

# BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 21, 2024 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 April 2, 2024. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy, Commissioner Marty Plaskett, 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: 2 items were tabled; March 5, 2024, and March 19, 2024 meetings minutes and Public Works #2.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve of the agenda with the 2 tabled items; Commissioner Plaskett 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, audience member Jeremy Rice spoke as a concerned citizen to the issue of Crescent Valley EMT's not having days off. He is concerned for those individuals' health and wellbeing with not being able to take a break from a very stressful job. Chairman McKay called for public comment in Eureka, audience member Robin Evans spoke as a citizen of the benefits the library is to the community and she spoke of her support in renewing the library contract. Eureka County EMS employee, Jeannette Oakes spoke on the concerning issues regarding the state of the EMS employees. She explained EMS employees work Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and then they are on call from 4 p.m. until their shift starts again at 8 a.m. They are expected to work 24 hours a day and seven days a week with no scheduled days off. With a schedule like that she asked the Board when are they able to go to the grocery store, a doctor's appointment, spend time with their families. She is worried for the mental and physical health of her fellow coworkers. She urges the Board to take care of their people who are running this service for the entire county. Crescent Valley audience

member Laura Shivers echoed Robin Evans comment on the community need of a library.

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)*

Chairman McKay and Commissioner Plaskett met with residents of Crescent Valley to discuss potentially bringing back a medical clinic advisory committee for medical services and potentially EMS services in Crescent Valley. The MyBrary contract will be put on the next agenda.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the March 5, 2024, and March 19, 2024, Commission meetings. **(For Possible Action)**

Item was Tabled

## **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 Plaskett motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$984,331.97 with passthroughs of \$224.76 to the Nevada Department room tax, Nevada State Controller school tax of \$208,055.40, Nevada State Controller \$14,631.54 and Washoe County Crime Lab \$153 for total pass throughs of \$295,064.70. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

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

The Board reviewed the current fund balance report.

3. Discuss, approve or deny allowing the Comptroller to update all job descriptions to reflect the newly adopted pay scale ranges with an effective date of July 7, 2024. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve allowing the Comptroller to update all job descriptions to reflect the newly adopted pay scale ranges with an effective date of July 7, 2024. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

## **BOCC meeting was paused for the TV Board Meeting.**

TV Board meeting was called to order by Randy Klatt at 9:56 a.m.  
The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Randy Klatt called for Public Comment seeing none he proceeded on.

Comptroller Kim Todd reviewed that the TV Board will be bringing in \$140,365 and they are

estimated to spend \$252,725 for the next fiscal year.

TV Board member Jim Breitrick motioned to approve the final budget; TV Board member Tracy Loylan seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

TV Board adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

**BOCC meeting continued.**

**PUBLIC HEARING-FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET & TAX RATE HEARING**

*Notice was given that the Board of County Commissioners would hold a public hearing on May 21, 2024, at 10:00 am to finalize the budget and adopt tax rates for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive opinions and comments from members of the public on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget and tax rates before final action is taken. Copies of the Tentative Budget can be obtained and/or inspected by the public at the office of the Eureka County Comptroller. Following is a list of the proposed tax rates for various political subdivisions in Eureka County. Note: This public hearing will be a joint meeting with the Eureka County Television District.*

<i>Eureka County (General)</i>	<i>\$1.1458</i>	<i>Crescent Valley Town</i>	<i>\$0.2153</i>
<i>Eureka County TV District</i>	<i>\$0.0085</i>	<i>Eureka Town</i>	<i>\$0.2153</i>
<i>Diamond Valley Weed District</i>	<i>\$0.0781</i>	<i>State of Nevada</i>	<i>\$0.1700</i>
<i>Diamond Valley Rodent District</i>	<i>\$0.0400</i>	<i>Eureka Co School District</i>	<i>\$0.7500</i>

**1. Open public hearing and invite comments on proposed budget and tax rates. (Discussion)**

Chairman McKay opened the Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget & Tax Rate Hearing at 10 a.m.

Chairman McKay called for Public comment in Crescent Valley hearing none he moved on to Eureka, hearing none he moved onto item #2.

**2. Discuss, approve or deny adopting tax rates for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve adopting tax rates for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**3. Discuss, approve or deny adopting Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Final Budgets and signing top sheets for submission to the Nevada Department of Taxation. (For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve adopting Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Final Budgets and signing top sheets for submission to the Nevada Department of Taxation. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman McKay closed the Public Hearing at 10:17 a.m.

