

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 6, 2017

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CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on March 6, 2017. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea; Vice Chairman Michael Sharkozy; Commissioner Fred Etchegaray; District Attorney, Ted Beutel; and Commissioner Clerk, 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 Yucca Mountain update, discussion related to the *Plain Talk* newsletter, and February 21st Commission minutes were tabled. With those changes, 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; there were none.

COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Comptroller, Tina Hubbard. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$123,013.83 for accounts payable, \$340,375.08 for payroll, \$1,218,359.37 for a pass-through tax allocation to the School District, \$3,611.95 for a pass-through to the State Controller, \$220.00 for a pass-through to the Division of Minerals, and \$3,400.00 in Yucca Mountain expenses, for a grand total of \$1,688,980.23. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fund Balances Report: The Board reviewed a print-out of current fund balances.

ANNUAL DRAG RACES

Request to Utilize Eureka Airport: Scooter Mentaberry was in attendance on behalf of Monty Hudson. Mr. Hudson offered to produce the Annual Drag Races, now scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend. He requested authorization to utilize the Eureka Airport. Public Works Director, Ron Damele, stated there were no issues and that Public Works is working with Mr. Hudson to ensure that proper insurance is in place.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to authorize use of the Eureka Airport for the Annual Drag Races scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

ARTS IN THE PARK EVENT

Eureka Business Network: Eleny Mentaberry, Secretary/Coordinator for Eureka Business Network, was in attendance to request that EBN assume production of the annual Arts in the Park event.

Public Works Administrative Assistant, Joyce Jeppesen, explained the finances. Certain expenses for the event have already been paid, such as deposits. The current fund for Arts in the Park has a balance of \$10,474.47, with \$7,500.00 of that already committed for final

payments to entertainers for the event. This leaves nearly \$3,000.00. Another \$4,000.00 in grant funding is available for advertising, and Ms. Jeppesen will complete the grant paperwork.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize Eureka Business Network to produce the 2017 Arts in the Park event with the funding as outlined; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Report on Activities: Raymond Hodson, Assistant Public Works Director, reported on Road Department projects and activities. Snow plowing and snow removal continued to keep crews busy in early February. As weather warmed a bit, attention turned to flood control and some blading was done. Staff spent quite a bit of time straightening and cleaning culverts, and several were replaced. Material at the Roberts Creek Pit is being prepared with plans to continue the gravel haul on JD Ranch Road. Screening of material continues in the Cottonwood Pit. As time allows, mowing is being done on the Fish Creek Road. Half of a cattle guard was replaced on the Dann Road.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Update: There are no issues with the utility systems or County buildings. Leah Smith was hired to fill the vacant Senior Department Assistant position in the Public Works office. L.N. Curtis serviced and certified all Cascade air-filling systems at the Volunteer Fire Departments the previous week.

Red Card Refresher Training: Annual Red Card Wildland Fire Refresher training is scheduled March 21st in Eureka for volunteer firemen and March 22nd at the Opera House for other cardholders. Training will be conducted the evening of March 22nd in Crescent Valley for the Crescent Valley and Beowawe volunteers. Training for Pine Valley and Dunphy volunteers will be scheduled at a later date.

Initial Red Card training is now a 30-hour class. A class is scheduled in Elko on March 23rd, 24th, and 25th, and a second class is scheduled in Spring Creek on March 28th, 29th, and 30th. Public Works will be sending some staff for training.

Wildland Fire Protection Program: Mr. Damele and Chairman Goicoechea met with representatives of Nevada Division of Forestry the previous week to refine the scope of work for the Wildland Fire Protection Program contract. The annual amount has not changed.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a two-year contract with the State of Nevada, acting by and through its Department of Conservation & Natural Resources and Nevada Division of Forestry for the Wildland Fire Protection Program for an annual amount of \$150,000.00 (\$300,000.00 total), for a contract term of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Aviation Fuel Supply Agreement: With recent renewal of the Fixed Base Operator contract for the Eureka Airport, Eureka County assumed responsibility for purchasing and selling fuel. Eureka County will purchase bulk fuel from Avfuel Corporation, who will manage sale of AV gas and Jet A fuel at the Airport utilizing a card system.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve a one-year Aviation Fuel Supply Agreement with Avfuel Corporation for purchase, sale, and management of Jet A fuel and AV gas; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

