

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Quarterly Meeting – January 15, 2014

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CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law for their quarterly meeting on January 15, 2014, at the Crescent Valley Town Center. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea, Vice Chairman Jim Ithurralde, and Commissioner Mike Sharkozy. The interactive video conferencing system was connected and utilized between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments. Melanie Lawson, Community Relations for Barrick Gold, informed the Board and the public that the Cortez Environmental Assessment (EA) has been released for public review and comment. The report focuses on two areas: reconfiguration of the north waste rock facility and an increased ore haul to Goldstrike. Barrick gave a presentation regarding the Cortez EA to the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board last fall and wanted to follow up with this information. The comment period ends on January 27th.

Mike Page, resident of Pioneer Pass, directed his comments to Chairman Goicoechea. He stated that during the 2012 Election cycle, Chairman Goicoechea (then-candidate for Commission District 1 seat) made a promise to take care of the roads in Pioneer Pass. Mr. Page (who was also campaigning at the time for Commission District 3 seat) stated he would have never made such a promise based on three reasons: (1) he knew there would be budget tightening, (2) he knew it would take the full Board's approval, as well as Public Works' approval to work on a private road, and (3) it would have been a conflict of interest for him to do so.

Mr. Page continued, *"... but since you broached that subject and said you were gonna take care of it, I just kind of wanted to remind you that you promised to do that, and kind of wondering if there's a timeframe when you're planning on doing it."*

Chairman Goicoechea responded to the comments, stating that is not what was said during the campaign. He invited Mr. Page or any individuals from the area to visit with him regarding what specifically was said about bringing those roads up to code and having them adopted by the County.

There were no further public comments.

CRESCENT VALLEY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Quarterly Report: Social Activities Coordinator, Geniffer Perry, reported on activities in Crescent Valley. The Christmas celebration on December 14th was very well attended and included the Christmas Party and dinner at the Community Center, the annual Parade of Lights, a raffle with one free ticket given to each attendee, gifts for the children and Christmas stockings for everyone else, a Christmas Tree Auction, and bingo. Ms. Perry acknowledged Barrick Gold for contributing \$700.00 for the event and Klondex Gold for donating gift cards to the students (including home-schooled) and for matching the prize money awarded to Parade of Light

winners. A house decorating contest was held with three winners (most original, most creative, and best overall). Total cost for these holiday events was \$3,771.19 and Ms. Perry provided the Board with a written report and itemization of expenses.

Future plans include a St. Patrick's Day spaghetti dinner tentatively scheduled for March 15th at the Community Center.

COMMISSIONERS

Update Reports: Recent meetings attended by the Commissioners included the Regional Transportation Commission meeting, the Devil's Gate GID meeting, and a Liquor Board meeting which were all held on January 6th.

Commissioner Ithurralde attended Midway Gold's groundbreaking ceremony for the Pan Mine Project in White Pine County on January 14th.

Commissioner Sharkozy met with Public Works Director, Ron Damele, on January 9th regarding items in Crescent Valley; attended a Search & Rescue training meeting in Beowawe on January 11th as well as a Search & Rescue meeting to elect new officers for the year; and attended the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board meeting on January 13th.

Chairman Goicoechea chaired the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council meeting on January 8th; participated in a conference call with livestock grazing industry folks on January 10th to strategize on grazing components of the Greater Sage-Grouse EIS; attended the Pan Mine Project groundbreaking ceremony on January 14th; and attended the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group meeting in Elko the evening of January 14th. Chairman Goicoechea commented that he went by the Crescent Valley Town Park prior to the meeting and was pleased to see the park is being used. He was disturbed to see beer cans underneath the playground equipment and implored the residents to take pride in their park and discourage this type of behavior.

RECOGNITION OF KEN & BARBARA DUGAN

Long-Time Community Service: The Board invited Ken & Barbara Dugan forward and recognized them for their years of community service (EMS, VFD, Search & Rescue). Chairman Goicoechea stated that volunteers like Ken and Barbara are the backbone of many of the services in Eureka County. He thanked them for their dedication and the selfless giving of time to their community and its citizens.

