# EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS February 22, 2021

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on February 22, 2021. 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. 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 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Chairman said the Natural Resource agenda items would be taken early in the meeting to allow Mr. Tibbitts to continue testimony on issues before the Nevada State Legislature. The February 4<sup>th</sup> minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the agenda with the noted changes; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments.

Sheriff Watts said the community lost a wonderful person this past week with the passing of Carol Bigrigg, stating she was a retired Deputy Sheriff and a dedicated DARE officer who will be lovingly remembered.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

Report on Activities: Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts reported on recent activities.

<u>Diamond Valley Adjudication</u>: Mr. Tibbitts has spent a lot of time working with expert and lay witnesses to submit reports and exhibits to the court in the Diamond Valley Adjudication case.

<u>Sage Grouse Litigation</u>: During the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mr. Tibbitts reported on the County's continued involvement and intervention in the federal Greater Sage Grouse Land Management Plan Amendment (LMPA) case before the US District Court for Idaho, where the court issued an injunction to halt implementation of the 2019 LMPA.

Since then, Elko County has voted to join the case and Humboldt County has a pending agenda item to consider the same. Laura Granier, Esq., is actively working on paperwork to submit to the court seeking intervention by Elko and Humboldt Counties.

<u>US Forest Service Rangeland Management Directives</u>: As authorized at the last meeting, Mr. Tibbitts continues working with the Chairman to prepare comments on proposed updates to the US Forest Service Rangeland Management Directives. Comments were originally due February 16<sup>th</sup> but, in response to multiple requests, the USFS extended the deadline by 60 days.

<u>Upcoming Meetings/Events</u>: Ruby Hill Mine is hosting a Citizen Advisory Committee meeting later in the day. The Humboldt River Basin Water Authority is meeting in Lovelock on February 23<sup>rd</sup>; Mr. Tibbitts and Chairman Goicoechea will attend by phone. The US Fish & Wildlife Service is hosting a Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Recovery meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council is meeting, and will either elect a new Chairman or retain Mr. Tibbitts as Chair.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Nevada Supreme Court will consider appointments to a commission to study Nevada water law. This is part of an effort to streamline water rights appeals in the State,

with the potential of establishing a court specific to water cases. Eureka County has been identified as one of three rural counties that will have representation on this commission.

2021 NDOT State Rail Plan: Mr. Tibbitts attended the Virtual Rail Summit on February 16<sup>th</sup> regarding Nevada Department of Transportation's State Rail Plan. NDOT made it clear that its goal is to work closely with local governing bodies to ensure consistency with local plans and policies. The Plan is mostly positive and will provide transportation benefits to mining and agriculture, the County's primary industries. Mr. Tibbitts didn't see a need to submit comments at this point, but felt the County should monitor progress as NDOT works to implement the Plan over the next several years.

## DIAMOND VALLEY GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Monitoring Program Update: Dale Bugenig, Consulting Hydrogeologist, gave a detailed update and slide presentation showing results of the groundwater monitoring in Diamond Valley, which has been ongoing for nine years. The monitoring network is comprised of data loggers installed on about a dozen wells to track groundwater levels. Half of the loggers are maintained by Eureka County and half are maintained by Diamond Natural Resources Protection & Conservation Association.

Mr. Bugenig noted that water levels stabilized in 2019, a year with good precipitation that allowed producers to reduce pumping. But 2020 was a very dry year, resulting in a 23.5% increase in pumping. This accounts for water levels being several feet lower in December 2020 when compared to measurements taken in December 2019. The wells showed water level declines anywhere from one to seven feet but, overall, most were down about five feet.

One shallower well provides data on water levels above the widespread clay layer, and didn't show the drastic declines seen in the deeper irrigation wells this past year.

Another well of interest is the furthest well to the northwest, which has shown significant drawdown in the last couple years. This can be attributed to a large irrigation well in the vicinity that Sadler Ranch began pumping sometime before November 2018 and has pumped continuously since that time. Before this, drawdown in the affected northwestern well had actually been reduced by half and stayed fairly consistent for about five years.

Mr. Bugenig advised that some data loggers may need to be replaced in the near future. There are four that are relatively new, but the remaining loggers have been operating for nine years and do have a finite lifespan.

He reminded the Board that the test well in Kobeh Valley is now being monitored as well, but with only a few months' worth of data, it is too early to draw any conclusions.

### RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING EMPLOYEE

Resolution for Garney Damele: The Board congratulated Garney Damele on her retirement. Chairman Goicoechea said the County was fortunate to have her as an employee and noted she was instrumental in a lot of great things that happened in the County and the Town of Eureka.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt a resolution honoring Garney Damele for over three decades of dedicated service; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Eureka, Nevada February 22, 2021

# RESOLUTION HONORING GARNEY DAMELE FOR OVER THREE DECADES OF SERVICE TO EUREKA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to honor long time employee, Garneth Rachel Damele, for over 32 years of dedicated service to Eureka County; and

WHEREAS, Eureka County acknowledges the following biographical information: Garney was born in Newman, California, to Bill and Rachel Marshall on December 11, 1965. Her family moved to Eureka in 1979 and Garney graduated from Eureka

County High School in 1984. She went on to study Journalism at Oregon State University. Garney married J.D. Damele in June 1991, and they raised three daughters: Melissa, Megan, and Jamie, all graduates (or soon to be graduates) of Eureka County High School.

WHEREAS, Garney began working for Eureka County in the summer of 1984 as Assistant Director at the Sentinel Museum. In 1989 she returned and worked part-time for both the Sheriff's Office and Cooperative Extension, transferring to the Assessor's Office in 1991 where she worked as Deputy Assessor, earning the title of Appraisal Supervisor in April 2011.

WHEREAS, Garney served Eureka County in other capacities, including work as Secretary to the Planning Commission for several years. Garney served as founding member and Co-Chair to the Health Insurance Advisory Committee from September 2006 through January 2014. In October of 2012, the Board of County Commissioners asked her to serve as a founding member on the newly formed Medical Clinics Advisory Committee.

WHEREAS, Garney served as the first Chairperson of the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee from October 2012 through June 2019. As Chair, she sacrificed many hours and was instrumental in developing bid requirements and soliciting bids from medical providers, resulting in Eureka County contracting with a reputable and dependable medical team (William Bee Ririe Hospital) for the local clinics. This provided Eureka County with consistent physician and midlevel provider services, something that had been a challenging endeavor for many years.

WHEREAS, Garney has a love for her family, friends, and community and the rural and rich lifestyle that we enjoy. Garney's interest in preserving, sustaining, and beautifying downtown Eureka, as well as fostering new businesses on Main Street, led her to form the nonprofit organization, Eureka Restoration Enterprise, in April 2016. ERE has a storefront and gallery at 180 N. Main that features artisans and goods from all seventeen Nevada counties. Garney and ERE are responsible for the addition of three beautiful murals on Main Street, purchase of the old Nevada State Bank building which now houses a pharmacy, and events such as the Annual Wine Walk.

WHEREAS, County officials, co-workers, and friends celebrate with Garney, who has been an exemplary and invaluable member of our workforce and community, as she retires and embarks on the next meaningful adventures in her life.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Eureka County Commissioners recognizes Garney Damele for her longtime service and dedication to Eureka County and her involvement in preserving and enhancing downtown Eureka.

BE IT 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.

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

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea, DVM

J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

/s/ Michael Sharkozy

Michael Sharkozy, Vice Chairman

/s/ Rich McKay

Rich McKay, Member

Attest: /s/ Jackie Berg

Jackie Berg, Comm. Admin. Asst.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<u>January 20, 2021</u>: The Board motioned, seconded, and voted to approve minutes of the January 20, 2021, meeting.

<u>February 5, 2021</u>: The Board motioned, seconded, and voted to approve minutes of the February 5, 2021, meeting.

## **COMPTROLLER**

<u>Payment of Expenditures</u>: Expenditures were presented for approval by Comptroller Kim Todd. One invoice exceeded the six-month limit and required approval. Commissioner Sharkozy

motioned to approve payment of \$585.00 to Martin-Ross & Associates for Invoice #15-5765 for a pre-employment background check for a Sheriff's Office employee. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$376,408.69 for accounts payable and \$356,542.04 for payroll and benefit related expenses (including employee paid deductions), for a grand total of \$732,950.73. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fund Balance Report: The Board reviewed the report on current fund balances.

<u>Transfer Park Budget</u>: Ms. Todd recommended moving the budget for the Crescent Valley Town Park into the General Fund Public Parks budget instead of tracking it in the Crescent Valley Town budget. This provides more consistency because the Eureka parks are tracked in the General Fund instead of the Eureka Town budget. She checked with the external auditor and there are no financial or audit restrictions that would prevent this move.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to transfer the Crescent Valley Town Park budget to the General Fund Public Parks budget beginning Fiscal Year 2022. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Holiday Pay Guidelines</u>: Ms. Todd met with the Sheriff's Office and consulted with PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) regarding the RDO (regular day off) payroll code used by the Sheriff's Office for holiday leave, which is paid at the straight hourly rate. Instead, they should be paid holiday leave, with that time counted when computing overtime.

