

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 6, 2024 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 August 8, 2024. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, Commissioner Mike Schoenwald, District Attorney Ted Beutel, and Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Approval of Agenda: There were 2 changes to the agenda, the Commissioner item #1 won't allow comments and Sheriff item #1 was tabled.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve agenda with said changes, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public comment and discussion. *Notice: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Public comment may be allowed on "Action" items, in addition to the two times specified on the agenda. (Discussion)*

Chairman McKay called for public comment in Crescent Valley, hearing none he called in Eureka. Eureka audience member Cindy Adams addressed the power of position, and the position of power of one who wears a badge is to protect the community and the families within. She said that if an attack is made on one's family, no matter what age, the predator should have to answer to that behavior. Comptroller, Kim Todd introduced the new Human Resources Manager, Tasha Dunlap, she and her family moved from Alaska.

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 minutes of the May 21, 2024, June 4th, 2024 and June 18, 2024 Commission meetings. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Commission Meeting minutes from May 21, 2024, June 4th, 2024 and June 18, 2024. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried, 3-0.

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 the Comptroller, Kim Todd reviewed expenditures.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve expenditures of \$2,529,850.00 with the passthroughs of; Nevada Department of Taxation room tax \$840.95, Nevada State Controller School taxes \$1,787.14, Nevada State Controller \$4,891.75 and Nevada Division of Minerals for \$25,130.00. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

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

The Board reviewed the current Fund Balance Report.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss, approve or deny accepting the report and recommendations from Litigation and Valuation Consultants, Inc relating to a timecard investigation and authorize the Comptroller to work with employees at the Sheriff Office to correct the PERS contribution reporting. **(For Possible Action)**

No discussion was allowed on this item.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the report and recommendations from Litigation and Valuation Consultants, Inc relating to a timecard investigation and authorize the Comptroller to work with employees at the Sheriff Office to correct the PERS contribution reporting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny the Kroger Settlement documentation as part of the ongoing opioid litigation. *Ted Beutel* **(For Possible Action)**

District Attorney, Ted Beutel recommended that the monies go into a revenue account until they decide where and how it is spent.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Kroger Settlement documentation as part of the ongoing opioid litigation. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny a request from Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) to transfer all or a portion of the unused Private Activity Bond Cap (PABC) to NRHA for their continued use towards access to homeownership to rural Nevadans. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the request from Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) to transfer all or a portion of the unused Private Activity Bond Cap (PABC) to NRHA with edits to name changes. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny live streaming of all commission meetings to better ensure transparency in local government. **(For possible action)**

The Board along with IT Director Misty Rowley discussed what it would take to be able to live stream County Commission Meetings onto the county website. They discussed if they would allow a 2-way stream or just a 1-way stream. They decided to table the approval and allow Misty to get some quotes together on equipment that would be needed.

IT DEPARTMENT-Misty Rowley, IT Director

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

IT Director, Misty Rowley updated the Board; the IT department worked with Higher Ground to troubleshoot and resolve issues with GPS, they set up a new scanner in the Records Office, worked with Zscaler implementation specialists. They setup a laptop for new Commissioner Mike Schoenwald, they set up a phone works and 2 workstations for the new HR Director.

2. Discuss, approve or deny renewing the Digital Solutions Agreement with GHD Digital for the annual recurring fee of \$12,751.20 for the term September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025, and authorize the IT Director to sign outside of the meeting. This fee covers hosting and licensing of the website, to be paid with monies budgeted for contract services (010-018-53010-058) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Misty explained that the fee covers renewing the hosting and licensing for the website with monies budgeted for contract services and technology support.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve renewing the Digital Solutions Agreement with GHD Digital for the annual recurring fee of \$12,751.20 for the term September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025, and authorize the Misty Rowley to sign outside of the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny Quote #201186 - rev 1 of 1 from Quest Media & Supplies to renew end point detection and response software and services (cybersecurity enhancement products/services) in an amount not to exceed \$36,397.52 for the term September 6th, 2024 to September 5th 2025, 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 quote outside of the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Misty explained the fee is for another renewal to a software and services company the county has

been using, this is the product POOL PACT has recommended.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve deny Quote #201186 - rev 1 of 1 from Quest Media & Supplies to renew end point detection and response software and services (cybersecurity enhancement products/services) in an amount not to exceed \$36,397.52 for the term September 6th, 2024 to September 5th 2025, to be paid with monies budgeted for contract services (010-018-53010-058) in the Technology Support budget, and authorize Misty Rowley to sign the quote outside of the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