2017 Street Maintenance Project: A proposal was received from Lumos & Associates for design, construction assistance, materials testing, and inspection for the 2017 Street Maintenance Project. The proposal included an additional amount to cover weekly services if the project is interrupted for any reason. There are plans to partner with the School District and they will share in testing and inspection costs.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to accept the proposal from Lumos & Associates related to the 2017 Street Maintenance Project, not to exceed \$78,000.00, with an option for \$11,500.00 per week for additional services; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF

Vacant Positions: Sheriff Keith Logan explained that there were two vacant positions due to recent resignations. The Undersheriff recently resigned and a new Dispatcher resigned during the probationary period. The Sheriff presented Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification forms for each position.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to authorize hiring of a Deputy Sheriff I, II, III, Sergeant, or Undersheriff; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to authorize filling the Communications/Dispatcher position; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – PARCEL MAP

Parcel Map for Catholic Cemetery: Notice was given that the Commissioners would hold a hearing on March 6th to invite public comments and take action concerning a parcel map submitted by Eureka County. The parcel map was approved by the Planning Commission on January 18th. It has been on file with Public Works and available for public examination.

Chairman Goicoechea opened the public hearing and invited comments. No comments were forthcoming. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt the parcel map submitted by Eureka County to re-subdivide and merge 12.40+/- acres included in APNs 001-144-01, 001-144-02, 001-144-03, 001-144-04, to adjust the boundaries of the Catholic Cemetery in Eureka. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET - REVENUES

Preliminary Revenue Projections: Assistant Comptroller, Kim Todd, explained preliminary revenue projections, noting the State will issue final figures in mid-March.

Ad Valorem Tax: The County will experience a significant drop in revenues for property taxes due to a miscalculation in value of a mining property in the County. New calculations have dropped the County's overall assessed value by \$200 million. The County Treasurer's pro forma report, on the current assessed valuation, estimates property tax revenue of \$13 million after abatements. A refined estimate will be provided with the State's final projections.

Consolidated Tax: Preliminary estimate from the State for consolidated tax (CTAX) is \$5 million, but Ms. Todd recommends budgeting conservatively at \$4.5 million.

Net Proceeds of Minerals: The State is reporting that the net proceeds overpayment to Eureka County has been balanced. Based on anticipated valuation of \$279 million, the State believes some revenue will be received. The true-up of net proceeds won't occur until April and, due to the uncertainty surrounding this tax, the County elected to continue budgeting zero for net proceeds.

Allocation of Tax Rate: The County's tax rate is allocated among various funds. Some funds, as well as the amount they receive, are set by statute and cannot be adjusted. The Board discussed the remaining funds and provided direction to the Comptroller's office regarding reallocation of the tax rate. No increase to the tax rate was proposed. *Note:* Any changes in distribution of the rate will not be finalized until adoption of the Tentative Budget at a public hearing in May.

Greatest needs for the upcoming fiscal year are in the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund. Most operational budgets are supported by the General Fund and the Capital

Projects Fund will need to cover costs as the County begins migration from the AS400 operating system.

In reviewing fund balances and upcoming needs, a consensus was reached to make the following changes in tax allocation: \$0.01 was moved from Future Reserve Fund to General Fund; \$0.05 was moved from Road Fund to Capital Projects Fund; \$0.01 was moved from Building Reserve Fund to General Fund; and \$0.01 was moved from Water Mitigation Fund to General Fund.

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET - PERSONNEL

Personnel Costs: Ms. Todd prepared multiple spreadsheets showing projected salaries and benefits for hourly employees, salaried/appointed employees, and elected officials (including projected costs for vacant positions). Total cost of \$7.9 million is comprised of \$5 million in wages and \$2.9 million in benefits. In addition to this, OPEB (other post-employment benefit) costs are running \$10 million annually, for a total personnel package of \$17.9 million.

Insurance Benefits & Affordable Care Act: A discussion was held concerning benefit costs, particularly health insurance costs in relation to the Affordable Care Act (ACA, also known as Obamacare). Several employees were in attendance and the Board explained ramifications of ACA's high-cost plan tax, popularly known as the Cadillac Tax. A recent actuarial study reported that this could affect the County as early as 2018, with a tax penalty of \$1.6 million payable in 2019 should the County stay with the current high-cost health plans. (Other sources claim the tax won't go into effect until 2020).

The County currently pays \$1.5 million for employee health care plans, so the annual penalty would exceed premium costs. There is speculation that the Trump Administration will address this penalty, but there are no guarantees.

To avoid this tax, the County may have to steer away from high-cost policies and select plans containing higher deductibles, higher co-pays, etc. Not wanting to pass increased health care costs onto employees, the Commissioners contemplated how this could be avoided. They ultimately considered devising a formula in which employees would be compensated for health care cost increases associated with lower cost plans.