She explained that Sheriff's Office employees, EMS employees, and the on-call Public Works utility worker (who are regularly scheduled to work on holidays) should receive holiday pay at a PERS-eligible overtime rate when they work on a holiday. Employees who work on a holiday, that don't typically work holidays, should receive overtime pay that is not reportable to PERS.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt holiday pay guidelines based on Public Employees Retirement System policy requirements. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Senior Programs: The Board of Health met earlier in the day and recommended that the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center reopen at limited capacity on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Capacity will be limited to staff and 13 senior citizens for congregate meals. All others will continue receiving home-delivered meals until the centers are opened again to full capacity. Seniors who wish to dine at the centers must call by 9:00 a.m. to reserve space on a first-come, first-served basis. COVID restrictions will be observed at the centers during this time.

The Board of Health also recommended that senior transportation services resume on March 1<sup>st</sup>, limited to five persons per van, with priority given to seniors traveling for doctor appointments. COVID restrictions will be enforced during travel.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to uphold the Board of Health's recommendations, as described, related to the Seniors Program congregate meals and transportation services. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Juvenile Probation Programs</u>: During the Board of Health meeting, Juvenile Probation Officer Steve Zimmerman informed that he is utilizing school facilities to reinstate most activities. Later he will use County facilities, primarily the ball fields, and will submit specific plans prior to those events. The Board of Health approved reinstating Juvenile Probation programs.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to uphold the Board of Health's recommendation to reinstate Juvenile Probation programs, including the use of County facilities as described. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>County Facilities</u>: The Board of Health approved reopening County facilities on March 1<sup>st</sup>, limited to 50% capacity, with continued observation of COVID restrictions. The Commissioners concurred with the Board of Health's action.

<u>Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council</u>: Chairman Goicoechea motioned to appoint Justice of the Peace Dorothy Rowley to the newly created Nevada Local Reinvestment Coordinating Council for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2021. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>CDBF-CV Grant</u>: The County was recently notified it is eligible for a grant to prepare, prevent, and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic. This is a Community Development Block Grant and the County is eligible for \$28,858.00.

Commissioner McKay participated in a teleconference with the Governor's CDBG team about what the funds can be used for, and he recommended that the County apply for this grant.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to sign the Grant Agreement with the Nevada Community Development Block Grant Program (Rural Community & Economic Development Division of the Governor's Office of Economic Development) for CDBG Coronavirus Funds Round 2 in the amount of \$28,858.00. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Nevada Legislative Session</u>: Chairman Goicoechea reported that he and Jake Tibbitts are actively working on and providing testimony on several bills before the State Legislature. This includes bills addressing structure of the State Board of Agriculture, structure of the State Board of Wildlife Commissioners, various water legislation, and the bill that would allow accommodations for Cooperating Agencies under Open Meeting Law.

Sheriff Watts informed he is tracking legislation related to "red flag" laws, a proposal to give the Governor sole authority in appointing the POST Executive Director, legislation regarding law enforcement body cameras, and a bill requiring more training for justice personnel.

<u>Content for Plain Talk Newsletter</u>: Editor Abby Johnson joined the meeting by phone for a detailed discussion with the Board and staff to determine content and publication schedule for the next edition of the *Plain Talk* newsletter. In addition to articles (including a feature article on the Television District and its Board), the newsletter will include a calendar of events for May through October. Ms. Johnson is planning for publication and mailing of the newsletter around mid-April.

#### YUCCA MOUNTAIN

<u>Update on Yucca Mountain Project</u>: Nuclear Waste Advisor Abby Johnson reported on the Yucca Mountain Project. Jennifer Granholm, former Governor of Michigan, was just appointed as the Secretary of Energy. At her confirmation hearing, she said she is committed to safe alternatives to Yucca Mountain and confirmed that the Biden Administration opposes Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository site.

Ms. Johnson shared that Rick Moore, transportation advisor, discovered that another round of highway shipments of nuclear waste are planned in 2021 on Interstate-80 from a lab in California to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico.

The Department of Energy recently received approval to build and test high-tech rail cars designed specifically to transport spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. The testing will begin in Pueblo, Colorado.

Ms. Johnson said she wouldn't be surprised to see the State of Nevada take legal action, possibly later this year, to force the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to act on the Yucca Mountain licensing application.

<u>Subcontract</u>: The contract with Ms. Johnson authorizes her to subcontract with Board approval, and she asked to continue subcontracting with the transportation consultant.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize Abby Johnson to subcontract with Richard Moore, PE, to provide Yucca Mountain related transportation advisor services in 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for time and materials. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### IT DEPARTMENT

<u>IT Update</u>: IT Director Misty Rowley reported on IT projects and activities.

