

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET MEETING
February 4, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

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Budget Meeting - January 19, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on January 19, 2021. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea; Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy (via telephone); Commissioner Rich McKay; District Attorney Ted Beutel (via telephone); and Administrative Assistant Jackie Berg. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was conducted telephonically pursuant to Governor Sisolak’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 006, which was extended by subsequent Directives through duration of the current State of Emergency. In-person attendance was limited; other County staff and members of the public were able to attend the meeting via a toll-free conference call number.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the agenda as posted; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET – PERSONNEL REQUESTS

Tentative: The Chairman reminded everyone that all budgets are tentative and subject to revision before the final budget is adopted.

Current Vacancies: Comptroller Kim Todd reviewed all positions that are currently vacant but funded in the current year’s budget (FY20-21). Vacancies in the District Attorney’s office are the Chief Deputy District Attorney and a casual position (800 hours). Justice Court has a vacant casual position (239 hours). In recent years, the District Attorney and Justice Court have shared the same casual employee, but it has not been determined if this will continue.

The Sheriff’s Office has four existing vacancies for Records/Technical Support, a Patrol Deputy in Crescent Valley, a Detentions Deputy, and a Casual Bailiff. Public Works has a vacant casual position (750 hours) for the parks, and two vacant Equipment Operator positions (Eureka Landfill and Crescent Valley).

The affected department heads confirmed they wish to continue funding these positions in the upcoming budget. Sheriff Watts is working with Human Resources to review internal candidates for the Records position and has made contingent offers on two sworn positions.

Natural Resources Request: Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts recommended funding a full-time or part-time (with benefits) Weed Control Technician position. He gave a brief history on the position, which was full-time at one point. The position was transferred to Natural Resources ten years ago and, since that time, has been a casual or contracted position. Mr. Tibbitts said it is challenging to fill a casual position because qualified individuals eventually find full-time work, and contractors are expensive and difficult to schedule during treatment seasons due to high demand.

Mr. Tibbitts reminded the Board that landowners in the Diamond Valley Weed Control District pay a special assessment with their property taxes for weed control. Many other lands have been added to the District at request of the property owners, including area mines, who now