## COMMISSIONER

1. Discuss, approve or deny sending a letter in support of the City of Ely, NV in conjunction with the Nevada Northern Railway (NNRY) Foundation and their application requesting Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant funding for the replacement and enhancement of the NNRY rail line between the City of Ely and the Shafter connection in Elko County. **(For Possible Action)**

President of Northern Nevada Railway Foundation, Mark Basset spoke via phone call to the Board. This grant will reopen the old line from Ely East to Utah.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve of supporting the City of Ely, NV in conjunction with the Nevada Northern Railway (NNRY) Foundation and their application requesting Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant funding for the replacement and enhancement of the NNRY rail line between the City of Ely and the Shafter connection in Elko County. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a grant of \$25,000, or another amount deemed appropriate by the Board, out of Commissioner's Miscellaneous Grant budget account to the Eureka Conservation District to be used for match towards various conservation project benefiting Eureka County citizens and natural resources. *Presented by Jake Tibbitts, ECD County Appointed Supervisor.* **(For Possible Action)**

ECD County Appointed Supervisor Jake Tibbitts explained to the Board that in the past the Commissioners provided a \$25,000 seed grant about every year to the Eureka Conservation District. They have not come to the Board for the last 3-4 years due to not needing the funds. They have completed over 6,300 acres of Pinyon and Juniper Habitat work, the money the Board has provided in the past has greatly benefited the resources to ranching, to greater sage grouse and mule deer. The Eureka conservation District is coming to the Board for a grant of \$25,000 to continue their work.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve grant of \$25,000, or another amount deemed appropriate by the Board, out of Commissioner's Miscellaneous Grant budget account to the Eureka Conservation District to be used for match towards various conservation project benefiting Eureka County citizens and natural resources. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny the Public Defender contract for Fiscal Years 24-25 and 25-26 submitted by Kelly C. Brown, Esq., Eureka County's public defender. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Eureka County's public defender, Kelly C. Brown, Esq. contract for Fiscal Years 24-25 and 25-26. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny a donation request from the City of Carlin in the amount of \$80,000.00 to cover the purchase of an ambulance chassis to be paid from Commissioners Miscellaneous Grants (010-001- 53010-085). *Note: This request was budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget and requested to assist in ambulance services for I-80 and SR278.* **(For Possible Action)**

Carlin Fire Chief, Linda Bingham and Captain for EMS system, Amanda Curry came before the Board to ask for a donation of \$80,000.00 to help with the reconstruction of their current ambulance that is over 24 years old. They explained that due to the location of Carlin they report to a lot of calls within Eureka County. Eureka EMS director, Kenny Sanders has been working with the Carlin Fire Department on this project and he showed his support in this donation and the good it would do for Eureka County.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a donation request from the City of Carlin in the amount of \$80,000.00 to cover the purchase of an ambulance chassis to be paid from Commissioners Miscellaneous Grants (010-001- 53010-085). Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

### **RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER MIKE SHARKOZY**

- 1. Review and adopt a resolution honoring Mike Sharkozy for over 11 years of service to Eureka County as a Eureka County Commissioner. (For Possible Action)**

Chairman McKay thanked Mike Sharkozy for everything he has done to help him over his last 6 years, he also thanked Mike for his 11 years to the County Commission Board. Commissioner Mike Sharkozy will be missed greatly.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adopt a resolution honoring Mike Sharkozy for over 11 years of service to Eureka County as a Eureka County Commissioner. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

Eureka, Nevada

May 21, 2024

### **RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER MICHAEL SHARKOZY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO EUREKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Eureka County Commissioners wishes to honor friend and colleague Michael Sharkozy for his years of service to Eureka County and its citizens as Eureka County Commissioner from June 2013 until June 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mike began his life's journey on December 31, 1943, when he was born in Indiana to parents Jean & Michael Sharkozy. Mike graduated from Knox High School with the Class of 1962, and soon after enlisted in the US Navy. He served four years of active duty in Vietnam (October 1962- September 1966), followed by two years on inactive status subject to recall to duty. On March 27, 1965, Mike married Cassondra "Sonni," the love of his life and best friend, and they had 56 wonderful years together. Together they raised four children -Michael, Mark, Michelle, and Melynda - who blessed them with nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mike and Sonni became Eureka County residents in 2006 when they moved to Crescent Valley. But Mike did not know, at that time, that he was destined to play a larger role. On June 1, 2013, upon official notice of his appointment by Governor Brian Sandoval, Mike began his tenure as County Commissioner representing Commissioner District 3; and

