

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 6, 2016

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on April 6, 2016. 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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 21, 2016: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve minutes of the March 21, 2016, Commission meeting; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by County Comptroller, Tina Hubbard.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$177,264.73 for accounts payable, \$401,478.48 for payroll, \$33,614.03 for a pass-through tax allocation to the School District, \$362,864.44 for a pass-through tax allocation to the State of Nevada, \$251.19 for pass-through room tax to the Department of Taxation, \$297.50 for pass-through fees to the Division of Minerals, and \$3,100.00 for Yucca Mountain expenses, for a grand total of \$978,870.37. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fund Balances Report: The Board reviewed the report showing current fund balances. They briefly discussed the Water Mitigation Fund (aka Water Planning Fund) and staff will research whether an augmentation may be required this fiscal year.

COMMISSIONERS

Update Reports: Commissioner Etchegaray attended the Diamond Valley Groundwater Management Plan Workshop on March 28th at the Eureka Opera House, and attended the Diamond Natural Resources Protection & Conservation Association meeting on March 29th.

Commissioner Sharkozy was in Carson City on March 22nd through 24th to participate in reviewing applications and determining award of Community Development Block Grants, with funds distributed to several counties throughout the State.

Chairman Goicoechea participated in two conference calls (for the NACO subcommittee dealing with issues related to the merger of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension and College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources) on March 22nd and on April 5th; assisted with a veterinary medicine contest at the State Future Farmers of America event in Reno on March 23rd; participated via telephone in the NACO Public Lands & Natural Resources

Subcommittee meeting on March 24th; and attended the NACO Board of Directors meeting in Carson City on March 25th.

Proposed Resolution to Change Holiday Pay Policy: The Board reviewed a draft resolution proposing changes to holiday pay, eliminating the 10-hour holiday pay benefit and providing for an 8-hour holiday pay benefit for eligible employees. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to accept the draft resolution proposing the holiday pay change to Eureka County Personnel Policy, Section 4.A.200, and motioned to set a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on May 20th to consider adoption. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The draft resolution outlining the proposed changes will be circulated to all employees inviting comments before or during the public hearing.

State Engineer Status Conference: Nevada Division of Water Resources is working to schedule a Status Conference in the Matter of Protested Applications 81719, 81720, 81825, 82570, 82571, 82572, 82573, & 82268, Filed to Appropriate and to Change the Point of Diversion of the Waters of the Diamond Valley Hydrographic Basin (153), Eureka County, Nevada. Originally scheduled for April 18th, NDWR is now working to move the Status Conference to early May.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned that Chairman Goicoechea attend the State Engineer's Status Conference regarding the Diamond Valley Hydrographic Basin and that Commissioner Etchegaray attend if the Chairman has a scheduling conflict; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Domestic Water Use Credit: District Attorney, Ted Beutel, explained that several years ago, County Code was amended to require property owners to dedicate two acre feet of water rights to Eureka County associated with any additional parcels created through division of lands (Eureka County Code, Title 8, Chapter 150, Water Rights Dedication). The purpose was to ensure availability of water to serve those parcels in the future. This has created some burdens to the County in relation to administratively tracking the water rights and paying for and preparing extension paperwork for submission to the Division of Water Resources.

In speaking with the State Engineer, he is amenable to the Division holding these water rights for the future benefit of Eureka County. The County would continue to track the water rights, but would no longer have to file or pay for extensions. A draft order was prepared proposing this administrative change. The Commissioners reviewed the draft order and agreed that it made sense to pursue this option.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned that the District Attorney and Commissioner representative, attending the upcoming Status Conference at the Nevada Division of Water Resources, present the concept and submit the draft order, proposing a domestic use credit within the Diamond Valley and Crescent Valley Hydrographic Basins, to State Engineer, Jason King. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Grad Nite Celebration: Juvenile Probation Officer, Steve Zimmerman, and Senior Department Assistant, Joyce Jeppesen, requested a donation for the 2016 Grad Nite event scheduled at the Eureka Opera House. This annual event provides a substance-free celebration with activities, prizes, and refreshments for the students and has proven to be a successful and safe alternative to alcohol and drug related parties. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to donate \$500.00 to the 2016 Grad Nite celebration scheduled for June 10th; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Cancel Quarterly Meeting: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to cancel the quarterly meeting scheduled for April 15th in Crescent Valley and to place all quarterly agenda items on the agenda for the next quarterly meeting scheduled for July 15, 2016. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sagebrush Ecosystem Program & Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan: The next meeting of the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council is April 7th. The meeting will include review of

