

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 21, 2014

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on April 21, 2014. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea; Vice Chairman Jim Ithurralde; Commissioner Michael Sharkozy; District Attorney Ted Beutel; and Executive Assistant, Jackie Berg. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The interactive video conferencing system was connected and utilized between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 19, 2014, Budget Meeting: Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2014, budget meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

March 20, 2014, Commission Meeting: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2014, meeting; Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

FINANCE

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Recorder & Auditor, Mike Rebaleati. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$420,618.37 for accounts payable, \$301,511.69 for payroll, for a grand total of \$722,130.06; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. There were no Yucca Mountain expenditures for this period.

Auditor's Report: The Board reviewed the Auditor's Report. Mr. Rebaleati explained that fund transfers will be made later in the day. These will include a transfer into the Weed District Fund, a \$2 million transfer into the Building Maintenance Fund, and a \$1 million transfer into the RTC Fund.

Human Resources Service Agreement: The Board reviewed the Human Resources Service Agreement with Pooling Resources, Inc. Mr. Rebaleati briefly outlined the services that will be provided. A Human Resources representative will be in Eureka for a two-day visit each month and available by phone otherwise. The Commissioners questioned whether travel time from Carson City to Eureka was included in the monthly base rate. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to table the Human Resources Service Agreement with Pooling Resources, Inc., in order to get clarification. Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Request to Pay Health Insurance Premiums: Mr. Rebaleati brought forward a request received from one of the departments for the County to cover health insurance premiums for three months for an employee on an extended leave of absence. The employee is out for medical reasons and will exhaust all types of available leave (sick, annual) at the end of April. The employee is not eligible for FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) since the one-year

employment eligibility requirement has not yet been met. There is the possibility that the employee may not be able to return to work, due to physical requirements that must be met to perform essential job functions in the current position. The department requested that three months of insurance premiums be covered, expecting that they will know at the end of that timeframe whether or not the employee will be able to return and continue employment.

The Commissioners, District Attorney Beutel, and Mr. Rebaleati discussed the options at length. The Personnel Policy Manual doesn't address this specific issue and the Commissioners were concerned about setting a precedent. The employee will have the option of continued insurance coverage under COBRA which will be triggered once all leave is exhausted. Chairman Goicoechea said that everyone is sensitive to the situation and nobody wants to see an individual lose the needed coverage, but he was reluctant to have the County do something that wasn't provided for in policy. Perhaps the community could step up, as they have done in the past, to establish a fund or help in some way to provide assistance in covering the COBRA insurance costs.

Commissioner Sharkozy noted that he would be the first to donate to a special fund, but didn't feel the County should set a precedent; therefore, he motioned to deny authorizing payment of health insurance premiums for an employee on an extended leave of absence, realizing that the individual will have the option of continued coverage under COBRA. Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

TriTech Software Systems: On March 19th the Commissioners approved implementing upgraded software for ambulance account billing and related services. The agreement was now available for signature. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve signing the Subscription Service License & Use Agreement with TriTech Software Systems for a three-year period at a cost of \$10,706.40. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Proposed Employee Buy-Out Incentive: The Board continued the discussion regarding the pros and cons of an employee buy-out incentive. Mr. Rebaleati reported that he had requested letters as directed by the Board – one from PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) regarding effect on retirement and one from Kafoury, Armstrong & Company regarding tax implications. The letters have not yet been received, but Mr. Rebaleati confirmed that the buy-out will not affect the retirement benefit calculation and it will be a taxable event for both the employee and the employer.

Chairman Goicoechea felt the buy-out would not have the positive effects originally hoped for and the Board may be able to address a more equitable avenue in the future. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to proceed with the employee buy-out option; the motion died for lack of a second. Therefore, the County will not move forward with a buy-out incentive for employees.

Historical Locomotive: For the past couple of years, Mike Rebaleati and Eric Pastorino have been working with the State to relocate a locomotive to Eureka that historically ran on the Eureka Palisade Railroad. Peter Barton, Administrator for the Division of Museums & History, emailed Mr. Rebaleati that he favors the move and recommends that the Board of Museums & History work with Eureka County towards this relocation, but there are no guarantees. Before anything can be decided, a feasibility study must be completed outlining the possible courses for future of the locomotive. Unfortunately, before a study can be accomplished, asbestos in the boiler and firebox must be mitigated. The estimate for the mitigation is \$28,000.00 and the State has budgeted \$15,000.00. Mr. Barton proposed a cost-share with Eureka County paying the remaining \$13,000.00.

