

**EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**February 6, 2015**

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COUNTY OF EUREKA )

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on February 6, 2015. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea; Vice Chairman Michael Sharkozy; Commissioner Fred Etchegaray; District Attorney, Ted Beutel; and Executive Assistant, Jackie Berg. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The interactive video conferencing system was connected and utilized between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The January 20<sup>th</sup> minutes were removed from the agenda. With that change, Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the agenda; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments. Jill Moore, Field Manager for the Egan Field Office, Ely District BLM, stated there were three items she wanted to bring to the Board’s attention. First, the Ely District has a new District Manager, Michael Herder. Mr. Herder previously served for eight years as Associate District Manager.

Second, BLM Nevada State Director, Amy Lueders, issued a memorandum dealing with the challenges of managing a continuing drought. This memo will be sent out to all permittees grazing in the Ely District. Rangeland management specialists will be directly contacting each of the permittees as well. Ms. Moore stressed that the working relationship between the Ely District and permittees has been cooperative and collaborative and this will continue.

Third, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Midway Gold’s Gold Rock Mine Project is set for release on February 13<sup>th</sup> for a 45-day public review period. This project is located in White Pine County but is very close to the Eureka County line. Eureka County participates as a cooperating agency for the EIS. A series of public meetings have been scheduled and one will take place in Eureka in the Commissioners’ Chambers of the County Courthouse on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 15<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Minutes: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015, quarterly meeting; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

**FINANCE**

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Recorder & Auditor, Sara Simmons. A couple of older invoices were pointed out to the Board, but it was determined that they were submitted prior to the six month statutory time limit. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$445,051.44 for accounts payable, \$411,075.26 for payroll, \$378,710.03 for a pass-through tax allocation to the School District, and \$10,448.66 for pass-through fees and taxes to the State of Nevada, for a grand total of \$1,245,285.39; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve Yucca Mountain expenditures in the amount of \$5,545.95; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Later in the day a special accounts payable was presented for approval. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the additional accounts payable in the amount of \$3,536.33 for contract payment for the Fixed Base Operator at the Eureka Airport; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. This brought the grand total of County expenditures for this period to \$1,248,821.72.

Auditor's Report: The Board reviewed the Auditor's Report showing current fund balances and account activity over the past month.

## **COMMISSIONERS**

Update Reports: All Commissioners attended the Liquor Board and Devil's Gate GID meetings on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Sharkozy attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>; attended the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>; and attended the Newmont breakfast meeting in Elko on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Etchegaray traveled to Carson City on January 21<sup>st</sup> for a meeting with the State Engineer and his staff to review proposed water legislation, Senate Bill 65 and Senate Bill 81. This meeting was attended by Senator Pete Goicoechea and members of the Diamond Natural Resources Protection & Conservation Association.

Chairman Goicoechea, along with some permittees, met with representatives of the BLM's National Riparian Service Team on January 21<sup>st</sup>; attended the preliminary budget session with County department heads and Budget Director, Michael Mears, on January 27<sup>th</sup>; attended the SLAG Working Group meeting the evening of January 27<sup>th</sup>; participated in a teleconference with Leo Drozdoff, Director of Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, and Cory Hunt, Senior Policy Analyst with the Governor's office on January 30<sup>th</sup> regarding ongoing sage grouse issues; had a phone call with Bill Myers of Holland & Hart on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, also regarding sage grouse issues; and has spent a lot of time reviewing and working on documents related to the Western Energy Alliance lawsuit.