the five remaining projects seeking grants from the \$1 million in State funding for testing the Conservation Credit System. Another topic of discussion at the meeting will be the serious concerns surrounding implementation of the federal Land Use Plan Amendments.

SENIOR CENTERS

Update Report: Senior Centers Program Director, Millie Oram, reported on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. In March, Eureka served 882 meals and Crescent Valley served 543 meals. A total of \$6,874.14 was deposited for the month.

Genesis Home Health Services: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 contract for home nursing services with Genesis Home Health Services for a not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00 and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Genesis Home Health agreed to the new contract amount (reduced from the previous year's amount of \$15,000.00) and is in the process of returning the signed contract by mail.

Consumer Direct dba Better@Home: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 contract for home health aide services with Consumer Direct Personal Care, LLC, for a not to exceed amount of \$15,000.00 and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Consumer Direct agreed to the new contract amount (reduced from the previous year's amount of \$20,000.00) and is in the process of returning the signed contract by mail.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Report on Activities: Road Superintendent, Raymond Hodson, reported on Road Department projects and activities. There has been a fair amount of time spent on snow removal. Crews worked on crack-filling on Eagle Street (aka Collingwood Lane), portions of County Road 101, and started on 12th Street. Blades have been running on Antelope Road, Monitor Valley Road, in the Fish Creek area, County Road 101, and from 17th Street in Diamond Valley towards Railroad. Work has resumed on the Roberts Creek Bypass Road.

Northern crews have bladed the Dann Road, Rose Ranch Road, Palisade Road, Mary's Mountain, and have touched up numerous other roads. The screening plant in the Cottonwood Pit has been running all month to stockpile material.

Annual dozer training will take place at the Eureka BLM Fire Station on April 14th. The Crescent Valley crews will travel down to participate as well.

PUBLIC WORKS

Projects & Activities: Public Works Director, Ron Damele, gave an update on Public Works projects and activities.

Water Meter Readings: Base water meter readings began this month.

Property Damage at Administration Facility: There was a property damage accident at the Annex/Administration Building when a semi-truck attempted to turn around following a heavy snowstorm.

Fire Meeting & Wildland Fire Training: A fire meeting is scheduled with the Ely District BLM on April 18th. Wildland Firefighting Red Card Training will be held on April 30th at the Crescent Valley Fire Station. The class scheduled at the JD Ranch has been cancelled for the time being, due to some personnel changes with Barrick Gold.

Environmental Protection Agency: Work continues with the EPA on design of the repository to be located along the south side of Ruby Hill Avenue in Eureka.

Water Rights Work: Work continues with contractors in preparation for the May 31st deadline to submit proofs for the Diamond Valley Hydrographic Basin Adjudication in response to State Engineer Order No. 1266.

Authorization to Fill Vacant Position: Mr. Damele submitted a Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification form requesting authorization to fill a position recently vacated due to retirement of a longtime employee. The Road Department is operating at a bare minimum since numbers have been substantially reduced over past years through attrition. Mr. Damele explained this is a much needed position with a starting pay of Range 115 Step 1 on the wage and salary scale.