Eric Pastorino confirmed that Barrick Gold is still committed to their offer of \$20,000.00 towards a structure to house/display the locomotive. Commissioner Sharkozy was concerned that there are no guarantees that the locomotive will ever be displayed in Eureka. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to provide an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00 from the current year's budget to Nevada Division of Museums & History for asbestos mitigation of the historic

locomotive for possible future relocation to Eureka. Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1, with Commissioner Sharkozy voting against the motion.

FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Capital Outlay Purchases: Funds are available in the current fiscal year to purchase some essential capital outlay items for Ambulance & EMS. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve the purchase of nitrous oxide units (one per ambulance), two 12-lead ECG cardiac monitor defibrillators, and six AEDs (automated external defibrillators) to be placed in patrol cars. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Budget Transfers & Augmentations: Mr. Rebaleati provided a written report and described the budget augmentations planned for the current fiscal year. These will occur in May following the proper advertising period. Substantial transfers are planned for the Building Maintenance & Reserve Fund, the Eureka Water & Sewer Fund (to support the Robins Street Project), and the RTC Fund. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget transfers and augmentations as presented by the Budget Officer. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Insurance Plans for Fiscal Year 2014-2015: The Health Insurance Committee’s recommendations were provided in writing prior to the meeting by Chair, Kim Todd. The packet from the Committee included detailed rate worksheets for all plans for benefited employees and retirees. Member, Toni Wright, was in attendance to review the recommendations and answer questions. The Committee recommended three medical plans through St. Mary’s Health (\$1000 deductible-PPO Core 1; \$1500 deductible-Beyond 4; and \$3000 deductible-HSA HD027 with an annual County match of up to \$500); one dental plan (Guardian Dental); one vision plan (VSP Vision); and one life insurance plan (Standard Life). It was noted that deductibles on St. Mary’s Health PPO Core 1 Plan and Beyond 4 Plan were increased by \$500.00 each as a means to keep the premium increases to a minimum.

The Committee recommended the following as sponsored plans: St. Mary’s Health Plan PPO Core 1; Guardian Dental; VSP Vision; and Standard Life Insurance. Employees may select from the three health plans offered, but premiums paid by the County are calculated on the sponsored plans.

All insurance carriers remained the same except for dental, with a recommended switch from Humana Dental to Guardian Dental due to a substantial savings in premiums. The aggregate premium increase for all insurance plans is 5.05% for employee only, and up to 8.42% for employee plus dependents. It was noted that a portion of the premiums now include ACA (Affordable Care Act) taxes and fees, which accounts for 3.3% of the rate increase.

FY 2014/2015 Insurance Premiums											
Classification	\$1000 PPO Core	Dental	Vision	Life	Total Premium	County	Employee 70/30**		County	Employee 60/40**	
Employee	819.17	41.01	7.26	12.00	879.44	879.44	0.00		879.44	0.00	
Empl+Spouse	1499.04	79.35	11.62	12.82	1602.83	1385.81	217.02		1313.47	289.36	
Empl+Child(ren)	1449.89	107.94	11.86	12.82	1582.51	1371.59	210.92		1301.28	281.23	
Empl+Family	1974.16	146.27	19.13	12.82	2152.38	1770.50	381.88		1643.20	509.18	
Classification	\$1500 Beyond 4	Dental	Vision	Life	Total Premium	County	Employee 70/30**		County	Employee 60/40**	
Employee	736.33	41.01	7.26	12.00	796.60	796.60	0.00		796.60	0.00	
Empl+Spouse	1347.44	79.35	11.62	12.82	1451.23	1385.81	65.42		1313.47	137.76	
Empl+Child(ren)	1303.26	107.94	11.86	12.82	1435.88	1371.59	64.29		1301.28	134.60	
Empl+Family	1774.51	146.27	19.13	12.82	1952.73	1770.50	182.23		1643.20	309.53	
Classification	\$3000 HSA HD	Dental	Vision	Life	Total Premium	County	Employee 70/30**	HSA Match*	County	Employee 60/40**	HSA Match*
Employee	630.71	41.01	7.26	12.00	690.98	690.98	0.00	732.65	690.98	0.00	732.65

Empl+Spouse	1154.16	79.35	11.62	12.82	1257.95	1257.95	0.00	1299.62	1257.95	0.00	1299.62
Empl+Child(ren)	1116.31	107.94	11.86	12.82	1248.93	1248.93	0.00	1290.60	1248.93	0.00	1290.60
Empl+Family	1519.97	146.27	19.13	12.82	1698.19	1698.19	0.00	1739.86	1643.20	54.99	1684.87

*The Commissioners have agreed to an employee match of up to \$500 per year on the \$3000 HD Plan.