LAURA SHIVERS-

1. Discuss, approve or deny a request from the Golden Oldies, to have the fees waived for the use of the Crescent Valley Community Center and cook shack, to host a spaghetti feed fundraising event on October 5, 2024, with funds to be used towards helping Senior Citizens in the Crescent Valley area. **(For Possible Action)**

Laura Shivers explained to the Board that the spaghetti feed fundraising event is a yearly event put on by the Golden Oldies, in the past they have held it at the Senior Center, they are proposing to move it to the Community Center for more space and more visibility.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve waiving the rental fees for the Crescent Valley Community Center to host a spaghetti feed fundraising event. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a request from the Golden Oldies, to have the fees waived for the use of the Crescent Valley Community Center, to host a family movie night, once a month through December 2024. **(For Possible Action)**

Laura Shivers explained they see about 10-15 people at their family movie nights, she has met with the insurance agent and they have been able to reduce the insurance bill.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve waiving the rental fees of the Crescent Valley Community Center for the Golden Oldies to continue to host a movie night through the month of December 2024. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny a request from Laura Shivers, to have the fees waived for the use of the Crescent Valley Town Hall Board Room, to offer proctor service for students taking off site tests at no charge, as the Crescent Valley Town Hall Board Room schedule allows. **(For Possible Action)**

Laura Shivers explained that she has Proctored tests for 2 people and knows it is important to have a safe and quiet place to take a test. Jeb Rowley asked if the library would be a better location due to the WiFi connection being better there than the Board Room. The Board asked Laura if she would look into the possibility of the Library over the Board Room, they tabled any action.

TRACEY MELLARD-

1. Discussion regarding the process to change the number of county commissioners from a three-member board to a five-member board. **(Discussion)**

Tracey Mellard gave a detailed presentation on the NRS Statute and process of changing the

number of county commissioners from a three- member board to a five-member board. The process would start by:

1. The Commissioners creating an ordinance to have a 5 Board chair.
 2. The ordinance would need to be published 10 days prior to a public hearing.
 3. Public hearing on the ordinance.
 4. Approval of the ordinance by the Commission Board.
 5. The question of increasing the Board to 5 chairs gets put on the ballot for the 2026 Primary Election.
 6. If approved by the voters, the Commissioners would than create 5 districts by July 2027.
 7. The 2028 General Election would include candidates for the 5 districts.
- Discussion ensued around the room over the topic, some for and some against. The Board asked Tracey to start a petition to see just how many Eureka citizens would be in favor of a 5 chair Board.

JOSIE HOEKENGA

1. Presentation and discussion of Josie Hoekenga with Balance Beam Healing, providing Reiki Therapy at the Eureka Medical Clinic. **(Discussion)**

Josie Hoekenga with Balance Beam Healing came to the Board to discuss the possibility of providing Reiki Therapy at the Eureka Medical Clinic. Josie presented a thoughtful and detailed presentation on the history, benefits and client testimonials, Josie has been proving Reiki sessions at the Eureka Depot and has a great turnout, enough that she feels she could offer this service to the community at a greater scale. Josie mentioned that she has thought of even sharing one of the extra rooms with the Chiropractor or Massage Therapist. She is in the process of getting her business license and malpractice insurance as well as looking into how to bill insurance and HSA accounts. The Board thanked Josie and offered to discuss the topic with her again and discuss the possibility.

TREASURER-Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

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

Treasurer, Pernecia Johnson reported that they received the Net Proceeds at \$7.1 million. She also reported that property taxes went out in July and the first installment is due August 19.

