

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 19, 2015

STATE OF NEVADA)
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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on June 19, 2015. Present were Vice Chairman Michael Sharkozy; Commissioner Fred Etchegaray; District Attorney, Ted Beutel; and Commissioner Clerk, Jackie Berg. Chairman J.J. Goicoechea was absent due to medical reasons. 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

An item under Public Works related to the proposed Stevens Basin and Kobeh Valley Exploratory Well Drilling Project was removed from the agenda. With that change, Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the agenda; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chair Sharkozy opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 18, 2015: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve minutes of the May 18, 2015, Commission meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

FINANCE & RECORDER/AUDITOR

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Acting Recorder & Auditor, Tina Hubbard. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$195,426.28 for accounts payable, \$280,381.57 for payroll, \$18,743.29 for a pass-through tax allocation to the School District, and \$11,581.57 for Yucca Mountain expenses, for a grand total of \$506,132.71; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Auditor's Report: The Board reviewed ending fund balances as presented on the Auditor's Report.

COMMISSIONERS

Update Reports: Commissioner Etchegaray traveled to Austin on June 8th for the Central Nevada Elk Plan meeting; attended the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting in Ely on June 12th; attended the Diamond Natural Resources Protection & Conservation Association meeting on June 16th; attended the Barrick Ruby Hill Community Advisory Committee meeting on June 17th; attended the Recreation Board meeting on the evening of June 18th; and attended the Liquor Board meeting the morning of June 19th.

Commissioner Sharkozy attended a Search & Rescue meeting on June 8th; attended the Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department meeting and training on June 9th; traveled to Carson City on June 11th-12th for a NevadaWorks meeting; attended the Great Basin Regional Development Authority meeting in Ely on June 15th; participated in the Cops & Kids event at the Crescent Valley Town Park on June 18th; and attended the Liquor Board meeting the morning of June 19th.

Shared Funding of Nevada Land Management Task Force: In October 2013, the Board agreed to commit funding towards the Nevada Land Management Task Force, which was formed to complete a study on lands that should be transferred from the federal government to be managed by the State or local governments. NACO recently contacted the County to inform them they had failed to invoice several counties, including Eureka County.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to authorize payment of \$3,896.50 to Nevada Association of Counties for Eureka County's contribution to fund the Nevada Land Management Task Force, as approved on October 7, 2013. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Proclamation Supporting Aviation: A request was received from Alliance for Aviation Across America asking Eureka County to proclaim the importance of aviation in Eureka County. The Board wished to further research whether there were any negative ramifications associated with adopting a proclamation, for instance in relation to naval air space. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to table the Aviation Proclamation to the next meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Approval to Pay Notary Public Costs: At the request of the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board, the Commissioners recently agreed to have two employees in the Crescent Valley area train to become notaries public. Since that time, Nona Kellerman, CVTAB Secretary, decided she will retire soon and wanted to clarify whether the County was still willing to cover these costs. Estimated costs for the application, class, bond insurance, errors and omissions bond insurance, and supplies are \$262.50. There will also be minimal costs for travel and per diem. After some discussion, the Board agreed it would be a service to the public to have a second notary public in the area.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to pay costs from the Commissioners' budget related to training, materials and supplies, bond insurance, and travel for Nona Kellerman to become a notary public to provide this service in the Crescent Valley area. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Board's Determination Related to Senate Bill 482: SB482 was adopted in the 2015 Nevada Legislative Session outlining salary increases for elected officials. It includes an opt out clause and during the budget sessions, the Commissioners decided not to budget for an increase in elected officials' salaries due to current budget constraints. It was now before the Board to make a final determination whether Eureka County would opt out for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Commissioner Sharkozy commented that he would like Chairman Goicoechea's input before making a final decision. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to table a decision related to elected officials' salary increases for the upcoming fiscal year; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

County Fees: As part of ongoing budget discussions, the Board decided to review fees throughout the County for various services, facilities, etc., and had asked the department heads to provide a listing of current fees to the Budget Director. In turn, Budget Director, Michael Mears, forwarded fees from several departments to the Board for review. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to table this initial review of fees until the next meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Ongoing Budget Topics: As part of the efforts to address budget constraints, the Board agreed to tackle budget issues throughout the upcoming year rather than postponing all decisions until the next budget cycle. Several topics were suggested during previous meetings and these were briefly discussed. Commissioner Etchegaray and Commissioner Sharkozy concurred that this will be a continuing discussion during future meetings.

Sagebrush Ecosystem Program: Commissioner Etchegaray briefly noted that the proposed time extension that would allow states to implement their own plans for sage grouse is being debated on the national level.

Legislative Updates: The Legislative Session has concluded, but the Board agreed to leave this item on the agenda as there will be some legislation effective July 1st that will warrant discussion at the next meeting.

AMBULANCE & EMS

Activity Report: EMS Coordinator, Mike Sullivan, reported on activities since his last report on May 18th. Eureka had 11 calls for service (63 year-to-date) and Crescent Valley had four calls for service (24 year-to-date). Volunteer staffing level remains stable, with one new driver added in Eureka. Volunteers will now be placed on inactive status if they have not attended at least one training session or been available for one call during the previous quarter. Continuing education training was held on May 28th, June 1st, and June 11th. Training is scheduled in Crescent Valley on June 25th and in Eureka on June 29th. Michael Boharsik, EMT-2, is conducting CPR First-Aid refresher training for the Pine Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Eureka Ambulance provided standby coverage for the Eureka High School Rodeo on Memorial Day Weekend and for the circus on June 4th. Standby coverage will be provided for the drag races on June 20th in Eureka. Mr. Sullivan traveled to Carson City on June 8th to submit licensing paperwork for the new driver in Eureka. While there, he submitted the annual operating permits for both ambulance services.