Employees need to contribute \$41.67 per month into the HAS account in order to receive the County match.

**Employee 70/30 split covers employees hired before July 1, 2009; Employee 60/40 split covers employees hired on or after July 1, 2009.

Retiree Insurance Rates FY 2014/2015						
Employees & < 65 Retiree	\$1000 PPO Core	\$1500 Beyond 4	\$3000 HSA HD027	Guardian Dental	VSP Vision	Standard Life
Employee	819.17	736.33	630.71	41.01	7.26	12.00
Empl+Spouse	1499.04	1347.44	1154.16	79.35	11.62	12.82
Empl+Child(ren)	1449.89	1303.26	1116.31	107.94	11.86	12.82
Empl+Family	1974.16	1774.51	1519.97	146.27	19.13	12.82
Retiree with Medicare A&B	\$1000 PPO Core	\$1500 Beyond 4	\$3000 HSA HD027	Guardian Dental	VSP Vision	Standard Life
Retiree	634.92	573.70	N/A	(see above)	(see above)	(see above)
Retiree+Spouse (one with)	1305.29	1176.43	N/A	" " "	" " "	" " "
Retiree+Spouse (both with)	1123.84	1016.27	N/A	" " "	" " "	" " "
Retiree+Child(ren)	1123.06	1014.79	N/A	" " "	" " "	" " "
Retiree+Family (one with)	1704.31	1536.33	N/A	" " "	" " "	" " "
Retiree+Family (both with)	1456.86	1317.92	N/A	" " "	" " "	" " "

Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to accept the Health Insurance Committee's recommendations for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 medical, dental, vision, and life insurance plans for benefited employees and retirees, and to designate the following as sponsored plans: St. Mary's Health Plan PPO Core 1 (\$1,000 deductible), Guardian Dental, VSP Vision, and Standard Life Insurance. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Option for Married Employees to Enroll in Shared Plans: The Health Insurance Committee recommended allowing married, benefited employees (when both spouses work for the County) to enroll in one medical, one dental, and one vision plan. Employees would still be responsible for paying dependent coverage. This option is not available for life insurance, since each employee must have independent life coverage.

Ms. Wright explained that this option would be offered on a voluntary basis. There are nine employed couples working for Eureka County. If each couple took advantage of this option, the savings to the County would exceed \$25,000.00 annually. This would also result in a cost savings to employees when meeting deductibles. All details of the transition will be explained to the employees and it will be emphasized that this is entirely voluntary and not mandated by the County.

Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve the recommendation that married, benefited employees be allowed to enroll in one medical, dental, and vision plan, on a voluntary basis, with the understanding that each employee will retain separate life insurance plans; including authorization to update agreements with any of the insurance carriers to allow for this option. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS

Update Reports: Commissioner Sharkozy attended the Nevada Health Centers' Open House at the Eureka Medical Clinic on April 7th; attended the quarterly meeting in Crescent Valley on April 15th; and attended the Easter egg hunt in Crescent Valley on April 19th.

Commissioner Ithurralde attended the NVHC Open House on April 7th; attended a dinner on April 14th hosted by the Eureka Lion's Club to honor the Diamond Mountain FFA students who participated and won in several categories at the State competition, and will represent Nevada as State Champions at the national competition in October; attended the quarterly meeting on April 15th; and attended the meeting hosted by Legacy Construction & Development on April 17th at the Opera House to review the Robins Street Project with the public. As the only

remaining charter member, Commissioner Ithurralde was honored by the Lion's Club on April 17th with a lifetime membership. Commissioner Ithurralde also received and donated the "In God We Trust" plaque which was installed in the Commissioners' Chambers during the past week.

Chairman Goicoechea met with staff of Dean Heller's office in Elko on April 16th; met with Raul Morales of the BLM Nevada State Office in Reno on April 17th; met with Sharon Swanson, University of Nevada Reno, and Tim Rubald, Conservation Districts Program Manager, on April 17th; and attended the Easter egg hunt in Eureka on April 20th.