Commissioner Etchegaray authorized Public Works to fill the vacant Road Maintenance Equipment Operator II position effective immediately; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Digital X-Ray Machine for Crescent Valley Clinic: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize a capital outlay purchase of a Konica ImagePilot CR LS-19 digital x-ray machine for the Crescent Valley Medical Clinic, not to exceed \$37,000.00. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Damele explained that for ease of maintenance and operation, this is the same model that was purchased several years ago for the Eureka Medical Clinic. In October 2015, Nevada Health Centers, Inc., submitted a letter in support of this purchase.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Resignation of Randy Stucki: Due to his recent retirement, Randy Stucki submitted a letter of resignation from the Health Insurance Committee. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to accept the resignation of Randy Stucki from the Health Insurance Committee, effective March 24th; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Appointments to Committee: Two letters of interest were received. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to appoint Jayme Halpin to the Health Insurance Committee representing Public Works/Road Department for the remainder of a two-year term ending December 2016; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to appoint Roger Hubbard to the alternate seat on the Health Insurance Committee for the remainder of a two-year term ending December 2017; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

JUVENILE PROBATION

Out-of-State Travel: Juvenile Probation Officer, Steve Zimmerman, and Senior Department Assistant, Joyce Jeppesen, requested authorization for out-of-state travel to two different events.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize out-of-state travel for two Dance Instructors and up to five students to attend the BYU Clogging Dance Camp in Salt Lake City on June 16th-18th. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Registration and travel costs will be paid in part from the budget and in part from fundraising or parental assistance.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve out-of-state travel for Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Jeppesen to attend the Northwest Alcohol & Substance Abuse Conference in Boise on July 26th-30th. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Costs for attending this conference are covered by a grant.

COUNTY FACILITIES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Culture & Tourism Programs in Eureka County: Cultural, Tourism, & Economic Development Director, Andrea Rossman, recently notified the Board that she would be resigning from her position with the County effective June 30, 2016. Due to the attrition policy, the Board agreed that this position would remain vacant. With this in mind, they wished to discuss the future of culture and tourism programs in the County.

Ms. Rossman, along with her staff, Patty Peek and Ree Taylor, outlined how promotional needs are currently being met with existing staff, and will continue to be met following Ms. Rossman's departure. This includes a Facebook presence for the Opera House (with one planned for the Sentinel Museum), and advertising of County events and activities on the arts4nevada.org website, on the Pony Express Territory website, in the Nevada Magazine, and in various other advertising periodicals and internet sites.

Proposal from Trish Reynolds: A proposal was received from local business owner and photographer, Trish Reynolds, offering to provide professional marketing services through web-based advertising and social media venues at a cost of \$3,300.00 per month. Ms. Reynolds addressed the Board to expound on her experience, including past work as an employee of Eureka County. She submitted letters from local residents, David Toll and Robin Cobbey, in support of her proposal. Local business owner, Rich McKay, offered public comment noting that it is often beneficial to have a person specifically assigned to promoting tourism.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Reynolds for her proposal, but responded that with the County's current financial challenges, they simply could not justify the cost of contracting for these services.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Report on Activities: Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, gave an update on recent activities.

Groundwater Management Plan: The latest Diamond Valley Groundwater Management Plan workshop was held on March 28th and Mr. Tibbitts continues to facilitate those meetings.

McEwen Mining Gold Bar Mine Project: On March 30th, Mr. Tibbitts participated in a conference call as part of the EIS process for the McEwen Mining Gold Bar Mine Project. Mr. Tibbitts was recently notified by their Environmental Manager, Jim Smithson, that due to personal reasons he has had to resign from McEwen Mining. Mr. Smithson wanted to thank the County for all of their support and for the good working relationship that was built between the mine and the County. Vice President, Simon Quick (of Toronto), will be assuming the environmental responsibilities until a replacement can be found.

Nevada State Conservation Commission: Mr. Tibbitts attended the State Conservation Commission meeting on April 4th in Carson City. The primary purpose of the meeting was to review available sage grouse grants. The Eureka Conservation District, in conjunction with the Natural Resources Department, was successful in obtaining a \$16,000.00 grant for additional pinyon-juniper work in the Diamond Mountains.