Insurance charts are used each year to calculate an employee's portion of the health insurance premiums. Premiums and employer/employee split are calculated based on several factors, including which plan is selected; level of coverage (employee only, employee+spouse, employee+dependents); and date of hire. The proposed compensation rate would, in turn, align with where the employee falls on the premium chart.

Salary/Wage Freezes: To counterbalance this increased expense to the County, no COLAs (cost of living adjustments), merit increases, or salary adjustments will be considered for the upcoming fiscal year.

Employee Salaries, Wages, & Benefits: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned that: (a) in lieu of cost of living adjustments, salary adjustments, and merit increases, Eureka County will offset any escalation related to health insurance costs that would be experienced by all active benefitted employees for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; (b) these amounts will be based on where each employee falls on the insurance premiums chart; and (c) a resolution supporting this formula and allowing a temporary variance from Personnel Policy requirements that may restrict this action will be presented at a future meeting. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Elected Official Salaries: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to deny a salary increase for elected officials for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as outlined in NRS 245.043, based on the determination that sufficient financial resources are not available, pursuant to Subsection 5 of the statute. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET – DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS

Sheriff's Office Tentative Budget: Sheriff Keith Logan gave a detailed review of his tentative budget on February 6th, but was asked to return concerning capital outlay purchases that might be made in the current fiscal year. After obtaining refined quotes and checking fund balances, Sheriff Logan reported that he was able to make the vehicle purchases and obtain the enhanced 911 system in the current fiscal year.

Sheriff's Office FY16-17 Capital Outlay: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to authorize purchase in the current fiscal year of two patrol pickups from Michael Hohl Motor Company, complete with upfitting (camper shells, cameras, lights, graphics) at a cost of \$42,112.58 per vehicle, and authorized installation of the enhanced 911 system from AT&T at a cost of \$190,298.90, for a total capital outlay expense of \$274,524.06. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board Tentative Budget: The CVTAB submitted a budget request of \$14,952.00 for operating expenses. This slight increase over the previous year was representative of operating with a full board of three members, versus only having one member in recent years.

Capital outlay requests included \$20,000.00 for a concrete slab and canopy for the concession stand at the Crescent Valley Arena & Rodeo Grounds, \$7,000.00 for solar lighting for the Crescent Valley welcome sign, and \$2,000.00 for roofing at the dugouts at the Crescent Valley Town Park. The CVTAB still hoped to have concrete installed outside the Town Park along the fence and gate, noting this had been requested in a previous fiscal year.

Public Works felt there was room in the current year's budget to install concrete outside the gate/fence at the Town Park and to install solar lighting at the welcome sign. The Commissioners stated the other capital improvement items would have to be denied due to lack of funding, but felt the operating budget was reasonable.

Economic Development Program Board Tentative Budget: A memo from the Economic Development Program Board outlined their budget requests. The Commissioners were amenable to a slight increase in matching funds for an advertising grant, but felt the grant application could be prepared in-house, so denied a 10% grant writing fee. The remaining operating budget was status quo.

Chairman, Larry McMaster, was in attendance to provide information on a proposed water study. The ECEDP Board has had ongoing discussions on the possibility of piping water to Diamond Valley from the historic Fad and TL Shafts in Eureka. After speaking with a gentleman from Elko Mining Group (Waterton), the current owner, as well as a representative from Desert Research Institute, they hoped to pursue a study. ECEDP asked that a \$50,000.00 placeholder be budgeted while they sought grants and alternative funding.

In the meantime, Mr. McMaster met with Rick Felling, of the State Engineer's office, and Mr. Felling advised that use of this water was not feasible due to the interconnectivity with Diamond Valley water sources.

The Commissioners agreed that a study was not appropriate at this time, but stated their appreciation for ECEDP's efforts in this regard.

DIAMOND MOUNTAIN FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

FFA Prepared Speech Contest: In preparation for the State FFA Competition later in the month, FFA student, Kaitlyn Torres, presented her speech for the Prepared Speech Contest. This year's speech subject is animal castration. Ms. Torres gave a very professional and composed rendition of her speech, which was well-written and knowledgeable on the processes, purposes, and benefits of castration. Following the speech, she answered several questions from the Board.

FFA Creed: The FFA Creed was presented by FFA student, Skylar Merritt. The Creed speaks of the future and benefits of agriculture, the hard work and honor involved in this lifestyle, and the huge part it plays in American society. Following recitation of the Creed, Ms. Merritt answered several questions related to the Creed and its history.