Resolution for Sale of APN 001-221-08: At the April 7th meeting, the Commissioners voted to offer APN 001-221-08 for sale for economic development purposes, as a captured sale to Raines, LLC, at appraised value. A resolution outlining the sale was presented and the Commissioners made some very minor revisions. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to adopt the resolution as revised for the sale of APN 001-221-08, large lot in the Eureka Canyon Subdivision to Scott Raine and Raine LLC, to be signed later in the meeting after the changes are made, and to designate Cow County Title as the title company for the sale. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (*Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes*). It was noted that the Commissioners received two letters in favor of moving forward with this sale to Mr. Raine.

Resolution for Lease of Vet Clinic Property: At the April 7th meeting, the Commissioners voted to renew the lease for the veterinary clinic in Eureka. The District Attorney presented a resolution outlining this lease. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to adopt the resolution outlining the lease of property located at 180 South Main Street in Eureka to Eureka Veterinary Clinic, LLC (Darla Baumann); Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned that the new lease will become effective July 1, 2014, and lease of the premises will continue through June 30, 2014, under the current agreement; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. (*Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes*).

Comments on Draft SWOT Analysis: As part of the Eureka County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Mike Baughman, of Intertech Services Corporation, completed a draft SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) Analysis. At the April 7th meeting, the Board authorized the Chairman, with assistance from County staff, to send a comment letter to Mr. Baughman. This letter was sent on April 18th, via email and regular mail. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to ratify the comment letter to Mr. Baughman regarding the draft SWOT Analysis as part of the Eureka County CEDS. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

2014 Grad Nite Event: The County has some smaller surplus items, such as jackets, that Mr. Rebaleati recommended donating to the 2014 Grad Nite event which is sponsored by Juvenile Probation. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to authorize donating small items of personal property owned by the County to the 2014 Grad Nite event; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Juvenile Probation Officer, Steve Zimmerman, thanked the County for their past and continued support of the event.

AMBULANCE & EMS

Update Report: EMS Coordinator, Mike Sullivan, reported on emergency services since his update the previous month. Eureka had nine calls for service (31 year-to-date) and Crescent Valley had six calls for service (23 year-to-date). Volunteer levels are stable for both services. Continuing education training was held in Eureka on March 31st and April 7th and in Crescent Valley on March 27th and April 10th. The next classes are scheduled in Crescent Valley on April 24th and in Eureka on April 28th.

Mr. Sullivan reported on the following activities: he provided input at the NAC revision hearing in Carson City on March 25th; conducted CPR training at the Pine Valley Volunteer Fire Department on March 31st and April 1st; participated with staff in the Eureka County High School

job fair on April 3rd; met with the new physician, Dr. Michael Wells, on April 7th; met with Steven Tafoya, EMS Program Manager for the State of Nevada, on April 8th; and met with Jeffrey Antonicelli, Base Manager for Summit Air Ambulance, in Elko on April 15th.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mosquito Abatement Contract: Public Works Director, Ron Damele, reported that an advertisement was published for mosquito abatement and one response was received. The proposal includes a \$35.00 hourly rate and mileage reimbursement at the County rate, and will not exceed the budgeted amount of \$15,000.00 for this program. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve awarding the mosquito abatement contract to Seven Valleys, LLC, owned by Robin Gray, as presented; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Robins Street Improvements & Utility Upgrades Project: Subcontractor bids were opened on April 18th and Public Works, the County Engineer, and the Construction Manager at Risk (Legacy Construction & Development) are working towards a guaranteed maximum price for the Robins Street Improvements & Utility Upgrades Project to be presented at the special meeting on April 24th.

