymond Hodson to schedule training for the road shop crews in Eureka and Crescent Valley. She continues working with the IT Department on critical incident evaluation and new organizational branding for Eureka County.

2. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification for recruitment, promotion requests, and position descriptions presented to the Board of County Commissioners. (For Possible Action)
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Promotions at the Sheriff's Office (Deputy II, Dispatcher II) are official. Since January there have been several new hires: two Equipment Operators for the Landfill, an Administration Assistant for the Comptroller's office, a Dispatcher I, and an EMT volunteer.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the updated job description for Juvenile Probation Administrative Assistant I/II/III; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to waive the hiring freeze and authorize recruitment and hiring of a Senior Center Kitchen Aide/Janitor, and Deputy District Attorney; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

## **RECESS**

The Board recessed from 11:14 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.

## **FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET**

1. Presentation from County Assessor on proposed tax rate and what outcome a tax rate would provide should the Board decide to move forward with an increase. (Discussion)
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County Assessor Michael Mears presented information on how tax revenues are allocated based on Eureka County's tax rate. As the single largest landowner in Eureka County (with 57% of all

private lands), Nevada Gold Mines represents 82% of the total assessed valuation. NGM is the largest payor of net proceeds of minerals tax. Mr. Mears explained that the State assesses \$5.00 per \$100.00 value of mined mineral. The County only receives its tax rate (\$1.87), which is the lowest tax rate in the State of Nevada. The balance of the \$5.00 assessment goes to the State. Of the County's tax rate, \$0.17 is a pass-through to the State, and \$0.75 is a pass-through to the School District, so Eureka County only realizes \$0.95 cents of the overall \$5.00 net proceeds assessment.

Mr. Mears explained the 3% property tax abatement (for owner occupied residences) and the alternative cap of up to 8%. The majority of privately owned parcels qualify for the 3% abatement, and those that don't typically fall under the 8% maximum cap. He showed sample properties to demonstrate how individual parcels are minimally impacted by a tax increase. For example, a tax rate increase of \$0.05 would generate an additional \$400,000.00 in net proceeds revenues for the County, without impacting private property owners. A tax rate increase of \$0.10 would generate an additional \$850,000.00 in revenue, with minimal impact to private landowners.

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| <p>2. Discuss current tax rate and consider any proposed changes to the tax rate, which must be submitted to the Nevada Department of Taxation by February 21, 2023. <i>Note: No actual change to the tax rate may be considered without a public hearing; this is simply to meet a State requirement for reporting any changes that may be proposed.</i> (Discussion)</p> |
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The Assessor provided his presentation at the request of Comptroller Kim Todd. She felt it would be beneficial for the Board to hear an update and be knowledgeable about the tax structure when making budgetary decisions.

Ms. Todd explained that, although final action on the tax rate will be taken at the statutory public hearing in May, the Department of Taxation requires counties to report any proposed changes to tax rates by February 21<sup>st</sup> (due to potential impact on revenue calculations).

The Board responded that there was no appetite to propose a tax increase at this time, although it may be a beneficial move in the future. In addition to keeping the tax rate low, Chairman McKay noted that Eureka County heavily subsidizes its citizens with medical care, water/sewer services, franchised garbage collection, etc., and it costs millions of dollars to do so.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned that the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024 remain static, with no changes from the current Fiscal Year 2023 rate; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

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| <p>3. Review tax allocation worksheet and provide direction related to allocation of the tax rate among specific funds and for specific purposes. <i>Note: The proposed allocation of the tax rate must be submitted to the Department of Taxation.</i> (For Possible Action)</p> |
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Ms. Todd provided a breakdown of the current tax rate and anticipated revenues for each fund based on preliminary projected assessed valuations. The Board addressed distribution of the tax rate among funds as follows:

Tax allocations to these funds were decreased:

- General Fund
- Water Mitigation Fund

Tax allocations to these funds were increased:

- Future Reserve Fund (continued non-allocation could result in this fund being moved to the General Fund)
- RTC Fund (in order to finance planned paving)
- Ag District #15 (this fund supports the County Fair and hasn't received an allocation in recent years)
- Building Maintenance & Reserve Fund (to fund future building repairs)
- Landfill Fund (to avoid another grant from the General Fund)

Any remaining funds will continue with the same distribution as the current fiscal year. Changes are detailed below. Funds with an asterisk (\*) are set by statute and cannot be changed.

	FY22-23	FY23-24
General Fund	\$0.6175	\$0.5970
Future Reserve Fund	\$0.0000	\$0.0005
Road Fund	\$0.0500	\$0.0500
RTC Fund	\$0.0900	\$0.1100
Ag District #15	\$0.0000	\$0.0050
Building Maintenance & Reserve Fund	\$0.0000	\$0.0100
Landfill Fund	\$0.0500	\$0.0700
Water Mitigation Fund	\$0.0450	\$0.0100
Natural Resource Multiple Use Fund	\$0.0050	\$0.0050
Capital Improvement Fund	\$0.0500	\$0.0500
Agricultural Extension Fund	\$0.0100	\$0.0100*
Accident Indigent Fund	\$0.0150	\$0.0150*
County Indigent Fund	\$0.0033	\$0.0033*
Hospital Indigent Fund	\$0.0100	\$0.0100*
<i>Total General County</i>	<i>\$0.9458</i>	<i>\$0.9458</i>
Television District	\$0.0085	\$0.0085*
Crescent Valley Town	\$0.2153	\$0.2153*
Eureka Town	\$0.2153	\$0.2153*
Diamond Valley Weed District	\$0.0781	\$0.0781
Diamond Valley Rodent District	\$0.0400	\$0.0400