Western Energy Alliance & 2014 Greater Sage-Grouse Data Quality Act: On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Board authorized a contribution of \$5,000.00 towards the Data Quality Act lawsuit filed by Western Energy Alliance to challenge the scientific data used to evaluate sage grouse for a possible listing under the Endangered Species Act. It was later found that this contribution had never been sent. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to ratify the \$5,000.00 contribution, as approved May 6<sup>th</sup>, to Western Energy Alliance for the legal challenge of scientific reports related to the 2014 Greater Sage-Grouse Data Quality Act; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

In May, the Board discussed the possibility of further contributions and signing on as a plaintiff following review of legal documents and exhibits, which have recently been made available. Chairman Goicoechea noted that the same scientific documents, that are the subject of this challenge, are being used to craft the Resource Management Plan revisions currently underway by the BLM. He recommended that the County officially join the lawsuit and provide an additional contribution. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned for Eureka County to join onto the aforementioned complaint and to send an additional \$5,000.00 in financial assistance to Western Energy Alliance; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

NACO Annual Dues: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize payment of annual dues, as budgeted, for calendar year 2015 to Nevada Association of Counties in the amount of \$13,303.00; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Assistance for Counseling: Pursuant to Eureka County Code, Title 11, Chapter 30, Eureka County must provide financial assistance, of up to \$1,000.00, for counseling of crime victims if an affidavit meeting the criteria is submitted. An affidavit was received by the District Attorney's office and the information was forwarded to the Commissioners. The name of the victim was withheld due to age of the individual. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve

the application of an individual for financial assistance for counseling pursuant to Eureka County Code, Title 11, Chapter 30; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Change Regular Meeting Date: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to move the regularly scheduled meeting of March 6<sup>th</sup> to March 5<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict with the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting and the Senate Government Affairs Committee hearing on water legislation, both scheduled for March 6, 2015. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. This change in meeting date will be published in local newspapers as required by State statute and County Code.

Set Budget Meeting: Budget Director, Michael Mears, updated the Board on the recent workshop held with department heads to kick-off the budget season. At that meeting, he informed staff that a percentage decrease is not being requested at this point, but asked everyone to take a hard look at their budgets. He acknowledged that some budgets will not survive to the end of the current fiscal year without supplementation. Revenue projections are not yet finalized, but it appears that revenue will remain static for the upcoming year. There was a significant decrease in consolidated tax in November, but hopefully this is an isolated case rather than indication of a trend. The County still owes an \$8 million credit for net proceeds of minerals tax overpaid by Newmont Mining.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the first budget meeting during the afternoon of the regular Commission meeting scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will address preliminary revenue projections, several departmental budgets, and augmentation of current year budgets.

Nevada Legislative Session: The Board discussed proposed legislation with staff. Jake Tibbitts reviewed Senate Bills 65 and 81, the State Engineer's bills. The bills will be introduced, go to respective working groups (on which Eureka County has been assured a spot), and will periodically come back for hearings for the committee to receive testimony and accept changes. Initial hearings for these bills are set for February 11<sup>th</sup>.

There are several concerns with SB 65. It provides some open-ended discretion to the State Engineer, for instance authority to deny extensions of time in critical management areas. Another issue is in calculation of duty in relation to proof of beneficial use – CFS (cubic feet per second) versus AF (acre feet). Currently, customary access to surface water must be provided to wildlife; this bill would require assurance that groundwater pumping does not affect wildlife access. SB 65 talks about streamlining the adjudication process by only providing documentation online. It proposes giving the State Engineer authority in defining perennial yield.

SB 81 addresses the authority of the State Engineer when an area is designated a critical management area. First it changes the terminology to active management area. The two sites in the State that this will most affect are Pahrump Valley and Diamond Valley. It would change the ten year timeframe for development of a groundwater management plan to a five year timeframe. Within an active management area, conservation practices would be allowed without threat of forfeiture of a water right or portion thereof. It proposes a lot of limitations, broadens the State Engineer's authority, and provides him with a lot of open-ended discretion. It provides that not less than 40% of water right holders (including domestic users) can petition for an area to be designated an active management area, while current law requires a majority of water right holders and excludes domestic wells. SB 81 proposes allowing the State Engineer to levy an assessment to create a fund for management and retirement of water rights.