CLERK RECORDER-Kathy Bowling, Clerk Recorder

1. Discuss, approve or deny a one-time credit card increase for the Clerk Recorder, in the amount of \$2,000.00 (\$3,000 limit), in August 2024, to purchase a new desk from Amazon. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a one-time credit card increase for the Clerk Recorder, in the amount of \$2,000.00 (\$3,000 limit), in August 2024, to purchase a new desk from Amazon. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF-Tyler Thomas, Undersheriff

1. Discuss, approve or deny Undersheriff Tyler Thomas, to work the Burning Man event located in Pershing County from 8/22/2024 to 8/29/2024. Eureka county would invoice Pershing County for reimbursement for hours worked at the agreed upon pay of \$50.00/hour. *NOTE: Pershing County will reimburse Eureka County following their first Commission meeting after 8/29/2024.*

Item was tabled.

ROAD DEPARTMENT- Raymond Hodson, Assistant Public Works Director

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

Raymond Hodson reported that the water truck and Blade has finished working in Diamond Valley, he still has a blade and 2 water trucks working on the JD road. They spend a couple days loading more tires from the landfill. During the rainstorms a road washed out, so they spend some time fixing that.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley explained that they are getting ready for the auction on September 7th at 9 a.m. at the Eureka County Laydown Yard. The school district is putting in some vehicles and equipment into the auction as well. All crews have been hands on deck getting ready for the County Fair in the coming weekend. The Ruby Hill Utility project is still ongoing and making good progress.

2. Review Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification and consider authorizing Public Works to fill the Public Works Mechanic I-II position, as approved and funded in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. (For Possible Action)

Jeb Rowley explained that the County currently has 240 vehicles, 90 of which are light vehicles that account for about 740,000 miles of annual travel and use. He currently has 3 mechanics that work on more than just vehicles, adding another mechanic would allow flexibility for work throughout the whole county.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification and allow Public Works to fill the Mechanic I-II position. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny authorizing Public Works to advertise a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) for the Eureka Medical Clinic Heating System Project. *NOTE: Responses to the RFQ will be opened in the Public Works office at 1:00 p.m. on August 26, 2024, and a recommendation of award will be presented for Board action on September 3, 2024.* (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve authorizing Public Works to advertise a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) for the Eureka Medical Clinic Heating System Project. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny authorizing Public Works to advertise a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) to identify and approve a list of qualified contractors for road maintenance on Eureka County roads. *NOTE: This list will be used for routine maintenance under cooperative Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and for emergency roadwork as needed. Responses to the RFQ will be opened in the Public Works office at 1:30 p.m. on August 26, 2024, and a*

recommendation of award will be presented for Board action on September 3, 2024. (For Possible Action)

Jeb Rowley explained they are wanting to create an approved list of qualified contractors for emergency road maintenance to help in preparedness and planning.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve authorizing Public Works to advertise a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) to identify and approve a list of qualified contractors for road maintenance on Eureka County roads. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

5. Review quote from 5th Gear Power Sports and discuss, approve or deny authorizing purchase of a Big Tex 140-ton Car Trailer for an amount not to exceed \$12,300.00 (includes 5% contingency) utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-000) in the Road Department budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Jeb Rowley explained this trailer would be located in Crescent Valley for moving equipment and supplies, they currently only have 1 trailer that they pull back and forth between the North and South end.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve authorizing the purchase of a Big Tex 140-ton Car Trailer for an amount not to exceed \$12,300.00 (includes 5% contingency). Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

6. Review quote from Empire Southwest LLC and consider authorizing purchase of one 2024 CAT 966-BR Wheel Loader under Sourcewell Contract 011723-CAT in the amount of \$599,772.00 (includes 5% contingency) utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (020-106-55010-000) in the Road Department budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Jeb Rowley explained this Loader would replace the current one that will be going into the auction in September, it is an older piece of equipment and repairs are costly.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve authorizing the purchase of one 2024 CAT 966-BR Wheel Loader under Sourcewell Contract 011723-CAT in the amount of \$599,772.00 (includes 5% contingency). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