Ms. Todd noted that, similar to the current fiscal year, several funds may require General Fund grants in Fiscal Year 2024. There was a question about installing conduit (for fiber optic cable) in conjunction with road projects. Ms. Todd noted that RTC funding is strictly for roads and paving; if an IT project is contemplated, it would appropriately be funded from the Capital Projects Fund or the General Fund.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve allocation of the Fiscal Year 2024 tax rate as proposed; Chairman McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

4. Conduct budget review with departments listed below including possible action or direction related to tentative budgets. *Note: The Tentative Budget is due to the Department of Taxation by April 15, 2023. All budgets are subject to revision before adoption of the Final Budget, which is due to the Department of Taxation by June 1, 2023. (For Possible Action)*
  - a. Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board
  - b. Television District
  - c. Recreation and Tourism Board
  - d. Fair Board (Ag District #15)
  - e. Justice Court, Justice Court AA Fund, Justice Court Facility Fund
  - f. Sheriff
  - g. Public Works, Buildings & Grounds, Road Department, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), Swimming Pool, Parks & Grounds, Emergency Management, Opera

Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board: Jeremy Rice, CVTAB Chair, discussed the Town Board's proposed budget, with minimal changes to service and supplies and postage, and a reduction in machine maintenance.

Television District: Randy Klatt, TV Board President, proposed an increase to capital outlay of \$30,000.00 to fund a project to install cameras at the mountaintop repeater sites. The cameras will increase security and provide notification of needed maintenance. Other requested increases were minimal amounts for each mountaintop tower site, and an increase to the members per meeting stipend from \$100.00 to \$200.00 effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Recreation & Tourism: Robin Hicks, member and secretary to the Recreation Board, submitted a request for a flat budget for Fiscal Year 2024. The Recreation Board is funded through room taxes. Rich McKay serves as Commissioner member and noted that the Recreation Board may move towards funding capital projects, with less monies donated for events in the community.

Fair Board: Chairman McKay read a letter from Fair Board Chair Lynn Conley explaining the Fair Board's plans to condense the County Fair into three days rather than four or five. The intent is to maintain increased participation while lowering overall costs and making the event more cost-effective for vendors. The Fair Board asked for a flat budget, but expects to realize a cost savings.

Justice Court, Justice Court AA, Justice Court Facility Fund: Judge Dorothy Rowley presented budget requests for her department. Adjustments were made in anticipation of a higher number of jury duty cases. \$20,000.00 from the court officer account was reallocated to vehicle fuel and maintenance. An additional \$10,000.00 was needed to support the mandatory court audit required every four years. Another \$10,000.00 was added in court expenses to fund purchase of remote monitoring equipment to track defendants under pre-trial release or released on bail. Other changes to the budget included reallocation of monies among funds to better reflect actual spending. The **Justice Court AA Fund** was decreased by \$40,000.00 since no capital projects are planned. No changes were requested for the **Justice Court Facility Fund**.

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Jesse Watts presented budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year. Net increase to the budget was approximately \$70,000.00. Categories with significant increases (\$10,000.00 or more) included: Drug Task Force, machine maintenance, cell phones and 911 lines, and vehicle maintenance. Fuel was increased by \$30,000.00. The Sheriff eliminated K9 expenses since the department no longer has those units, and there were minor decreases to range expenses and postage.

Public Works: Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reviewed proposed budgets for the departments under his purview. The **Buildings & Grounds** budget had increases for repairs/maintenance, electricity, and heating fuel. In-house janitorial expenses will increase, but will be offset by elimination of contract services. The **Airport** budget includes a pending FAA grant for construction of a building for snow removal equipment.

There were no requested changes to the **Planning Commission** budget. The annual grant received by **LEPC** is projected to increase by up to \$6,000.00; the budget was amended accordingly. The contract services account in the **Emergency Management** budget was

increased to cover costs of the State-mandated Hazard Mitigation Plan update, and monies were budgeted for migration to an upgraded LTE radio network and push-to-talk radios.

Contract services, travel/training, and postage were increased in the **Public Works** budget. No changes were proposed in budgets for the **Cemeteries, Swimming Pool, Public Parks, or Opera House**. The **Museum** budget contains monies to increase the merchandise inventory, which should be offset by increased sales.

The **Road Department** budget was adjusted to support an increase in the cost-share agreements for road maintenance and planned training for mechanic staff. Additional funds were budgeted in the **Regional Transportation Commission** budget to support ongoing paving projects. There were minimal changes to the **Eureka Town** budget, and no changes to the **Crescent Valley Town** budget.

Pending final merger of the three water systems, separate budgets will be filed for **Eureka Water & Sewer, Devil's Gate Water, and Crescent Valley Water**; and no changes were proposed in these budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. The **Landfill** budget was increased commensurate with rising costs for contract services (Olcese) and fuel.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence and place requests for action items on the next agenda. (Discussion)

Correspondence was received from Laura Shivers, Natural Resources Advisory Commission; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board; Nevada Assoc. of Counties (2); and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (2).

Chairman McKay asked that the next agenda include an update on the Nevada Legislative Session and a request from Tyler Ingram (Elko District Attorney) related to the Child Advocacy Center.

## 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)

The next meeting will include legislative updates and rescheduling of Tyler Ingram's request for the Child Advocacy Center.

## ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Chairman McKay seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

*Approved by vote of the Board this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.*

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Rich McKay, Chairman

*I, Jackie Berg, Deputy Clerk II, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the February 6, 2023, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.*

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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.*

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Katherine J. Bowling, Clerk