SB 4 would waive certain requirements when trapping wild animals on private property. Assembly Bill 77 cleans up language in statutes related to agricultural districts, county fairs, and would specifically eliminate the statutory requirement for agricultural districts to hold an annual county fair. AB 345 represents a bill that was passed during the last Legislature, but was vetoed by the Governor. It deals with provisions governing management of certain wildlife. Eureka County agrees with the Governor that the provisions put forth are too overreaching. Assembly Joint Resolution 2 urges Congress and the US Fish & Wildlife Service to take actions to reduce

the impact of common ravens on Greater Sage Grouse. SB 44 would impose fees on the oil industry by raising the amount per barrel levied by the State to pay for administrative costs. SB 102 would provide for creation of rangeland fire protection associations.

SJR 1 is the result of the Nevada Land Management Task Force and their recommendation that Congress enact legislation to transfer certain public lands to the State of Nevada. Chairman Goicoechea participated on this Task Force and Eureka County strongly supports this legislation. SJR 2 urges Congress to require sharing of federal receipts and royalties from commercial enterprises on public lands. SJR 5 expresses support for the Nevada State Plan, Alternative E in the Greater Sage-Grouse Draft EIS, and urges the Fish & Wildlife Service to not list the bird under the Endangered Species Act.

AB 80 deals with pre-payment of net proceeds of minerals tax; the tax would still be pre-paid to the State, but distribution to local governments would occur on an actual basis. The County agrees with moving away from pre-payment of this tax, but the tiered method proposed in this legislation would create an accounting nightmare.

SB 11, termed the 'home rule' bill would shift responsibility for everything within a county, not already determined by statute, to the Board of County Commissioners. In general, the County supports this bill, but there may be some fiscal impacts. Chairman Goicoechea asked County officials and legislative representatives to review this legislation over the next few days and get back to him so that testimony can be provided at a hearing on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **SENIOR CENTERS**

Update Report: Senior Center Site Directors, Millie Oram and Adell Panning reported on their respective centers. In January, Eureka served 824 meals and Crescent Valley served 645 meals. A total of \$8,526.09 was deposited for the month. The Directors will travel to Carson City on February 9<sup>th</sup> to attend Nevada Senior Issues Day sponsored by Nevada's Commission on Aging.

## **EUREKA COUNTY RECREATION BOARD**

Proposed Donation of Property for Veterans' Memorial: Cindy Adams, member of the Recreation Board, brought information to the Commissioners on APN 001-071-06, a parcel on Main Street in Eureka. The property is owned by Biale Family Trust and Ruth Biale is interested in donating the parcel to Eureka County for construction of a Veterans' Memorial. The Trust asks for an appraisal of the property, asks that Eureka County draft the transfer documents, and requests a timeframe for building of the memorial.

The Commissioners felt this was a commendable gesture, but with budget constraints weren't sure if construction was feasible in the near future. Ms. Adams felt financial assistance for construction could be provided by the Recreation Board and she has engaged the assistance of Andrea Rossman to look into obtaining a grant for this purpose.

District Attorney, Ted Beutel, advised that a deed can be crafted outlining any conditions, such as what the property will be used for, timeframes for construction, and a clause allowing return of the property if the conditions cannot be met.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to prepare a draft deed and other pertinent paperwork for review, to look into possible grants and funding options for construction of a memorial park, and pending feasibility, to move forward with conceptually accepting the property (APN 001-071-06) for the purpose of constructing a Veterans' Memorial. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Report on Activities: Road Superintendent, Raymond Hodson, reported on Road Department projects and activities. Crews continue working in the Fish Creek area and have