HCCUEP: Barrick Gold's Horse Canyon Cortez Unified Exploration Project has begun the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process for the Environmental Assessment being conducted for bulk exploration.

BLM – Planning 2.0: The Department of Interior, BLM, is moving forward with what they're calling Planning 2.0, which is a proposed update of planning regulations related to FLPMA (Federal Land Policy Management Act). NACO is hosting a BLM Planning 2.0 Workshop on April 8th and BLM representatives will be available at that meeting.

Biochar Field Day: Desert Research Institute is hosting a Biochar Trial Field Day on April 8th in Eureka. This will begin with presentations at the Annex/Administration Facility, followed by tours of the biochar project sites in Diamond Valley (pinyon-juniper cutting sites and irrigation pivots) and at Ruby Hill Mine (mesocosm study sites).

Other Upcoming Meetings: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON: The Naval Air Station has decided to move forward with an implementation plan for the Joint Land Use Study completed in 2015. A meeting is scheduled in Fallon on April 13th and consultant, Abby Johnson, will attend on behalf of Eureka County. HUMBOLDT RIVER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS: The Nevada Division of Water Resources is hosting several workshops to provide information on the administration of

the Humboldt River on April 14th in Lovelock and Winnemucca, and April 15th in Elko. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PUBLIC LANDS MEETING: Lieutenant Governor, Mark Hutchison, is hosting public lands breakfast meeting jointly with NACO on April 19th in Reno. AGENCY BRIEFING: On April 25th, the BLM, US Forest Service, and US Fish & Wildlife Service, along with the Nevada Congressional Delegation, are hosting a briefing with Governor Brian Sandoval to talk about federal land management priorities. SAGE GROUSE MEETING: The BLM is hosting a Greater Sage-Grouse implementation meeting on April 27th in Reno, entitled The Next Steppe: Implementing for the Future.

Sage Grouse Issues: Of the projects submitted from Eureka County for the first round of State funding to test the Conservation Credit System, two have pulled out due to some apprehension and frustration on the part of the property owners. This is a result of lack of clarity from the agencies and most recently because of some negative input from Nevada Department of Wildlife.

In regards to sage grouse litigation, the Motion for Summary Judgment was filed on April 1st in US District Court in Reno on behalf of the plaintiffs (several counties and other groups, including Eureka County). The document is lengthy, but it is worthwhile reading if you want to gain an understanding of the case. Mr. Tibbitts detailed some of the issues involved. He pointed out that review of the administrative record is revealing a lot of shortcomings on the part of the agencies, including many requirements that they simply have not performed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Alleged Nuisance: Notice was given that the Board of Eureka County Commissioners would hold a hearing to consider abatement of a public nuisance as described by NRS 40.140 and NRS 244.360. Notice of the hearing was published in the *Eureka Sentinel* as required and proper notice was issued to Richard E. and Rebekah E. Knight, property owners of 366 Third Street, Crescent Valley, Nevada, APN 002-033-18.

Public Hearing: Chairman Goicoechea opened the public hearing.

Department of Health & Human Services: A letter was received from Nevada Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, notifying that a follow-up inspection of the property where the alleged nuisance was located was conducted on April 1st. The Division noted that corrective actions had been taken and the property was deemed to be in compliance with applicable State law.

Based upon the State report, Commissioner Etchegaray motioned that no evidence or testimony in relation to the alleged nuisance would be required at this time and further action would be postponed indefinitely; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment: The Chairman allowed public comment. Crescent Valley resident, Heidi Hopper, noted that the property had been cleaned up to the satisfaction of the Department of Health & Human Services. Several neighbors, including Ms. Hopper and her husband, assisted in the cleanup and the owners hired a plumber who did a lot of work.

Hearing Closed: There were no further comments and the public hearing was closed.