<u>Fiber Projects</u>: Syber Networks assisted Ms. Rowley in patching over new fiber recently installed at various County facilities. After one more visit, the patching will be complete.

Quest Media completed fiber optic installation between the north tower and the hut on Tank Hill and re-terminated fiber connections between the hut and the bus barn at Eureka County High School.

<u>Integrated Antivirus</u>: Ms. Rowley is working on switching from the stand-alone antivirus to an integrated version. This requires manually updating software on every computer owned by the County, making this a time-consuming project.

Other Projects: The IT Department continues setting up databases to comply with best practices. Ms. Rowley responded to a massive public records request and forwarded another one to the District Attorney. She set up two new copy machines, participated in continuity of operations meetings with the Clerk's office and the State, and is working on a security audit with the Sheriff's Office.

## **SENIOR CENTERS**

<u>Hiring Freeze Waiver Justifications</u>: Senior Centers Program Director Millie Oram submitted two Hiring Freeze Waiver requests to the Board for a vacancy in Crescent Valley and a vacancy in Eureka.

There was a brief discussion about casual workers at the Senior Centers. A certain amount is budgeted each year for casual hours. There is a higher turnover rate with casual workers because they often leave to accept higher paying benefited positions. Due to this, the Board agreed that the Senior Centers should manage staff similar to the Swimming Pool when replacing casual workers.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to waive the hiring freeze and authorize the Director to hire two Casual Worker III positions, one in Eureka and one in Crescent Valley, and further motioned to waive the requirement for the Senior Centers Program to seek hiring approval when filling casual positions. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **TREASURER**

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: The Treasurer's Report for January was submitted by Treasurer Pernecia Johnson, showing an ending General Fund balance of \$35,081,698.20. Ms. Johnson commented that, despite the rates being low, she was pleased that the County earned \$80,000.00 in interest for the month.

#### CLERK RECORDER

<u>Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification – Deputy Clerk Recorder</u>: Clerk Recorder Lisa Hoehne submitted a Hiring Freeze Waiver, stating that one of her staff members transferred to a higher paying position in the County.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to waive the hiring freeze and authorize the Clerk Recorder to fill a vacant Deputy position in her office. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### SHERIFF

Out-of-State Travel: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize out-of-state travel for Sheriff Jesse Watts to travel to The Woodlands, Texas, where he has been asked to speak and participate in "The County Sheriff: America's Last Hope" Conference on February 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

This event is not County related, so Sheriff Watts explained that all expenses will be paid with non-County funds, with no request for reimbursement.

<u>Grant-Paid Overtime for Undersheriff</u>: Sheriff Watts requested authorization for the Undersheriff to earn grant-funded overtime when working specific events or projects, such as Joining Forces. He felt this was preferable to returning grant monies that are unused.

The Board had a lengthy discussion about paying an exempt employee overtime, even if the overtime is not paid with County funds. Commissioner Sharkozy was concerned this would set a precedent, and the other Commissioners agreed it might.

After a long discussion, the Board agreed to allow it on a trial basis only, noting that it must be documented on an official timesheet, be reported to PERS, and be subject to the annual audit. Comptroller Todd informed that overtime is not PERS eligible for earning post-employment benefits, but agreed the time should be reported.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to allow the Undersheriff position to be overtime eligible for specific grant funded projects, with the following parameters: the overtime will only be paid with grant monies and no County funds will be involved, the Undersheriff is only to work overtime on these events if no other personnel are available, and this is only approved on a trial basis that will end on June 30, 2021. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **COUNTY FACILITIES**

<u>Facilities Update</u>: Joyce Jeppesen, Public Works Assistant Director-Administration, gave an update on activities at County managed facilities.

<u>Eureka Opera House</u>: In January, the Opera House had 20 tourists and 16 participants in scheduled meetings or events.

<u>Sentinel Museum</u>: The Museum had 60 visitors in January. Ms. Jeppesen invited the Board to visit the Museum to view the updated exhibits.

<u>Swimming Pool</u>: There were 128 swimmers at the Pool for the month. This was reserved swimming for adults who do lap swimming. Two lifeguards earned certification as water safety instructors and one attendant passed his lifeguard exam.

<u>Eureka Airport</u>: In January, the Airport sold 70.59 gallons of avgas. The Airport is eligible to receive \$9,000.00 in CARES Act funding, and Ms. Jeppesen is working on the grant application.

<u>Eureka Canyon Subdivision</u>: An individual inquired and was given an application to purchase a subdivision lot.