hauled a lot of material there. They are nearly finished with the Snowball Road and may decide to place a string of material from the ranch to the highway before finishing up. A couple of operators were placed on ten-hour days to work on the JD Ranch Road and it is in much better shape. Asphalt crack sealant was applied to Eagle Street (aka Collingwood Lane) in Diamond Valley and to parking lots throughout the County. Unfortunately, very little snow plowing has been needed.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Public Works Projects & Activities:** Public Works Director, Ron Damele, reported on recent projects and activities. **Landfill Operation Plan Review:** The Landfill Operation Plan has been reviewed, submitted with minor modifications, and accepted by the State. **Test Well Plans:** Dale Bugenig, Consulting Hydrogeologist, and Marty Ugalde, Day Engineering, have been working on test well plans and specifications for Stevens Basin and Kobeh Valley. These should be completed by March in time for budget consideration. **Swimming Pool:** The pool had a total of 243 swimmers for the month of January. **Devil's Gate GID:** Day Engineering is working on a cost estimate for extending the mainline and looping the system to the south side of US Highway 50 in District 1 of the Devil's Gate GID. This will be presented during budget discussions. **Roberts Creek Ranch Road Re-Route:** The right-of-way from the BLM for the Roberts Creek Ranch Road re-route has been received and crews are evaluating the area. A suitable gravel source has been located on private property near the site. **Electrical Boiler Evaluation:** CR Engineering is proceeding with electrical boiler design work for the County Courthouse. Plans should be completed in about six weeks.

**Dry Hills Mercury Storage Facility & Chemical Action Prevention Program:** Daniel Lattin, Senior Environmental Engineer for Barrick Goldstrike, was in attendance to provide an update with Mr. Damele and Sheriff Keith Logan on the Chemical Action Prevention Program for the planned Dry Hills Mercury Storage Facility in northern Eureka County. The Chemical Action Prevention Program is required as part of the permit for the mercury storage facility. A pre-application meeting was held on January 20<sup>th</sup> between Barrick, Eureka County, and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to discuss road access, emergency response, security of the site, and design overview. NDEP has asked the County to review the application for compliance with code (International Building Code, fire codes, etc.). The County will engage a company to conduct this review and will be reimbursed by Barrick Gold Corporation.

Eureka County is working with Mr. Lattin and his design team on the Dry Hills Road, which will be upgraded by Barrick prior to construction of the facility. This will ensure access for emergency response, if needed, during the construction phase.

**Memorandum of Understanding with Barrick Cortez, Inc.:** Mr. Damele presented an Amended & Restated Memorandum of Understanding between Eureka County and Barrick Cortez, Inc., as Manager of the Cortez Joint Venture, for maintenance on County roads. This agreement affects approximately 36 miles of County road from State Route 278, to the Horse Ranch, to Dugout, to the northern County line. The MOU outlines the level of maintenance to be performed and provides that a temporary FTE (full-time equivalent) County employee will be funded by Barrick for a period of two years, with the ability to extend this position for an additional ten years. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to accept the Amended & Restated Memorandum of Understanding between Barrick Cortez, Inc. and Eureka County and authorized the Chairman to sign it outside of the meeting; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## **SLAG WORKING GROUP**

**Update on SLAG Working Group:** Ron Damele serves as Chairman for the SLAG Working Group and he provided an update on their January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Representatives of

the US Environmental Protection Agency and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection were in attendance. Also present were two affected members of the public, Richard Baker and Marianna Titus, property owners of the slag dumps on the north end of Eureka.

The purpose of the group is to provide a more intensive and interactive review of documents being produced by the EPA and NDEP in relation to historical milling and smelting activities in the Townsite of Eureka and the related cleanup efforts. An Engineering Evaluation & Cost Analysis (EE/CA) is being prepared and the SLAG Working Group will review chapters as they are drafted.

The January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting included review of the Removal Action Objective and Operable Units & Removal Action Alternatives, as well as acceptance of the Community Relations Plan. The next meeting will be set as further chapters in the EE/CA become available.