Tom Turk, Nevada Division of Forestry and former Eureka County Battalion Chief, remarked that Ken and Barbara had served on the local ambulance service since 1975 or earlier, and served with the local fire services prior to creation of the district in 1977. On behalf of NDF, he presented them with a certificate recognizing 38 years of service to the communities of Crescent Valley and Beowawe.

Commissioner Ithurralde and Commissioner Sharkozy added their appreciation. Commissioner Ithurralde said his wife, Monique, fondly remembers volunteering with Barbara during the mid-1970s.

Barbara Dugan responded that she and Ken have enjoyed their years of service; she recently recertified her EMT status and will continue volunteering on the Crescent Valley ambulance service.

The Chairman concluded by stating a resolution will be presented at the next quarterly meeting in Crescent Valley. It was not available for this meeting due to an emergency absence of staff.

CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

Crescent Valley Community Development Plan: CVTAB Chair, Vickie Etchinek, and Clerk, Dawn Gann, were in attendance to discuss implementation of the Crescent Valley

Community Development Plan. They sought direction from the Commissioners regarding forming a working committee to cooperate with the Town Board on implementation of the Crescent Valley Community Development Plan. Ms. Gann asked about Open Meeting Law restrictions that might apply to the working committee. Chairman Goicoechea responded that the District Attorney would have to be consulted, but he didn't believe working groups are subject to the same restrictions that full boards and committees must comply with under OML.

Ms. Gann provided a draft public notice soliciting interested parties to serve on the working committee. Further discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the group that the committee would be selected by the CVTAB; membership should not be restricted to town residents only, but should encompass the whole area; the working group will report to the CVTAB; and the CVTAB will in turn report to the Board of County Commissioners.

Ms. Gann remarked that implementation of the Community Development Plan is going to be a big job and she wanted assurance that the Commissioners will be available when questions arise or when assistance is needed. The Board assured the CVTAB that they could be contacted as a Board or individually. Chairman Goicoechea encouraged them to utilize County resources, including the District Attorney (for questions) and Dr. Fred Steinmann of Cooperative Extension (for guidance), as his expertise is in economic development.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Request for Public Hearing: Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, presented a letter addressed to Nevada Division of Environmental Protection requesting that a public hearing be scheduled in Crescent Valley regarding the draft permit for Precious Metals Recovery LLC, a subsidiary of Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc., to own and operate a proposed facility to manage mercury and mercury-bearing materials generated primarily by Barrick Gold's mining activities in and adjacent to Eureka County.

Barrick representatives George Fennemore, Manager Corporate Social Responsibility, and Melanie Lawson, Community Relations, were in attendance. They were able to review the draft letter prior to the meeting and had no objections.

Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to send the letter to Nevada Division of Environmental Protection requesting that a public hearing be held in Crescent Valley related to the draft permit for the mercury storage facility planned in northern Eureka County. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORTS

Eureka Fire Department: A written report was submitted by Chief Dan Brown for the quarter ending December 31, 2013. Eureka Volunteer Fire Department responded to eight calls consisting of two controlled burns and six motor vehicle accidents. Training included heavy pumper training along with hydrant revolutions.

Crescent Valley Fire Department: No report was received from the Crescent Valley Fire Department.

EUREKA COUNTY SHERIFF QUARTERLY REPORT

Detention Facility: Undersheriff Keith Logan reported that the Detention Facility had 20 inmates and 141 inmate days for the quarter. In addition to quarterly statistics, the Sheriff's Office provided statistics for calendar year 2013, which showed an increase in inmates over the previous calendar year. This can be accounted for due to housing of Elko County inmates under a temporary agreement and because several inmates were housed long-term while awaiting trial. A quarterly report on patrol statistics was included. Year-to-date totals showed 7,575 total incidents in 2013. This breaks down to offense reports, traffic accidents, narcotic events, DUIs, minors in consumption of alcohol, etc. Animal control statistics were also provided.