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the Division of Water Resources budget for special assessments collected by Eureka County on behalf of the Division for necessary expenses related to supervision over the following waters in Eureka County: Diamond Valley Groundwater Basin, Crescent Valley Groundwater Basin, Maggie Creek Groundwater Basin, Lower Reese River Valley Groundwater Basin, Boulder Flat Groundwater Basin, Humboldt River Distribution, Whirlwind Valley

Groundwater Basin, Pine Valley Groundwater Basin, and Kobeh Valley Groundwater Basin. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: Randy Stucki; Jayme Halpin; Roger Hubbard; David Toll; Robin Cobbey; District Attorney, Ted Beutel (5); Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley (2); Public Works, Ron Damele; Public Works Admin. Assistant, Annelle Watts; Natural Resources, Jake Tibbitts (2); Comptroller's Office, Payroll Specialist, Kim Todd; Planning Commission; Health Insurance Committee; Seventh Judicial District Court (2); Juvenile Probation; Eureka Business Network; Eureka Owl Club (4); Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board; Nevada Assoc. of Counties (5); White Pine County (4); Clark County; Kelly C. Brown, PLLC; Nevada Div. of Water Resources (4); Nevada Dept. of Health & Human Services, Div. of Public & Behavioral Health (2); Desert Research Institute; Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection; Nevada Deferred Compensation; Nevada Connections newsletter; Nevada State Clearinghouse (11); McDonald-Carano-Wilson, LLP; MXR/Source One Healthcare; US Dept. of the Interior-BLM (5); Grant Writing USA; Center for Media & Democracy; US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9; and USDA, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

The Board recessed for lunch from 11:51 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BUDGET PREPARATIONS

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Revenue Projections: Comptroller, Tina Hubbard, and Payroll Specialist, Kim Todd, provided updated revenue projections. Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley, prepared an updated proforma report based on a \$0.10 increase to the County's tax rate. This report calculates ad valorem (property tax) revenues for the upcoming fiscal year and incorporates applicable abatements. Property tax abatements were explained during earlier meetings – owner occupied parcels are limited to a 3% increase per year and other parcels are limited to a 5.3% increase for the upcoming fiscal year. This means the percentage of any tax increase captured escalates with each subsequent year until the full increase is realized.

With abatements applied, the ad valorem revenue projections (based on a \$0.10 increase) for the upcoming fiscal year are approximately \$8.3 million. An additional ~\$468,000.00 remains uncaptured due to abatements. Combined with the projected \$4.5 million in consolidated tax and the projected \$3.5 million in other taxes and fees, the total County revenue estimate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 is \$15.5 million.

Note: Proposed changes to the tax rate cannot be adopted until they are considered at a public hearing scheduled for May 16, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

Reallocation of County Tax Rate: During earlier meetings, the Board worked with the Comptroller's office to allocate the proposed County tax rate. They didn't see a need for further adjustments, but asked the Comptroller's office to prepare a spreadsheet showing how the abatements will affect specific funds.

Notice to Taxpayers: The Board discussed sending a notice to taxpayers describing the reasons in support of an increase to the County tax rate, identifying funds intended to benefit from the increase, and explaining the necessity for supporting these specific funds. The Board agreed to discuss this in more detail at the April 13th budget meeting when more refined projections for specific funds are available.

DEPARTMENTAL & FUND BUDGETS

Departmental Budgets: Ms. Hubbard and Ms. Todd noted that all departmental budgets had been entered into the Tentative Budget. The only budget that hadn't been discussed in detail during previous meetings was Agricultural Extension.

Agricultural Extension: The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) forwarded a request for a tentative budget of \$95,000.00. No breakdown of expenses was provided. Agricultural Extension receives \$0.01 of the County tax rate, which will generate an estimated \$74,026.00. After a lengthy discussion, the Board directed the Comptroller's office to budget \$74,026.00 for Agricultural Extension based on estimated revenues. If a budget augmentation is needed during the upcoming year, UNCE can come before the Board and provide an explanation supporting the need for an increase.

