

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 13, 2015

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on April 13, 2015, for a budget meeting. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea; Commissioner Fred Etchegaray; Deputy District Attorney, Jeff Slade; and Executive Assistant, Jackie Berg. Vice Chairman Michael Sharkozy was absent. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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 Planning Commission item for approval of the School District's parcel map was removed from the agenda to allow for review by District Attorney, Ted Beutel. With that change, Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the agenda as posted; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 19, 2015: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2015, budget meeting; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Budget Top Sheets: Budget Director, Michael Mears, presented the departmental top sheets for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Tentative Budget. The Tentative Budget is due to the Nevada Department of Taxation by April 15th. Mr. Mears noted that the Tentative Budget figures will not change, but there will be some minor adjustments in the previous year to match the audit recently conducted by Eide Bailly, LLP, in order to assure the budget balances between audit years.

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Human Resources Service Agreement: The Human Resources Service Agreement with Pooling Resources, Inc., was presented for approval. In an email, District Attorney Ted Beutel explained that the base contract amount is \$34,000.00 with an additional \$4,000.00 requested to allow for the extra expense of investigations not covered due to insurance deductibles. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the contract with Pooling Resources, Inc. for Human Resources services, not to exceed \$38,000.00; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Establishment of Natural Resources Protection Fund: Throughout the budget process, the Board has discussed the possibility of changing the Water Planning Fund to a Natural Resources Protection Fund. Chairman Goicoechea offered that it might be worth considering leaving the Water Planning Fund intact and simply creating an additional fund with a tax rate assigned to it. The existing fund has some contracts tied to it, so this may be cleaner from an accounting standpoint. Those in attendance agreed.

A draft resolution for establishment of the new fund had been prepared, but since it wouldn't affect the Tentative Budget anyway, the Board preferred to postpone action until input could be received from the District Attorney as well as the Natural Resources Advisory Commission. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to table the resolution establishing a Natural

Resources Protection Fund until April 20th to allow for additional input; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Draft Resolution to Amend Personnel Policy: County Code requires that any changes to the Eureka County Personnel Policy be made by resolution. During the April 1st budget meeting, following a recommendation from the Health Insurance Committee, the Board motioned to propose a 50/50 cost share on premiums for dependent health insurance coverage for any employees hired after July 1, 2015. A draft resolution was prepared and prior to adoption at a public hearing, the resolution must be circulated to all County employees for review and comment.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to accept the draft resolution to be distributed to all County employees requesting comment on the resolution to modify EUREKA COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, SECTION 3.A.500 EMPLOYEE COSTS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FOR DEPENDENTS; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Set Public Hearing to Consider Resolution: Chairman Goicoechea motioned to set the public hearing for 1:00 p.m. on May 20th to consider adopting the proposed resolution to modify EUREKA COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, SECTION 3.A.500 EMPLOYEE COSTS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FOR DEPENDENTS; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0. (NOTE: At a later meeting, this public hearing was rescheduled to May 18th at 1:15 p.m.).

DATE & TIME OF NEXT BUDGET MEETING

Public Hearing: NRS 354.596(4)(a) requires counties to hold a budget hearing on the third Monday in May. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to set this public hearing for 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18th, to consider tax rates and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from or included: Eureka High School Rodeo Club; *Plain Talk* newsletter; District Attorney, Ted Beutel (2); Natural Resources Advisory Commission; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board; NACO News Flash; University of Nevada Cooperative Extension; Lumos Insights; Nevada Dept. of Transportation; Nevada Dept. of Business & Industry; and Western Counties Alliance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to adjourn the meeting; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 18th day of May, 2015.

/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 13, 2015, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

/s/ Jackie Berg
Jackie Berg, Executive Assistant

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

/s/ Beverly Conley
Beverly Conley, Clerk & Treasurer