State FFA Competition: The Board appreciated the young ladies' hard work on their presentations and wished them great success at the upcoming competition.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:12 p.m. to 1:11 p.m.

SENIOR CENTERS

Update Report: Senior Centers Program Director, Millie Oram, reported on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. In February, Eureka served 600 meals and Crescent Valley served 475 meals. A total of \$12,002.82 was deposited for the month.

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET – DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS – (continued)

Technology Support Tentative Budget: IT/Network Supervisor, Michael Mears, originally presented technology needs at the February 21st meeting, but returned with much of the contingency trimmed from the budget. This reduced the request by over one-third, bringing the overall request down to \$443,000.00. Mr. Mears and IT/Network Analyst, Misty Rowley, gave a brief overview of what this budget supports.

Money was earlier requested from the Capital Projects Fund for two of the largest technology needs – the fiber infrastructure and migration from the AS400 system. Transition from AS400 to other systems is still an unknown cost as counties across the State continue seeking various programs needed to replace this system. Mr. Mears had asked that his original guestimate of \$1.5 million be split over two fiscal years, with \$750,000.00 budgeted for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. At a minimum, he felt \$500,000.00 should be earmarked in the upcoming fiscal year and could be budgeted in either Capital Projects or the Contingency Fund.

On the fiber infrastructure, Mr. Mears explained there is no temporary fix and there are many potential points of failure. A continuous fiber loop would create redundancy and provide service to all County facilities. The estimate for this project is \$260,000.00.

It was ultimately determined to tentatively budget \$443,000.00 in the Technology Support Fund and \$750,000.00 in Capital Projects.

Public Works Tentative Budget: Public Works Director, Ron Damele, explained that most department budgets under his Public Works will remain the same. He provided spreadsheets for all sub-departments, but concentrated review on the budgets requiring adjustments.

The **Public Works** budget will remain the same, although this may be a little tight as this budget will cover the equipment move to the 40 feet tower extension on Prospect Peak, replacement solar panels on Mount Tenabo, radio repeater annual inspections and repairs, mountaintop annual inspections and repairs, etc.

The **Swimming Pool** budget had a requested increase due to necessary rebuild of the sand filter. The **Public Parks** budget will remain the same. The **Landfill** budget will increase to cover the required capacity report.

For **Yucca Mountain**, Mr. Damele would like to budget the entire fund balance in order to encumber the full amount since the new Administration is making moves to reactivate Yucca Mountain activities.

The **Eureka Airport** budget shows a substantial increase, but this is to support purchase of fuel that the County has acquired and to budget the large project that will receive a considerable reimbursement from the Federal Aviation Administration grant.

The following budgets will remain the same: **Devil's Gate Water, Museum, and Opera House**. Friends of the Opera House recently dissolved their nonprofit organization and donated the fund balance to the County. These funds will be used basically as they were in the past, to supply gift items that are sold at the Opera House and Sentinel Museum.

The **Eureka Activities** budget was reduced from \$95,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Mr. Damele recommended not filling the vacant Activities Coordinator position. Remaining monies support activities in southern Eureka County.

Other budgets remaining status quo are **Planning Commission, Eureka Streets & Grounds, Eureka Street Lighting, Eureka Cemeteries, Eureka Town Fire, Eureka Water, Eureka Sewer, Fire Emergency Management, Crescent Valley Street Maintenance, and Crescent Valley Parks, and Crescent Valley Street Maintenance**.

Mr. Damele stated that \$100,000.00 was set aside in the current fiscal year for a capital outlay project and he would like to roll those funds over to **Crescent Valley Water** to sand blast and recoat the interior of a water tank in Crescent Valley. That project will be completed this upcoming September.

Although the **Road Department** can face some costly setbacks, as it did this past year, the budget will remain the same. The **RTC** (Regional Transportation Commission) budget was increased to \$2 million, with the full amount earmarked for road maintenance.

The **Buildings & Grounds** budget will remain the same. This is the first full year for a **Eureka Canyon Subdivision/Townhomes** budget, so Mr. Damele requested \$73,500.00 to ensure that ongoing fees and costs can be covered.

Mr. Damele indicated the need to replace some high mile vehicles. Needs include a new utility pickup, new Road Department pickup, and a used semi-tractor. He has found room in several of the current year's budgets to make these capital purchases and will place these on the next agenda to obtain the Board's approval.

