

# BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## January 6, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF NEVADA            )  
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COUNTY OF EUREKA        )

### CALL TO ORDER

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

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on January 6, 2025. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, Commissioner Mike Schoenwald, District Attorney, Ted Beutel and Chief Deputy Clerk Recorder, Brandy Mahoney. 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 Plaskett motioned to approve agenda with the tabling of the Kenny Sanders Resolution item, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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The Board moved the Kenny Sanders Resolution to the next agenda.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes December 17, 2024 Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from December 17, 2024, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

## APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICERS

1. Appoint Chairperson to the Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2025. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to retain Rich McKay as Chairperson to the Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2025, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Appoint Vice Chair to the Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2025. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to retain Marty Plaskett as the Vice Chair to the Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2025, Chairman McKay 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 Comptroller, Kim Todd reviewed the expenditures.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve expenditures of \$1,422,826.53 with the passthrough of \$590 to the Nevada Division of Minerals. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

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

The Board reviewed the current Fund Balance Report.

## EUREKA COUNTY COMMITTEES & BOARDS-

1. Evaluate and consider possible changes to and/or restructuring of any boards and committees under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners. *Note: A complete list of boards and committees is available by contacting the Clerk's Office.* **(For Possible Action)**

The Board reviewed a comprehensive worksheet listing members on all County committees and boards, non-county committees and boards and liaisons appointed to various groups or representing specific issues. After review the following edits were made:

Commissioner Plaskett was appointed as Chairperson to the Devils Gate DID Board, and Commissioner McKay was appointed as Vice Chair. Commissioner Plaskett was appointed as Chairperson to the Liquor Board and Commissioner McKay was appointed as Vice Chair. Commissioner Plaskett was appointed as Chairperson to the Regional Transportation Commission, and Commissioner McKay was appointed as the Vice Chair. Kim Sewell was chosen as the Chairperson for the Crescent Valley Medical Advisory Committee, and Laura Shivers was chosen as the Vice Chair. For the Senior Center Advisory Board, Kathy Kinkade replaced Barbara Dugan, and Mike Schoenwald replaced Mike Sharkozy. Mike Schoenwald

replaced Mike Sharkozy on all the boards he sat on. Miles Umina replaced Jesse Watts on all the boards he sat on. Names and email addresses were edited throughout the whole spreadsheet.

The completed list can be found at <https://www.eurekacountynv.gov/departments/commissioners/>

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the changes in restructuring to the list of County Boards and Committees under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny appointments and re-appointments of members, alternates and liaisons to expired or vacant seats on boards and committees in Eureka County. **(For Possible Action)**  
*Note: A complete list of boards and committees is available by contacting the Clerk's Office.*

The Board combined the reappointments of members, alternates and liaisons to expired or vacant seats on boards and committees in Eureka County with item #1.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the re-appointments of members, alternates and liaisons to expired or vacant seats on boards and committees in Eureka County, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

### **EUREKA COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES & LIAISONS-**

1. Discuss, approve or deny appointing representatives or liaisons to non-county boards/committees, groups, agencies or specific issues affecting Eureka County. **(For Possible Action)**  
*Note: A complete list of Representatives and Liaisons is available by contacting the Clerk's Office.*

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve appointing representatives or liaisons to non-county boards/committees, groups, agencies or specific issues affecting Eureka County. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

### **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)**

No updates at the time.

2. Ratify agreeing to proposal by Emily Whittlesey to create a "History Wall" for display in the Crescent Valley Community Center, documenting the Tenabo Townsite prior to the pending demolition for the Robertson Mine Project. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the proposal by Emily Whittlesey to create a "History Wall" for display in the Crescent Valley Community Center. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Presentation and recognition of the winners of the Falling for Eureka: Autumn Photo Showcase held on the Eureka County social media site, for their outstanding photography capturing the essence of our community. **(Discussion)**

Chairman McKay presented the winners of the Falling for Eureka: Autumn Photo Showcase held on the Eureka County social media site; Abby Sweet's "First Frost" won 1<sup>st</sup> place, Sheena Cerri's

“A Desert Storm” won second, and Sheena Cerri’s “Skyfire Horizon” won third place and Chairmans Favorite.

