

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Eureka County Commissioners will meet pursuant to law on January 20, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers at the County Courthouse located at 10 South Main Street, Eureka, Nevada. The meeting will be conducted telephonically in accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 promulgated March 22, 2020, which has been extended by subsequent Directives through duration of the current State of Emergency. These Directives instruct that there is no physical location for persons to participate in or physically attend this meeting; participation is by phone only by calling **1-888-537-7715 and entering code **74368702#** (see **PUBLIC COMMENT** section of this agenda for instructions on how to provide comment).**

AGENDA

9:30 - 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.

9:35 - PUBLIC COMMENT and DISCUSSION

1. Public comment and discussion. **(Discussion)**
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9:40 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the January 4, 2021, Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

9:45 - 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)*
2. Review Fund Balance Report. **(Discussion)**

9:50 - COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss, approve, or deny extending the EPSL and EFMLA benefit leave and policy through March 31, 2021, related to passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and all matters properly relating thereto. *Note: Employees will not be given any additional EPSL hours or additional weeks for EFMLA; the balance of leave previously set by the federal government will carry over past the December 31, 2020, deadline and end on March 31, 2021. (For Possible Action)*
2. Review draft resolution and discuss, approve, or deny adopting a resolution supporting the local economy and businesses adversely impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, and all matters properly relating thereto. **(For Possible Action)**

10:00 - IT DEPARTMENT - Misty Rowley, IT Director

Notice: Items #5 and #6 under this section are to begin the process of submitting paperwork for E-rate and Rural Health Care funding; Eureka County is not obligated and will only proceed with these projects following formal action in an open meeting.

1. Update report on IT projects and activities. **(Discussion)**
2. Discuss, approve, or deny purchase and installation of a rackmount cabinet and UPS unit for a not to exceed amount of \$5,500.00 (\$4,611.69 with 20% contingency) utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**
3. In order to address unforeseen events as they occur, consider authorizing the IT Director to make purchases (which may include equipment, labor, and supplies) necessary to continue the County facilities fiber project, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, utilizing monies budgeted for fiber optic and network upgrades (042-140-55010-203) in the Capital Projects Fund. **(For Possible Action)**
4. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing purchase of supplies needed to complete the County facilities fiber project for a not to exceed amount of \$8,000.00, utilizing funds budgeted for fiber optic and network upgrades (042-140-55010-203) in the Capital Projects Fund. **(For Possible Action)**
5. Discuss, approve, or deny the following steps to move forward with fiber optic construction to connect County entities in Crescent Valley. *Cost to Eureka County is not expected to exceed \$30,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by taking advantage of different funding opportunities.*
 - a. Consider sending a request to the Elko-Lander-Eureka Library System asking for filing of all FCC forms required to seek federal E-rate funding to connect the Crescent Valley Library via fiber optics for the purpose of increased broadband internet. **(For Possible Action)**
 - b. Consider directing County staff to file all FCC forms required to seek federal Rural Health Care funding to connect the Crescent Valley Clinic via fiber optics for the purpose of increased broadband internet. **(For Possible Action)**
 - c. Discuss, approve, or deny the County connecting the Crescent Valley Town Hall via fiber optics for the purpose of increased broadband Internet. The County will assume all costs associated with the construction of the fiber optics, which will be aided by the E-rate and RHC projects simultaneously occurring. **(For Possible Action)**
6. Discuss, approve, or deny seeking bids to build out or lease a wireless point-to-point connection from the County hub in Eureka to the Crescent Valley Town Hall for the purpose of public safety and County efficiencies, at an estimated project cost of \$120,000.00. **(For Possible Action)**

10:10 - AMBULANCE & EMS - Kenny Sanders, EMS Director

1. Update report on ambulance and emergency services. **(Discussion)**
2. Review quarterly report on mandatory ambulance bill write-offs for Medicaid and Medicare accounts. **(Discussion)**

10:15 - NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - Ross Baker, PE

1. Update by NDOT concerning preliminary stages of planning a new highway maintenance station in Diamond Valley. **(Discussion)**