COMMISSIONERS

Update Reports: Commissioner Etchegaray attended the Groundwater Management Plan meeting on February 27th. Chairman Goicoechea had several meetings over the last couple weeks, primarily in Carson City.

Draft Ordinance on Internal Control Policy: A draft ordinance was prepared proposing amendments to 2014 EUREKA COUNTY CODE, TITLE 3, INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY. The draft will require detailed review by County officials before a final draft is presented to the Board. This item was tabled until further notice.

Recommendation by Liquor Board: The Liquor Board met the morning of March 6th and determined that no changes were needed to 2014 EUREKA COUNTY CODE, TITLE 4, CHAPTER 30, LIQUOR CONTROL CODE, as they felt State regulations covered issues relating to wholesale liquor distributors.

State Wholesale Liquor License: Application for a State wholesale liquor license was made by Two Bitch Spirits Ltd., owners Joseph & Lauren Luby, to start a wholesale liquor business at 332 El Centro in the Devil's Gate General Improvement District.

Pursuant to NRS 369.200, the State will not issue such a license without written approval from the local Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to provide written approval to the Nevada Department of Taxation for Two Bitch Spirits Ltd. to obtain a State wholesale liquor license to operate a business in Eureka County. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Defense Contract: Kelly C. Brown, PLLC, has been providing public defender services to Eureka County under an independent contract since July 1, 2015. The two-year contract will expire on June 30, 2017. A letter was received from Mr. Brown offering to renew the contract for two fiscal years at the same annual rate of \$40,000.00.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to accept the proposal to renew the public defender contract with Kelly C. Brown, PLLC, for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019, at a total cost of \$80,000.00 (\$40,000.00 annually) and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

White Pine County Request to Share Natural Resources Manager: A letter was received from the White Pine County Board of Commissioners offering to enter into an agreement to share the services of Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts. In return for an annual contribution of \$8,000.00, they would like to present a united front to the Nevada Legislature, hear quarterly updates from Mr. Tibbitts, and receive document assistance from time to time, such as preparing letters and resolutions.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to deny White Pine County's request to enter into an Interlocal Agreement to share a portion of the time and salary for Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. A response letter will be sent to White Pine County.

Sagebrush Ecosystem Program and Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan: The Sagebrush Ecosystem Council met on March 3rd and there are some positive moves in the area of the Conservation Credit System, with one good project already in the works. The Council refused to pass a measure that would weight power line impacts in sage grouse habitat at a 75% reduction eight kilometers on either side of the power line.

MEDICAL CLINICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Resignation of Maureen Torres: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to accept the resignation of Maureen Torres from the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee, effective February 22nd; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Appointment of Irma Davila: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to appoint Irma Davila to the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee, representing County employees, for the remainder of a two-year term through June 30, 2018. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: District Attorney Ted Beutel (3); Assessor, Michael Mears; Natural Resources, Jake Tibbitts (3); Assistant Comptroller, Kim Todd; Comptroller's office (ID Shield); EMS Coordinator, Mike Sullivan (2); IT/Network Analyst, Misty Rowley; Juvenile Probation, Steve Zimmerman; Economic Development Program Board; Medical Clinics Advisory Committee (3); Maureen Torres; Irma Davila; Flyer: Opera House presents Tayla Lynn & Eric Tingstad; Eureka Car Show; Eureka Business Network; Levi Shoda; Gullsil, LLC; Owl Club; Compressed Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training notice; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board (2); Nevada Assoc. of Counties (4); Kelly Brown, PLLC; White Pine County Board of Commissioners; Humboldt River Basin Water Authority; Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority; Lumos & Assoc.; Nevada Supreme Court; Nevada Div. of Water Resources; Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection; Nevada Dept. of Taxation; Nevada Health Foundation newsletter; Two Bitch Spirits, Ltd.; Nevada Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources; Avfuel Corporation; AT&T Continuity of Service Letter; National Assoc. of Counties; Rail Solution; and US Bankruptcy Court.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments. District Attorney Beutel informed the Board that the Nevada Supreme Court vacated the oral argument set for April 4th in Las Vegas for Case No. 70157.

Assessor, Michael Mears, reminded everyone that Newmont Mining will be in Eureka on March 21st for their annual visit with County officials.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 p.m.; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Approved by vote of the Board this 6th day of April, 2017.

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea

J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

I, Jackie Berg, Commissioner Clerk, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the March 6, 2017, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

/s/ Jackie Berg

Jackie Berg, Commissioner Clerk

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 Commissioner Clerk.

/s/ Beverly Conley

Beverly Conley, Clerk & Treasurer