WHEREAS, Mike defended his Commission seat in three subsequent elections. In the November 2014 mid-term challenge for the seat, Mike received 61% of the vote. Running unopposed in 2016, he was again elected that November. The District 3 seat was contested once more in 2020, but the people's support of Commissioner Sharkozy was evidenced when a record-setting 82% of the vote was cast in his direction, and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as Commissioner (Vice Chair since 2015), Mike has served

Eureka County in numerous ways as an official, member, or liaison to many groups including Liquor Board, Devil's Gate GID, Regional Transportation Commission, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Senior Center Advisory Board, Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Nevada works, and many more; and

WHEREAS, County officials, employees, and residents celebrate with Mike on his much-deserved retirement, and wish him health and happiness in whatever endeavor he undertakes in the next stage of his life. All will surely miss Mike sharing details of his latest project, stories of the infamous Bass Lake Boys (who have gathered annually since 1999, mostly in Las Vegas), and other reminiscences of his life.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eureka County Commissioners recognize and honor Michael Sharkozy for his 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2024.

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

/s/ Rich McKay, Chairman  
/s/ Marty Plaskett, Member

Attest:

/s/ Kathy Bowling, Clerk Recorder

**IT DEPARTMENT**-Misty Rowley, IT Director

1. Discuss, approve or deny authorizing Estimate #129 from Syber Networks for labor to replace the access points at the Fire Station, Road Shop, Senior Center, and Town Hall buildings in Crescent Valley for a not to exceed amount of \$7,475.00 (\$6,500 plus 20% contingency) utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve authorizing Estimate #129 from Syber Networks for labor to replace the access points at the Fire Station, Road Shop, Senior Center, and Town Hall buildings in Crescent Valley for a not to exceed amount of \$7,475.00 (\$6,500 plus 20% contingency) utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny Quote #NVPK590 from CDW to purchase the equipment (access points for internet) at the Fire Station, Road Shop, Senior Center, and Town Hall buildings in Crescent Valley for an amount not to exceed \$2,268.96 utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Quote #NVPK590 from CDW to purchase the equipment (access points for internet) at the Fire Station, Road Shop, Senior Center, and Town Hall buildings in Crescent Valley for an amount not to exceed \$2,268.96 utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**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 they collected \$5,166.73 for the month of April. They served 787 meals in Crescent Valley and 833 in Eureka. Linda reported that the grant for the new vans is still in motion but moving slowly, she hopes to report more on that soon.

**AMBULANCE & EMS** – Kenny Sanders, EMS Director

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

EMS Director, Kenny Sanders reported that for the month of April they had 25 calls, 15 of those calls were out of Eureka and 10 was Crescent Valley. They had 1 transport to Ely, 4 calls to Reach Air and 3 call to MedX. They have submitted their annual EMS permit licensing, and waiting to hear back from that. They also submitted all of the required documents to the State EMS office and State Health Board to review on the variance request.

**NORTHEAST ACTIVITY FUND-**

**1. Discuss, approve or deny request from Jeremy Rice for a donation of \$3,600.00 from the North End Activity Fund (010-071-53030-018) to purchase supplies for the Annual Crescent Valley Fun Days held in Crescent Valley on June 22, 2024; if approved, issue check to Jeremy Rice, Crescent Valley Town Board Chairman. (For Possible Action)**

Crescent Valley Town Board Chairman, Jeremy Rice came to the Board for a donation to the Annual Crescent Valley Fun Days event.

Commissioner Sharkozy motion to approve of a donation of \$3,600.00 from the North End Activity Fund (010-071-53030-018) to purchase supplies for the Annual Crescent Valley Fun Days held in Crescent Valley on June 22, 2024. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**2. Discuss, approve or deny request from Tracey Mellard for a donation of \$2,500.00 from the North End Activity Fund (010-071-53030-018) to purchase supplies for the Crescent Valley Celebrate America event held on July 6, 2024; if approved, issue check to Tracey Mellard, Friends of Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department non-profit member. (For Possible Action)**

Tracey Mellard came before the Board to ask for a donation of \$2,500.00 from the North End Activity Fund to purchase supplies for the Crescent Valley Celebrate America event being held on July 6, 2024. This is a fundraising event to help support the Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of a donation of \$2,500.00 from the North End Activity Fund (010-071-53030-018) to purchase supplies for the Crescent Valley Celebrate America event held on July 6, 2024. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

**COUNTY FACILITIES** – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

**1. Report on activities and projects at County managed facilities. (Discussion)**

Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley reported that for the month of April the Museum saw 133 visitors, the Opera House saw 72 visitors, and 700 overall attendances for various events. The Landfill had over 500 yards of solid waste, another 400 in construction and debris. They have shipped out 3 loads of tires. They have been doing walkthroughs and assessments with various buildings. They are seeing activity going up with the Eureka Canyon Subdivision, they had 2 more lots close escrow.