PERSONNEL BUDGET

Eliminated Positions: The Commissioners reviewed a list of positions and considered whether they should be eliminated from the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget. Each position was discussed and department heads were consulted regarding whether the positions should be funded and filled for the upcoming budget year. Of the 36 positions considered, 29 were vacant and seven were currently filled. It was clarified that action taken during this meeting was specific to *funding* and *filling* the positions, and was not action to eliminate the job descriptions (although some of the job descriptions have been abolished by recent action of the Board).

Eliminated Positions Effective July 1, 2016: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned that the following positions (listed by budget department) will not be funded in the upcoming budget and will not be available for hire in Fiscal Year 2016-2017; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0: (COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE) Executive Administrator; (RECORDER'S OFFICE) Deputy Recorder Auditor/HR II, Deputy Assessor I/Deputy Recorder-Auditor I; (ASSESSOR'S OFFICE) Appraiser I; (ANNUAL AUDIT & BUDGET) Budget Director; (HUMAN RESOURCES) Human Resources Analyst II; (DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE) Deputy District Attorney; (BEOWAWE JUSTICE COURT) Justice of the Peace, Justice Court Clerk; (SHERIFF'S OFFICE) Casual Dispatcher, Patrol Deputy I, Detention Deputy I, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Animal Control Officer; (PUBLIC WORKS) Crescent Valley Administrative Assistant II, Administrative Assistant; (AMBULANCE) Billing Position; (SWIMMING POOL) Assistant Manager; (CRESCENT VALLEY ACTIVITIES) Social Activities Coordinator; (CRESCENT VALLEY SENIOR CENTER) Site Supervisor, Kitchen Aide; (OPERA HOUSE/MUSEUM) Cultural, Tourism, & Economic Development Director, Casual Assistant Eureka Opera House & Sentinel Museum; (NATURAL RESOURCES) Department Assistant; (ROAD DEPARTMENT) Road Maintenance Equipment Operator, Road Maintenance Equipment Operator I, Road Maintenance Equipment Operator II, Mechanic I; (AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION) Department Assistant, 4H Assistant, Weather Monitor; (FAIR BOARD/AG DISTRICT #15) Department Assistant/benefited position; and (DIAMOND VALLEY WEED DISTRICT) Weed Control Technician.

The eliminated positions included several that are currently occupied. Determinations regarding these positions were made during this or previous meetings, effective with the 2016-2017 budget year: the Budget Director position will be absorbed by the Comptroller's office; the Cultural, Tourism, & Economic Development Director is being eliminated through attrition by resignation of the employee; and the Agricultural Extension employees are being transferred to the State (the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension will determine the future of these positions).

Eliminated Positions Effective June 30, 2017: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned that the Senior Department Assistant in the District Attorney's office will be funded through June 30, 2017, and will not be budgeted or available for hire in Fiscal Year 2017-2018; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Casual Weed Control Technician: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned that the eliminated Weed Control Technician will be replaced with a casual (non-benefited) Weed Control Technician for the Diamond Valley Weed District, and filling of the position will be contingent upon availability of funds; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Webmaster: The Board concurred that no changes will be made to the Webmaster position at this time. This position will continue to be filled by Assessor, Michael Mears, due to his specific knowledge and training in programming.

Notification to Supervisors & Employees: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to send a letter to each supervisor informing them of the positions eliminated, with instructions to utilize the assistance of contract Human Resources to prepare specific notices for each affected person within their respective departments, and authorized the Chairman to sign the letter outside of the meeting. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

FUTURE BUDGET MEETING

April 13, 2016: The Board affirmed that the next budget meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on April 13th to review the Tentative Budget and sign the top sheets for submission to the Nevada Department of Taxation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

EUREKA COUNTY SHERIFF

Annual Walk Through of Justice Facility & Detention Center: The annual walk through and inspection of the Justice Facility and Detention Center in Eureka was scheduled to take place upon adjournment of the meeting. *Note: The inspection was conducted by the Commissioners immediately following adjournment and no issues were noted.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 20th day of April, 2016.

/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 April 6, 2016, 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