Water System Operations Specialist of the Year: Mr. Damele notified the Board that Bruce Harland was recognized as Water System Operations Specialist of the Year by the Nevada Rural Water Association. Mr. Harland has completed several levels of training and certification and, among other tasks, operates the arsenic treatment plant in Crescent Valley. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to congratulate Bruce Harland and acknowledge his accomplishment of attaining Water System Operations Specialist of the Year; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Update on Public Works Projects: Mr. Damele reported on various projects. COURTHOUSE HVAC PROJECT: Building Control Services, Inc., contractor for the Courthouse HVAC Project, is establishing a design team and working on a design quote for the project. BACKUP OPERATION SYSTEM FOR AMBULANCE BAY DOORS: Public Works is working with Gust Electric on a 12-volt system to serve as a backup power option for the ambulance bay doors. RED CARD TRAINING: Road Department staff and volunteers have completed Red Card wildland fire training. CRESCENT VALLEY TRUCK WASH: A considerable amount of time was spent repairing the truck wash at the Crescent Valley Road Shop. A pipe burst underneath the slab resulting in extensive repairs which should be completed this week. Negotiations are underway with the contractor for some level of compensation for this failure. MEDICAL CLINIC INVENTORIES: Inventory of the equipment, furniture, and fixtures was completed at the Eureka Medical Clinic on April 8th and an inventory of the Crescent Valley Medical Clinic is scheduled for April 28th. SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL MAP: A parcel map is being created to clean up boundaries and rights-of-way in the vicinity of the School District's new gymnasium and the Robins Street Project. EUREKA FAIRGROUNDS SOUND SYSTEM: The sound system for the Eureka Fairgrounds has been installed and tested. CRESCENT VALLEY FIRE STATION: A portion of the Crescent Valley Fire Station will be re-roofed as it is beyond repair. Work will begin in mid-June. Recent improvements at the station include a plumbing retrofit, installation of new fixtures, and painting.

COUNTY FACILITIES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Update Report: Cultural, Tourism, & Economic Development Director, Andrea Rossman, reported on activities at the Opera House, Sentinel Museum, and Economic Development. Richard Elloyan, cowboy poet/singer/songwriter, is scheduled to perform at the Opera House on April 25th. A cooperative effort between Economic Development Department Assistant, Cindy Beutel; Clerk staff; and Public Works produced the updated Eureka phone book. Final preparations are underway for the 7th Annual "Show What Ya Brung" Car Show and "Run What Ya Brung" Drag Races on May 9th & 10th. The Sentinel Museum and Opera House are experiencing increased tourist traffic.

Ms. Rossman and Department Assistant, Patty Peek, will attend the 2014 Rural Roundup in Ely beginning April 30th. Great Basin Regional Development Authority will meet in Battle Mountain on May 7th. The next meeting of the Economic Development Program Board will be held on May 8th and Mike Baughman of Intertech Services Corporation will be present to conduct a review of the draft SWOT Analysis. If available, the Board would like the updated draft SWOT Analysis to review at their May 6th meeting.

Temporary Road Closures: Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to allow the closure of portions of Monroe Street and Gold Street from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and East Bateman Street from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Town of Eureka on Saturday, May 10th, for the annual “Show What Ya Brung” Car Show and street dance events. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Nevada 150th Banners: The Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration in Eureka has received Nevada 150 Official Event Designation as one of the events honoring Nevada’s 150th year of statehood. Commissioner Ithurralde requested that Ms. Rossman order Nevada 150th banners, as well as banners noting Eureka’s 150th birthday, to be displayed on Main Street in time for the 4th of July celebration.

CLERK & TREASURER

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s Report for January was presented by Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley. Ending balance for the month was \$53,269,858.28. The majority of revenues for the month were from personal property taxes.

EUREKA COUNTY SHERIFF

Forensic Services Agreement: Undersheriff Keith Logan presented the proposed five-year agreement and associated fee schedule from Washoe County Medical Examiner/Coroner’s Office for forensic services. A portion of the contract services are covered by forensic fees derived from certain court fees and the remainder is paid from the Sheriff’s Office budget. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Forensic Services between Eureka County and Washoe County Medical Examiner/Coroner’s Office for a five-year period commencing immediately and ending June 30, 2019. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, was not in attendance and will report on activities and upcoming meetings at the next regular meeting. Other materials were provided in advance of the meeting.

Resolution for Wildfire Awareness Month: Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to adopt the resolution for promotion of May 2014 as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.



EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION BEFORE THE EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
IN SUPPORT OF NEVADA WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH – MAY 2014

Whereas, wildfire significantly impacts Nevada’s environmental, economic and social well-being; and

Whereas, residents of Nevada’s fire-prone communities need to accept responsibility for living in high fire-hazard areas; and

Whereas, residents must be encouraged to move from the expectation of being protected from wildfire to the understanding that they must be prepared to survive wildfire; and

Whereas, to do so, they will need to acquire the knowledge and skills to prepare their homes to survive wildfire and take action;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Eureka County Board of Commissioners supports the month of May 2014 as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month and this year's theme "Prepare Your Home for Wildfire" as a means for education and a call for residents of Eureka County to take action to reduce the wildfire threat to their homes and help their community move towards becoming a Fire Adapted Community.