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

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

Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley reported that they have a GMP for the utility project and an anticipation of a change order coming for surface improvements, he expects that to be on the next meeting agenda. They are on target with all tasks associated with the utility project, there are 2 crews; 1 is on sewer working uphill and the other is working on the water's main extensions off onto the side streets. They submitted the 11<sup>th</sup> street project for the obligated FEMA grants.

**2. Discuss, approve or deny a 3/4-inch residential water meter and service application to serve APN # 007-395-06 located in Devil's Gate GID District #2. (For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.

**3. Discuss, approve or deny proposal from Lumos & Associates for Kobeh Valley Well & Transmission Main Project Schematic Design for an amount not to exceed \$504,000.00 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay/engineering (125-247-55010-357) in the Water Mitigation Fund. *Note: This will be reimbursed from a grant previously awarded by DCNR.* (For Possible Action)**

Jeb Rowley explained that in September of last year they were awarded \$2.5 million under Nevada Water Conservation Infrastructure Initiative run by the DCNR, the project will be reimbursed from that grant. The project is multiple tasks including, a fixed wing flight to survey an area of potential alignment for the transmission lines. An extensive review of the flight survey to provide a topo detail schematic design for Eureka County. This proposal would allow the consultant to work under and to put back against the infrastructure initiative grant from the DCNR.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the proposal from Lumos & Associates for Kobeh Valley Well & Transmission Main Project Schematic Design for an amount not to exceed \$504,000.00 utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay/engineering (125-247-55010-357) in the Water Mitigation Fund. Commissioner Sharkozy 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)**

Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts reported that on the 10<sup>th</sup> he traveled to Carson City to attend the Legislative Natural Resource Committee, there will also be a work session in August that



he will attend for that. He will have an agenda item in July for any formal recommendations regarding the Legislative Natural Resource Committee. The aerial treatments for the Mormon crickets started the day before in Diamond Valley, Pine Valley, Grass Valley, Crescent Valley and Beowawe. Jake reported that the Fire Wise Day in Duckwater was a success and thanked the Board for their support.

2. Discuss and consider response to recent BLM grazing-related actions including Final Decision on the Phoenix Mine AUM Cancellation and the Gund Ranch Allotment Management Plan. **(For Possible Action)**

Jake explained that even though the Phoenix Mine AUM is not in Eureka County it is on their radar and he will keep updated and on top of it as they work into Eureka. Overall NRAC wants to support the allotment management plan but seeks improvement in the final plan and clarification of issues brought forward by NRAC.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve responding to recent BLM grazing-related actions including Final Decision on the Phoenix Mine AUM Cancellation and the Gund Ranch Allotment Management Plan with their support but asking for improvement and clarification on their final plan. And also allowing the Chairman to sign outside of the meeting. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Clerk Recorder, Kathy Bowling read the correspondence; an email from Bridgette Gray representing the Eureka Sentinel, an email from Jesse Watts, Crescent Valley Town Board agenda, NRAC agenda, Fallon Range Training invite, and NDEP notice of workshop

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

Chairman McKay reported there will be quite a few meetings over the next week, the Health District will be coming, GoEd, and NACO.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Chairman McKay called for public comment in Crescent Valley; Crescent Valley audience member Laura Shivers commented that the Board heard about the EMT's schedule and burn out, she commented she wants the Board to be aware that Crescent Valley needs more Sheriff deputies. Chairman McKay called for public comment in Eureka, seeing none he moved onto item #2.

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)**

Comptroller, Kim Todd suggested they add the personnel policy update resolution and a public hearing for the next meeting. No other items were to be considered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**1. Adjournment of meeting.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

*Prepared and submitted by Katelyn Ziemann, Deputy Clerk Recorder.  
Approved by vote of the Board this 5th day of March, 2024.*

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Rich McKay, Chairman

Attest: Kathy Bowling  
Katherine J. Bowling, County Clerk Recorder