**IT-Misty Rowley, IT Director**

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

IT Director, Misty Rowley reported that they worked with department heads and members of the community on the December newsletter, photo contest and social media content. They continued work on migrating phones to the new MVM software and continued fine tuning the Zscaler architecture.

**2. Discuss, approve or deny authorizing the IT Director to approve the Terms and Conditions for Mimecast CyberGraph Services and DMARC Analyzer outside of the meeting. (For Possible Action)**

Chairman McKay motioned to approve authorizing Misty Rowley to approve the Terms and Conditions for Mimecast CyberGraph Services and DMARC Analyzer and to sign outside of the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**HUMAN RESOURCES-Tasha Dunlap, Human Resources Director**

**1. Discuss, approve or deny a Hiring Freeze Waiver for the EMT I, II, or III position. (For Possible Action)**

Human Resources Director, Tasha Dunlap explained that Kenny Sanders position was converted to EMT I, II, III position, they will not fill the position until the new director begins her new position.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve a Hiring Freeze Waiver for the EMT I, II, or III position, Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**SHERIFF-Miles Umina, Acting Sheriff**

**1. Discuss, approve or deny a one-time credit card increase of \$500 (\$1000 total) in January 2025 for Trina Webster. Note: Trina Webster will be going to part 2 of Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC). Trina will be in Las Vegas, NV from January 13-17. (For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a one-time credit card increase of \$500 (\$1000 total) in January 2025 for Trina Webster to attend part 2 of Terminal Agency Coordinator. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT- Raymond Hodson, Assistant Public Works Director**

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

Assistant Public Works Director, Raymond Hodson reported that the road crew has finished blading the JD Road, Grass Valley Road, Buckhorn Road, and Antelope Road. They replaced a cattle guard on the Horse Canyon Road. They replaced a large culvert on the Antelope Road near Allison Creek. They did some mowing along the Saddler Road and started on the JD Road. They had the rubber pot out at the airport; they borrowed it from NDOT.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

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

Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley reported that the new mechanic's first day was that day, they will be interviewing for the public works technician later in the week. Municipal Well #2's pump is down, and they need a bigger crane to finish setting it the rest of the way, they are looking to finish by the end of the week. They are nearing completion of the boy's locker room at the swimming pool. They will be working on fixing light poles in the Eureka Canyon subdivision. Jeb reported that they have been looking at the budgets and preparing for that presentation. Jeb also reported that they held a LEPC exercise on the 18<sup>th</sup> and had a great turnout and they were able to produce an action report.

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Jeb Rowley, Chairman

**1. Discuss, approve or deny signing Letter of Promulgation for inclusion in the Eureka County Hazardous Materials Response Plan. (For Possible Action)**

Chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Jeb Rowley explained that at the meeting they held on the 18<sup>th</sup> they created administrative documents that includes the plans for our local authority to support a HAZMAT plan and response. They had a great turnout from the local schools, local law enforcement and fire department. There was representation from i-80 Gold, McEwen and National Weather Service.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve signing the Letter of Promulgation for inclusion in the Eureka County Hazardous Materials Response Plan, Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**The Board took a 5-minutes recess.**

**Chairman McKay called the meeting back to order at 10:32 a.m.**

**RESOLUTIONS-**

**1. Discuss and consider resolution recognizing Kenny Sanders for his many years of Service to Eureka County. (For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.

**2. Discuss and consider resolution recognizing Maureen Garner for her many years of Service to Eureka County. (For Possible Action)**

Acting Sheriff, Miles Umina read the resolution recognizing Maureen Garner.

**RESOLUTION**  
**HONORING MAUREEN GARNER**  
**FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AND VISITORS OF EUREKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Eureka County Commissioners wishes to honor friend and colleague Maureen Garner for her years of service to Eureka County and its citizens as a Civil Process Administrator from January 1995 to January 2025.

WHEREAS, Maureen began her life's journey in Elko, NV where she was born on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1975 to parents Daniel and Karen Labarry. Maureen was raised in Eureka and graduated from Eureka County High School with the class of 1994. Maureen was married to Nathan Garner on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and together they raised 2 daughters, Marissa and Kaitlyn in Eureka. Maureen spent many years volunteering as a Dance instructor for the JPO program and assistant volleyball coach for the Eureka Schools.