## **COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Resolution for Publication of Tax Roll: Assessor Michael Mears informed the Board that he has published the tax roll for Eureka County, but a resolution must be adopted as an administrative function required by statute. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt a resolution directing the County Assessor to prepare and publish a list of all taxpayers on the secured tax roll in Eureka County, along with total valuation of property on which they will severally pay taxes, pursuant to NRS 361.300. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## **EUREKA COUNTY FAIR BOARD**

Appointment of Crissy Hubbard: Department Assistant, Anne Kniefel, explained that the vacancy on the Fair Board was advertised and one letter of interest was received. The Fair Board recommended appointment of this person. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to appoint Crissy Hubbard to the vacancy on the Eureka County Fair Board for a four-year term; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

Report on Activities: Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, reported on recent activities. Mr. Tibbitts and Dale Bugenig met with Barrick representatives on January 21<sup>st</sup> regarding water budgets in Diamond Valley. Mr. Tibbitts attended the Situation Assessment meeting with BLM's National Riparian Service Team on January 21<sup>st</sup> in Eureka; traveled to Carson City on January 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> for the State Conservation Commission strategic planning workshop; traveled to Reno on January 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> for the Nevada Water Resource Association Annual Conference; participated in a teleconference with BLM and Nevada Department of Wildlife regarding pinyon-juniper thinning around water sources and guzzler development; attended a meeting of the County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife on the afternoon of January 30<sup>th</sup>; and traveled to New Orleans February 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> for the National Association of Conservation Districts Conference.

Meeting Highlights: Nevada Water Resources Association Annual Conference: The theme of the conference was drought and Mr. Tibbitts noted that the differences between hydrologic drought and vegetative drought were addressed at the conference. A new tool, developed by Desert Research Institute, was introduced which helps separate and determine the type of drought. Mr. Tibbitts participated on one of the conference panels on groundwater management planning. National Association of Conservation Districts Conference: The conference was very good and Nevada was well represented. While there, Mr. Tibbitts was able to sit down with Cynthia Moses-Nedd, who is the BLM's Liaison to State & Local Government, to discuss coordination with cooperating agencies.

Upcoming Meetings: Upcoming meetings include a Crescent Valley Firewise Committee meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>; a Ruby Hill Community Advisory Committee meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> in the Commissioners' Chambers; a Natural Resources Advisory Commission meeting the evening of February 11<sup>th</sup>; a meeting with the BLM in Eureka on February 13<sup>th</sup> to review the 3 Bars Ecosystem & Landscape Restoration Project; a Biochar Workshop sponsored by Nevada Pinyon-Juniper Partnership in Minden on February 18<sup>th</sup>; and a series of hearings and workshops hosted by the Nevada State Engineer regarding the proposed order for the Humboldt River Basin Hydrographic Region (4) - in Lovelock on February 12<sup>th</sup>, in Winnemucca on February 12<sup>th</sup>, and in Elko on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

CMZ Exploration Project EA: Mr. Tibbitts reported that the Decision Record for the Environmental Assessment and the FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) have been signed for NuLegacy Gold Corporation's CMZ Exploration Project.

Fish Creek HMA Wild Horse Gather: Comments were submitted to the BLM Battle Mountain District on the Fish Creek Herd Management Area wild horse gather and fertility control treatment. A portion of the comments addressed lack of coordination with the County in relation to law enforcement, road closures, light road maintenance, and law enforcement during gathers. A response was just received from the District Manager inviting Eureka County to participate in a kick-off meeting next week related to this gather.

No FONSI or Decision Record has been issued on the EA under which this horse gather will be conducted. The BLM has already engaged a contractor and plans on gathering horses sometime within the next month.

Resignation from CAB: A letter of resignation from the County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was received from Brad Heyen. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to accept the letter from Brad Heyen notifying of his resignation from the County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Mr. Tibbitts noted that he will begin advertising for this vacancy which represents public interests.