10:20 - ASSESSOR / DMV FIELD OFFICE - Michael Mears, Assessor

1. Review Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification and consider authorizing the Assessor to fill the position DMV Technician/Department Assistant. **(For Possible Action)**

10:25 - SENIOR CENTERS - Millie Oram, Senior Center Program Director

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a request from the Director to reinstate certain transportation services in Eureka and Crescent Valley to help meet essential needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities, and all matters properly relating thereto. **(For Possible Action)**

10:30 - EUREKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Student Council

1. Presentation by Eureka Elementary School related to volunteer library kiosk and potential placement on County property. **(Discussion)**

10:40 - HEALTHY PAWS OF EUREKA - Cindy Beutel

1. Discuss and consider the funding requests from Healthy Paws of Eureka, as follows: (a) \$35,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to be used to continue ongoing efforts of citizens in Eureka County to spay, neuter, and care for cats, dogs, and other domestic animals in need; and (b) a commitment of up to \$500,000.00 in matching funds to be used to locate, build, and operate an animal shelter to serve all of Eureka County. **(For Possible Action)**

10:50 - TREASURER - Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

1. Review Treasurer's Report for December 2020. **(Discussion)**

10:55 - SHERIFF - Jesse Watts, Sheriff

1. Discuss, approve, or deny ratifying out-of-state travel for the Sheriff on January 7th-8th, 2021, for inmate extradition to Oregon. **(For Possible Action)**
2. Review quarterly report from Sheriff, including discussion regarding security of the jail and treatment and condition of inmates at the Detention Facility. **(Discussion)**

11:00 - COUNTY FACILITIES - Joyce Jeppesen, Assistant Public Works Director-Admin.

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

11:05 - PUBLIC WORKS - Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

1. Report on Public Works projects and activities. **(Discussion)**
2. Discuss, approve, or deny quote #193873 from 5th Gear Power Sports for a 2020 Yamaha Kodiak 450 4-Wheeler, in an amount not to exceed \$8,662.80, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay (045-178-55010-000) in the Eureka Water/Sewer Utility Fund, and all matters properly relating thereto. **(For Possible Action)**
3. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing the use of funds budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-311) in the Capital Projects Fund to remodel structures at the Crescent Valley Town Park, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, and all matters properly relating thereto. **(For Possible Action)**

11:15 - NATURAL RESOURCES - Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager

1. Report on current and emerging natural resource issues affecting Eureka County. **(Discussion)**
2. Discuss, approve, or deny 2020 Certification of Expenditure of Funds for Title III funds received through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act. **(For Possible Action)**
3. Discuss and consider sending response to Battle Mountain BLM regarding recently completed Fish Creek Herd Management Area gather. **(For Possible Action)**
4. Discuss and consider response to Klondex Gold & Silver Mining Company Fire Creek Mine Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat Improvement Plan EA. **(For Possible Action)**

11:25 - CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence and place requests for action items on the next agenda. **(Discussion)**
2. Commissioner reports on pertinent correspondence or other matters. **(Discussion)**

11:30 - FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET

1. 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 20th. *Note: No actual changes 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.* **(For Possible Action)**

11:30 - FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET (continued)

2. Review tax allocation worksheet and provide direction related to allocation of the tax rate among specific funds and for specific purposes. *Note: The proposed allocation of the tax rate must also be submitted to the Department of Taxation. (For Possible Action)*
3. Conduct budget review with the 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, 2021. All budgets are subject to revision before adoption of the Final Budget, which is due to the Department of Taxation by June 1, 2021. (For Possible Action)*
 - a. District Attorney; Law Library
 - b. Data Processing
 - c. Natural Resources; NRAC; Game Board; Diamond Valley Weed District; Diamond Valley Rodent District
 - d. Commissioners; North End Activities; Medical Clinic (D&T Center); Ag Extension; Water Mitigation; Natural Resources Multiple Use Fund; Library

12:00 - RECESS FOR LUNCH

1:00 - FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET – (continued)

1. Continued discussion and action related to the 10:45 a.m. agenda item - FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET. (For Possible Action)

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1:30 - ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting. (For Possible Action)

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