7. Review quote from Empire Southwest LLC and consider authorizing purchase of one CAT BLD 144 U/V ANG V PLOW under Sourcewell Contract 011723-CAT in the amount of \$40,116.00 (includes 5% contingency) utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-000) in the Road Department budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Jeb Rowley explained this V Plow would go up North and be used for Barth Road and Immigrant Pass, this would give both the North and the South a V Plow for the winter months.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve authorizing the purchase of one CAT BLD 144 U/V ANG V PLOW under Sourcewell Contract 011723-CAT in the amount of \$40,116.00 (includes 5% contingency). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

- 8.** Review quote from Empire Southwest LLC and consider authorizing purchase of one Walk & Roll WR75 Series 3 (grader attachment) under Sourcewell Contract 011723-CAT in the amount of \$30,112.00 (includes 5% contingency) utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-000) in the Road Department budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the purchase of one Walk & Roll WR75 Series 3 (grader attachment) under Sourcewell Contract 011723-CAT in the amount of \$30,112.00 (includes 5% contingency). Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

- 9.** Review quote from Big Tex Trailers and consider authorizing purchase of one GM SV SRW Flat Bed for an amount not to exceed \$4,700.00 (includes 5% contingency) utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (020-106-55010-000) in the Road Department budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the purchase of one GM SV SRW Flat Bed for an amount not to exceed \$4,700.00 (includes 5% contingency). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

- 10.** Consider recommendation from Public Works regarding the top-ranked contractor in response to the Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) for rehabilitation of Municipal Water Well #2 in Diamond Valley and consider awarding the project to a qualified contractor and authorizing Public Works to proceed with expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00. *Note: Estimated project costs are based on the recent Municipal Water Well #1 rehabilitation project.* **(For Possible Action)**

Jeb and the Board discussed how Municipal Water Well #2 will act as a back up if anything were to happen to Municipal Water Well #1, rehabilitation of the Well is needed to get it up to code.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Public Works to Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) for rehabilitation of Municipal Water Well #2 in Diamond Valley and consider awarding the project to a qualified contractor and authorizing Public Works to proceed with expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

- 11.** Discuss, approve, or deny a 3/4-inch residential water service application to serve APN 002-043-03 in the Town of Crescent Valley. **(For Possible Action)**

The Board combined item #11 and #12 in the action.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a 3/4-inch residential water service application to serve APN 002-043-03 and APN 002-047-16 in the Town of Crescent Valley. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

- 12.** Discuss, approve, or deny a 3/4-inch residential water service application for APN 002-047-16 in the Town of Crescent Valley. **(For Possible Action)**

Included in item #11's action.

13. Review quotes from Alliance Document Technologies and consider authorizing Public Works to purchase a new Xerox copier/printer/scanner utilizing Sourcewell Contract 99SWC-NV20-3284 for a not to exceed amount of \$15,000.00 to be paid with funds budgeted for capital outlay (010-042-55010-000) in the Public Works budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Jeb Rowley explained that they will move the current Xerox machine in the Public Works office to the Annex break room, it will be more accessible to the multiple departments that use it.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Public Works purchase of a new Xerox copier/printer/scanner utilizing Sourcewell Contract 99SWC-NV20-3284 for an amount of \$15,000.00. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES – Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager

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

Jake Tibbitts reported that the Natural Resources department has been busy with permitting activities, mining projects, and the greater sage grouse land use amendment process that the BLM is involved in. The BLM has been working on a Mule Deer Enhancement Project on Whistler Mountain, they are potentially sending \$125,000 to Eureka for this project. The Humboldt River Basin Water Authority will be meeting that next Friday, Commissioner Plaskett will be joining him. The County Natural Resource Advisory Commission will be meeting Wednesday the 14th, the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority will meet Friday the 16th.