BLM Grazing Decisions: Recent action by the BLM fined a permittee on the Fish Creek Allotment \$30,000.00 for willful trespass of livestock. This permittee attended the Situation Assessment meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> and was able to work with the BLM to make some adjustments. The BLM substantially reduced the fine to a non-willful trespass and is working with the permittee so he can graze livestock this year. Mr. Tibbitts noted that it is not fair to continue issuing grazing restrictions to the permittees when wild horses in that area are 400% over AML (appropriate management level).

Letter to BLM: Mr. Tibbitts has received numerous calls from permittees and he believes some are in response to the drought memo issued by the BLM that Jill Moore, Field Manager for the Egan Field Office, Ely District BLM, spoke about in public comment. He noted that the letter is encouraging permittees to anticipate what their needs might be into the fall.

Last year a letter was sent to the BLM districts outlining Eureka County's policies and reiterating that the agency needs to first look at every feasible option before grazing restrictions are imposed. Mr. Tibbitts recommended sending a similar letter again to the various districts. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to send a letter to the BLM districts regarding Eureka County's policies and authorized the Chairman to sign the letter outside of the meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## **CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD**

Direction Related to CVTAB: During the January 15<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting, the Board discussed the future of the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board since only one person (Dawn Gann) filed for candidacy for the 2014 Election. The Commissioners declined to make a decision at that meeting until they received counsel from the District Attorney.

Options for consideration at the current meeting were to sunset the CVTAB, make appointments to the CVTAB, or allow the CVTAB to function with one member. District Attorney, Ted Beutel, informed that the CVTAB isn't necessarily inactive because there is only one member. This person can continue to hold meetings, have agendas posted, and have minutes drafted, but cannot take action on any item due to lack of a quorum. As an advisory board to the Commissioners, any items requiring action would simply be passed on and placed on the Commissioners' agenda. Chairman Goicoechea added that the Community Development Implementation Plan Working Committee under the CVTAB can continue to function and can make their recommendations directly to the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to allow the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board to continue to function with one member, under the criteria outlined by the District Attorney, until the next election cycle; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

### **CRESCENT VALLEY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM**

Direction Related to Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget: This item was also discussed during the quarterly meeting. At that time, Adell Panning informed the Board that the Crescent Valley Activities Program would need an additional \$1,700.00 to host the remaining activities for the fiscal year. At that meeting it was suggested that funds could be moved from those allocated to the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board, but Budget Director, Michael Mears, advised it would be more efficient to supplement directly from the General Fund.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to augment the Crescent Valley Activities Program budget for the current fiscal year in the amount of \$1,700.00 from the General Fund to cover services and supplies; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Panning requested that the budget also be augmented for wages for the Social Activities Coordinator. The current year's budget had \$6,500.00 allotted for salaries and wages and approximately \$5,000.00 has been used to date. This request will be placed on the next agenda. Chairman Goicoechea asked Ms. Panning to provide a detailed estimate of how many hours will be needed for the remainder of the fiscal year.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received from: Crissy Hubbard; Brad Heyen; District Attorney, Ted Beutel (3); County Assessor & Budget Director, Michael Mears (2); Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley; Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts (3); EMS Coordinator, Michael Sullivan; Natural Resources Advisory Commission; Eureka County Planning Commission (2); Eureka County Economic Development Program; Eureka County Fair Board; Medical Clinics Advisory Committee; Nevada Association of Counties (4); Eureka County 4H Program; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board (2); Tri-County Meeting agenda (2); White Pine County Commissioners; Nye County Commissioner, Dan Schinhofen; Western Governors' Association; University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (2); Allison, MacKenzie, Ltd. (3); Nevada Assemblyman, John Hambrick; Nevada Pool PACT (2); State Historic Preservation Office; Nevada Aging & Disability Service Division; Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; Consumer Direct (2); US Geological Survey; Western Counties Alliance; Department of the Navy, Naval Air Station Fallon;

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments; there were none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.



Approved by vote of the Board this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

/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 February 6, 2015, 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