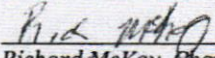
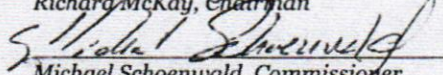

WHEREAS, Maureen began her career at Eureka County on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1995 where she served on the Insurance and Medical Clinic committees and worked in various offices, including the Comptroller's and DA's office. She spent most of her time in Eureka County at the Sheriff's Office as a Civil Process Administrator. Maureen was integral to the programs of Cops and Kids and National Night Out, with her dedication and enthusiasm making these great successes over the years. Maureen has the ability to make holidays such as Halloween and Christmas especially magical in the Sheriff's Office, and the absence of this, along with her stories of her Disneyland adventures, will be felt by all who had the fortune of working closely with her.

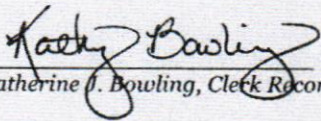
WHEREAS, County officials, employees, and residents celebrate with Maureen on her much deserved retirement, and wish her health and happiness in her future adventures and endeavors. Maureen's kindness, dedication, and holiday magic making will surely be missed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eureka County Commissioners recognize and honor Maureen Garner for her longtime service and dedication to Eureka County. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be published in the minutes of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners to remain a part of the permanent and historical records of Eureka County.

ADOPTED this 6 day of January, 2025.

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF EUREKA, STATE OF NEVADA

  
Richard McKay, Chairman  
  
Michael Schoenwald, Commissioner  
  
Marty Plaskett, Commissioner

ATTEST:   
Katherine J. Bowling, Clerk Recorder

Upon review of the recording no motion was made, the item will be a ratify at the next Board of Commissioners Meeting.

**TREASURER**-Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

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

The Board along with Treasurer Pernecia Johnson reviewed the Treasurer's report for November 2024.

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

Natural Resources Director, Jake Tibbits reported that the Fish Creek Wild Horse gather was set for that day but due to weather conditions, it may be postponed, they have a month to complete the gather. That same day the Grazing Board will be meeting in Eureka at the ANNEX at 1pm. The following day at 1:30 the Division of Water Resources will be holding a meeting at the Hay Ranch meeting room. NRAC will meet that Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> the NACO Legislative Committee will be meeting, the 14<sup>th</sup> Central Nevada Regional Water Authority Legislative Committee will meet, and Jake will be attending both. The Advisory Board to manage Wildlife will be meeting the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Discuss and consider sending annual notices to relevant federal land and resource management agencies, in accordance with Eureka County Code, Title 9, Chapter 40.030, seeking full and complete notice and opportunity for involvement in the decision-making processes of the federal entities. (For Possible Action)**

Jake explained that the letters of annual notice will be sent to the BLM districts in Battle Mountain, Elko and Ely. The letter will go to the US Forest Service, Austin Tonopah Ranger District and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The language in the letter will follow accordance with Eureka County Code, Title 9, Chapter 40.030.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve sending annual notices to relevant federal land and resource management agencies, in accordance with Eureka County Code, Title 9, Chapter 40.030, seeking full and complete notice and opportunity for involvement in the decision-making processes of the federal entities. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Chief Deputy, Brandy Mahoney read the meeting correspondence; Mybrary Christmas Card, Nevada Division of Environmental protection notice of public comment period, NDEP Response: Third Quarter 2024 Groundwater Monitoring Report, NACO Final Draft of By-Laws, TV Board January 3 meeting agenda, LEPC January 6 meeting agenda, DOI/BLM Issue Record of Decision for Utility email, NRAC Jan 8 meeting agenda, NACO report from AI Exploratory Committee, and the Allison MacKenzie Christmas Card.

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None considered.

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## ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting.

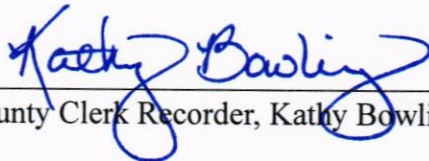
Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

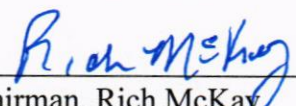
**Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.**

*Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder, Katelyn Ziemann.*

*Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2025 by the Eureka County Board of Commissioners.*

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling

  
Chairman, Rich McKay