Commissioner Ithurralde asked about Lifeline Medical Alert statistics. The local VFW is interested in obtaining this information if it is tracked by the Sheriff's Office. Undersheriff Logan stated that a paper record is kept and he promised to look into a tracking method for these calls.

JUSTICE COURT QUARTERLY REPORTS

Eureka Justice Court: The report from Eureka Justice Court was not received in time for the meeting.

Beowawe Justice Court: Beowawe Justice Court collected \$350.25 in court related fees for the quarter and a total of \$922.00 for calendar year 2013.

CLERK & TREASURER QUARTERLY REPORT

Clerk Quarterly Report: A written report was submitted by Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley. Clerk and court fees collected for the quarter totaled \$2,171.00.

EUREKA COUNTY TELEVISION DISTRICT QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarterly Report: A written report was submitted by Dave Pastorino, President of the Television District, and Department Assistant, Annie Kniefel. The Tank Hill Improvement Project is complete. This was the final undertaking in the Television Districts major upgrades over the past few years. The all-terrain vehicle has been received and is in use in northern Eureka County. The Television District appreciated assistance from the District Attorney, Public Works, and the County Commission in establishing an agreement for storing the ATV at the Beowawe Road Shop.

Plans for the upcoming fiscal year include placement of a character generator on Tank Hill. This would allow community happenings to be advertised on local television and would allow broadcast of events such as graduations, sporting events, etc.

MEDICAL PROVIDER QUARTERLY REPORTS

Nevada Health Centers, Inc.: Nevada Health Centers submitted an update on the Eureka and Crescent Valley Clinics. Patient visits for the quarter were 705 in Eureka and 226 in Crescent Valley. Blood lead level testing began at the Eureka Clinic in October. The report detailed providers and support staff at the respective clinics. Quality assurance reporting included statistics on smoking status, visit summary/patient plan, and patient education.

Rehab Services of Nevada: A written report was received from Greg Barker, Physical Therapist and Director of Rehab Services of Nevada. There were 24 clinic days and 108 patient visits in Eureka for the quarter.

Eureka Dental Care: Dan Norris, DDS, submitted the following statistics for Eureka Dental Care: there were 38 clinic days and 297 patient visits for the quarter. Dr. Norris receives no County subsidy for his services. He has a lease agreement with the County for space at the Eureka Medical Clinic.

Clay Poplin, LCSW, LLC: Clay Poplin, LCSW, reported that he had 13 clinic days and 68 client sessions (with 106 individuals) for the quarter ending December 31, 2013. Mr. Poplin's contract, which expired on December 31st, was extended through June 30, 2014, upon recommendation from the Medical Clinic Advisory Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: Sheriff Ken Jones; Executive Assistant, Jackie Berg; Eureka County Economic Development Program Board; Eureka County Planning Commission; Eureka Business Network; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board (3); Nevada Assoc. of Counties; Central Nevada Regional Water Authority; Nevada State Senator, Pete Goicoechea;

Nevada Pool/PACT; Consumer Direct Nevada News; Nevada Dept. of Business & Industry; Western Counties Alliance; and US Fish & Wildlife Service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments. Lisa Wolf spoke as a member of the Economic Development Program Board and as a citizen. She has expressed interest to the Town Board in serving on the working committee for implementation of the Crescent Valley Community Development Plan. Ms. Wolf encouraged coordination between the CVTAB, ECEDP, and the Commissioners in moving forward with the Crescent Valley Community Development Plan as well as the Eureka County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

There were no further comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 20th day of February, 2014.

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea

J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

I, Jackie Berg, Executive Assistant to the Board of Eureka County Commissioners, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the January 15, 2014, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

/s/ Jackie Berg

Jackie Berg, Executive Assistant

I, Beverly Conley, Clerk & Treasurer of Eureka County, acknowledge and accept the attached minutes as approved by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners and attested to by the Executive Assistant of the Board.

/s/ Beverly Conley

Beverly Conley, Clerk & Treasurer