We further resolve that the Eureka County Board of Commissioners supports Firewise Days, to promote community fire safe practices, wildfire awareness and wildfire readiness in Eureka County, to be held during Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month in Eureka on May 2, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Eureka Fire House and in Crescent Valley on May 3, 2014, at the Crescent Valley Fairgrounds.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 21st day of April, 2014.

By: /s/ J.J. Goicoechea
J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

By: /s/ Jim Ithurrealde
Jim Ithurrealde, Vice-Chairman

Attest: /s/ Jackie Berg
Jackie Berg, Executive Asst.

By: /s/ Mike Sharkozy
Mike Sharkozy, Member

Wildfire Risk Assessment: A proposal was received from Resource Concepts Inc. to conduct a Wildfire Risk Assessment in Eureka County. A resolution of the Board adopted on September 20, 2013, obligated Secure Rural Schools & Community Self Determination Act funds and included a designation of up to \$40,000.00 of Title III funds for a contractor to conduct community and home assessments. Commissioner Ithurrealde motioned to approve an agreement with Resource Concepts Inc. to complete a Wildfire Risk Assessment in Eureka County to be funded with Secure Rural Schools Title III monies, not to exceed \$16,308.00. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ELKO-LANDER-EUREKA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Declaration for the Right to Libraries: Jeanette Hammons, Director, and Kassie Antonucci, Assistant Director, were in attendance to promote the initiative, "Libraries Change Lives," a program of the American Library Association with the "Declaration for the Right to Libraries." The purpose of this initiative is to build public will and support for America's right to libraries of all types. The declaration is being circulated throughout the nation to gather signatures. The signatures will be sent to the American Library Association and the statistics will be used in Washington, DC, to promote the advocacy program during National Library Legislative Day in May. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to support and sign the Declaration for the Right to Libraries, an initiative of the American Library Association; Commissioner Ithurrealde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

NEVADA DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Special Assessments: Due to concerns over the increase in special assessments for waters in Eureka County for the upcoming fiscal year, County officials extended an invitation for a representative from Nevada Division of Water Resources to attend the meeting. State Engineer, Jason King, told the Chairman he would try to have someone available by phone, but no further response was received. Special assessments are currently collected by Eureka County on behalf of the Division of Water Resources for the following waters: (a) Diamond

Valley Groundwater Basin; (b) Crescent Valley Groundwater Basin; (c) Maggie Creek Groundwater Basin; (d) Lower Reese River Valley Groundwater Basin; (e) Boulder Flat Groundwater Basin; (f) Humboldt River Distribution; (g) Pine Valley Groundwater Basin; and (h) Whirlwind Valley Groundwater Basin.

Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley, explained that the assessments varied and not all basins received an increase. Diamond Valley Groundwater Basin received the largest inflation, from \$0.10 per acre foot to \$0.25 per acre foot. She also questioned the inconsistency, since not all basins within Eureka County are assessed. There are a total of 16 basins and only eight are currently assessed; for instance, no assessments are levied for Kobeh Valley.

Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to draft a letter with assistance from staff, to be sent from the Board of Commissioners to the Nevada State Engineer requesting clarification on the basis for determining special water assessments, asking why some basins are included and others are not, requesting information supporting the recent increases on waters within Eureka County, and authorizing the Chairman to sign it outside of the meeting. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: Lisa Wolf; Roger & Judy Allen; District Attorney, Ted Beutel (5); Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts; Economic Development Program; Eureka County Health Insurance Committee; Relay for Life flyer; May Clean-Up flyer; Firewise Community Days flyer; Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System; White Pine County Commission; Washoe County Clerk; Intertech Services Corp.; Division of Museums & History, Peter Barton; Seven Valleys, LLC; Resource Concepts, Inc.; Nevada Cattlemen's Assoc.; Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection; Nevada Dept. of Business & Industry (3); Wood Rodgers, Inc.; and US Dept. of Interior-BLM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 19th day of May, 2014.

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea

J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

I, Jackie Berg, Executive Assistant to the Board of Eureka County Commissioners, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the April 21, 2014, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

/s/ Jackie Berg

Jackie Berg, Executive Assistant

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

/s/ Beverly Conley

Beverly Conley, Clerk & Treasurer