2. Discuss and approve or request revisions to Diamond Valley Rodent Control District Board of Directors' efforts to 1) acquire updated control plans from member landowners and 2) establish a cost-share reimbursement program. **(For Possible Action)**

Jake Tibbitts reported for the Diamond Valley Rodent Control District Board of Directors, they have come up with 2 new plans. First, they created a document for landowners to acquire updated control plans. Second, they have the idea to create a cost-share reimbursement program for land owners as part of an incentivize plan to work with the County.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the request revisions to Diamond Valley Rodent Control District Board of Directors' efforts to 1) acquire updated control plans from member landowners and 2) establish a cost-share reimbursement program. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve, deny or provide other direction regarding federal fiscal year 2025 Joint Funding Agreement 25ZJJFA00102 with US Geological Survey (USGS) for continuation of multi-year Hydrologic Monitoring Program in the Kobeh Valley, Mount Hope and Roberts Mountains Vicinity in the amount of \$161,800 with Eureka County's portion at \$105,170 and USGS match at \$56,630. **(For Possible Action)**

Jake explained this would be renewing a Joint Funding Agreement 25ZJJFA00102 with US Geological Survey (USGS) for the continuation of multi-year Hydrologic Monitoring Program in the Kobeh Valley, Mount Hope and Roberts Mountains Vicinity.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the 2025 Joint Funding Agreement 25ZJJFA00102 with US Geological Survey (USGS) for continuation of multi-year Hydrologic Monitoring

Program in the Kobeh Valley, Mount Hope and Roberts Mountains Vicinity in the amount of \$161,800 with Eureka County's portion at \$105,170 and USGS match at \$56,630. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence. (Discussion)

Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling read the correspondence; she read a letter that the Clerk Recorders office received asking to be read at the Commissioners meeting during public comment. The letter was from a man named Salvador Gonzalez, he was experiencing a heart attack and 911 was called, he received medical care from EMS Kenny Sanders and then transported to the William Bee Ririe Hospital in Ely. The doctor in Ely told him that he never should have been given nitroglycerin without an IV, he was told that improper procedure could have killed him. He requested that his letter be read and addressed out of concern for himself, his family and the citizens of Eureka County.

Other correspondence was a letter from Connie Hicks and Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

None considered.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Chairman McKay called for public comment in Crescent Valley, hearing none he called in Eureka. Cindy Adams brought to the Board the concern of the expenditures of the Sheriffs office. She had printed out the budget report for fiscal year 2023-2024, she explained that the Sheriff's office went over budget 135% on wages and overtime, over budget on benefits 142%, over budget on services and supplies 68%, over budget on animal control 31.9%, over budget on conference expenses 180%, over budget on public relations 19%, over budget on fuel 20.9%. Over budget on maintenance 20.9%, over budget on jail services 38.06%, and over budget on uniforms 39.33%. Cindy explained that she is very concerned with the excess spending and why it is going unnoticed. Eureka audience member Steele Raine brought to the Board the idea of holding a public debate for the candidates for the County Commissioners Chair, he explained that he wants to film it, he would moderate it, and it could possibly be held at the Opera House. He explained that if the Board is going to discuss the possibility of going to a 5 chair Board the people should get to know who they are electing to those seats. He also voiced concern on the over spending of tax payers' dollars. District Attorney, Ted Beutel explained that the letter received about the EMS call has been resolved. He suggests the Board put on the next agenda the property of 301 Ruby Hill Avenue; he thinks it would be important for the county to purchase. He also spoke on the topic of the 5-chair board, he mentioned that Churchill County has a population of 25,000 and they have a 3-person Board, Mineral County with a population of 5,000 also 3-person, Pershing County with a population of 7,000 3-person Board, Storey County with a population of 5,000 they have 3-person Board. He said that outside of a 5-person Board the option of a County Manager is still there. Eureka audience member Marilyn Stricklan-Adams echoed the comment about the

County Commissioner candidate debate, she explained that her and her family are newer to the community and they could gain a lot from the debate about who they would vote for. She mentioned that this would be a great way to get the younger people in the community involved in their local government.

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 items were considered.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

*Prepared and submitted by Katelyn Ziemann.
Approved by the Board this 20th day of August, 2024.*

Rich McKay, Chairman

Attest: 
Kathy Bowling, County Clerk Recorder