<u>Eureka Landfill</u>: The Landfill had 388 (340 municipal, 48 commercial) customers in January, and received 105 tons of municipal waste and 147 tons of construction and demolition debris. Interviews were conducted on January 18<sup>th</sup> and Hallee DeChambeau was the successful candidate for the vacant Landfill position and will begin on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

<u>NDEP Responsible Official</u>: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to sign the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Responsible Official & Facility Editor Change Request Forms naming Jeb Rowley as the responsible official for the Eureka Landfill. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

<u>Public Works Update</u>: Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported on projects and activities. <u>COVID Vaccines</u>: Emergency Management, with assistance from EMS, continues facilitating first-round and second-round vaccines in both Eureka and Crescent Valley. Vaccines are now being administered in other rural areas of the County, such as Pine Valley. A large supply of rapid tests has been procured, which will expand testing capabilities. The tests are also needed for compliance as sports events resume for local student bodies.

The CDC clarified that booster vaccines are effective at least six weeks after the initial dose. This is good news after shipment delays, caused by weather, postponed deliveries of booster vaccines. An additional 100 first-dose vaccines were allocated to Eureka County after the State granted credit for vaccines given to local essential workers who are not County residents.

<u>Radio Network</u>: Public Works has been preparing to conduct testing with Galena Group and Western States Enterprises in order to prove effectiveness of LTE coverage and connection points for P25 radio coverage. Testing should begin later in the day and will be ongoing for several days. The team will also explore a cure to the coverage issue between Mary's Mountain and Tank Hill.

<u>Buildings & Grounds</u>: Crews are working on several projects in Crescent Valley. The new pavilion building has been ordered. There are some aging concrete structures in County buildings. Staff is testing different compounds and some specialized epoxy to seal concrete in the well houses. This may prove effective for use in other facilities, including bathrooms and showers at the Detention Center.

<u>Road Shop</u>: The Road Shop is implementing some asset management software that will be useful in tracking vehicles and equipment. This will help with planning the most cost-effective replacement schedule by showing when equipment is no longer supported by warranties or parts availability and helping identify when equipment has peak trade-in value.

<u>Fire Training</u>: Red Card wildland firefighter refresher trainings are being scheduled for Public Works staff and volunteer firefighters.

<u>Water & Sewer Service</u>: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the application for a 3/4-inch residential water and a residential sewer service at 561 Ridgetop Road in Eureka to service APN 001-012-30. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Commercial Water Service</u>: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a 1½-inch commercial water service in Crescent Valley to serve APN 002-013-05. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Storage Building</u>: Mr. Rowley indicated, even with high lumber costs, it is more cost effective to build a storage building than to purchase a Conex, and will result in a more usable storage unit for the Fannie Komp Senior Center. The buildings and grounds crew will do the construction, saving the expense of hiring a contractor.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve purchasing materials to build a storage building for the Fannie Komp Senior Center in Crescent Valley, for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay in the Capital Projects Fund. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Chevrolet Tahoe Quote</u>: As explained in previous meetings, vehicle procurement is challenging as dealers are suspending fleet orders due to impacts from COVID. The last vehicle approved was one of the 3,000 orders cancelled by General Motors. Mr. Rowley thanked Ms. Todd for her assistance in locating a replacement vehicle that closely matched the specifications they were seeking in a car pool vehicle.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the quote from Findlay Chevrolet to purchase a new Chevrolet Tahoe under State of Nevada Fleet Vehicle Contract #99SWC-NV19-2042, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Capital Projects Fund. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: Assessor Michael Mears; Treasurer Pernecia Johnson (2); Comptroller Kim Todd (2); Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board; Juvenile Probation; Humboldt River Basin Water Authority; Humboldt County Assistant Manager; Central Nevada Regional Water Authority; Nevada Supreme Court; NV Energy; Nevada Dept. of Transportation; Nevada Dept. of Public Safety; Nevada Div. of Minerals; Nevada Dept. of Sentencing Policy (2); Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development; Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection (2); US Rural Development Nevada; Nevada Div. of Water Resources (4); US Dept. of the Interior-BLM (2); US Forest Service; County News Now; Walmart Public Affairs & Government Relations; National Assoc. of Counties; Rave Mobile Safety; and White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments; there were none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner McKay motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 19th day of March, 2021.

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea, DVM J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

I, Jackie Berg, Commissioner Administrative Assistant, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the February 22, 2021, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

\_/s/ Jackie Berg
Jackie Berg, Commissioner Administrative Asst.

I, Lisa Hoehne, Clerk Recorder of Eureka County, acknowledge and accept the attached minutes as approved by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners and attested to by the Commissioner Administrative Assistant.

\_/s/ Lisa Hoehne Lisa Hoehne, Clerk