The MPTV (multi-patient transport vehicle) was displayed at the Rural Preparedness Summit in Fallon on June 10th. It will next be showcased at the Nevada State Firefighter's Association Conference in Virginia City on June 26th-27th.

Eureka County Emergency Medical Service has been asked to be one of three services to implement and test the new State funded electronic patient care reporting.

Contract for Ambulance Billing Services: Mr. Sullivan recommended contracting with a company for ambulance billing services due to the ever increasing regulations, as well as the associated cost and time burden to keep staff trained to ensure compliance with these rules. He noted that the County budgeted \$9,200.00 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to cover ambulance billing. Health Services Integration, Inc., proposes to do the ambulance billing for 8% of reimbursements. Based on ambulance billing receipts for calendar year 2014, the contract cost should run approximately \$1,800.00 annually.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to enter into a three-year contract for ambulance billing services with Health Services Integration, Inc., effective July 1, 2015, and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Carryover Funds: Mr. Sullivan requested authorization to carryover encumbered funds from Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to Fiscal Year 2015-2016. He couldn't provide an exact estimate for the carryover, but had a purchase order for supplies in the amount of \$5,413.17 and will also order some training materials. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to authorize Mr. Sullivan to carryover encumbered funds from Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as outlined; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION HONORING ALIA MINOLETTI

Patriot's Pen Contest Winner: Local 8th grade student, Alia Minoletti, participated in the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Patriot's Pen Contest winning first place in local, district, and State levels of the competition. Miss Minoletti and her parents, Doris & Giovanni Minoletti, were in attendance to allow the Board to recognize this young lady's outstanding achievements. Robert Stephenson, representing local VFW Post 8194, spoke accolades about the level attained by Miss Minoletti in reaching such a high honor among the immense number of entrants in this contest. As a veteran, Commissioner Sharkozy added his personal congratulations and appreciation.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to adopt a resolution honoring Alia Minoletti for her achievement in winning the local, district, and State contests, and for her national placement in the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Patriot's Pen Contest; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Eureka, Nevada

June 19, 2015

**RESOLUTION
HONORING ALIA MINOLETTI FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
IN THE VFW NATIONAL PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEST**

WHEREAS, the Board of Eureka County Commissioners wishes to recognize and congratulate Alia Minoletti for her outstanding achievement of becoming a national award winner in the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2014-2015 National Patriot's Pen Contest; and

WHEREAS, Eureka County acknowledges the following biographical information: Alia Marie Minoletti was born on March 19, 2001, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Her parents are Doris & Giovanni Minoletti. Alia attends Eureka County High School and just completed the 8th grade. In addition to school, Alia is active in basketball, volleyball, and track. She enjoys reading, sports, and spending time with her family. This year, Alia won first place in the Eureka Junior High Spelling Bee, and was awarded the "Gold Award" at her 8th grade graduation in recognition of outstanding academic accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Alia Minoletti submitted an essay for the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2014-2015 National Patriot's Pen Contest with the topic, "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans," and placed first in local, first in district, and first in the state levels of the competition. She was sponsored by local VFW Post 8194 and went on to the national level, where she placed sixth out of 54 finalists. Over 125,000 students participate in this contest each year, so this is an amazing accomplishment! Alia was recipient of the sixth place \$2,000.00 Clyde A. Lewis Department of New York and Ladies Auxiliary National Patriot's Pen Award; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Eureka County Commissioners recognizes that this is a significant accomplishment and displays not only the talents and knowledge of this young lady, but reflects honor on herself as an individual and brings honor to her family, her school, and to Eureka County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners, that Lia Minoletti be commended for her exceptional achievement of being a national award winner in the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2014-2015 National Patriot's Pen Contest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be published in the minutes of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners to remain a part of the permanent and historical records of Eureka County.

ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2015.

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

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/s/ JJ Goicoechea
JJ Goicoechea, Chairman*

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/s/ Mike Sharkozy
Mike Sharkozy, Vice Chair*

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/s/ Fred Etchegaray
Fred Etchegaray, Member*

*Attest: /s/ Beverly Conley

Beverly Conley, Eureka County Clerk*

PUBLIC WORKS

Update on Public Works Projects: Public Works Director, Ron Damele, provided an update on recent projects and activities. **Capron Street Sidewalk:** Public Works has been assisting the School District with some design ideas for a sidewalk on Capron Street near the Elementary School. This will be on County property, but will be completely funded by the School District. **NDF Billing Procedures:** Billing procedures have been finalized for the County to obtain reimbursement from Nevada Division of Forestry on wildland fires. **Radio Repeater Annual Inspections:** The radio repeater annual inspections and tower certifications have been completed. **Water Management System:** Installation of the water management system for the commercial fill stations will be completed by the end of next week. **Justice Court Remodel:** A final meeting will be held on the Justice Court Remodel on June 30th and the contractor for the project will be selected. **Crescent Valley Town Park:** A meeting was held with Crescent Valley Town Advisory Chair, Dawn Gann, to discuss water conservation at the Crescent Valley Town Park. The Road Superintendent and his crews have been rebuilding the sprinkler stations, resulting in less water usage. This will allow for postponement of plans to reduce the grass footprint at the park.

SLAG Working Group: The SLAG Working Group had their last meeting on June 3rd to review the final draft EE/CA (Engineering Evaluation & Cost Analysis) outlining cleanup efforts in Eureka. Alternatives for each operable unit were debated and selected. The US Environmental Protection Agency hopes to have the final EE/CA completed and ready for presentation in November to EPA's Priority Panel, which makes decisions related to funding.

Stipend for Rural Chiefs: Mr. Damele explained that the two town Chiefs (Eureka and Crescent Valley) already receive a monthly stipend for their duties. Responsibilities for the rural chiefs have increased recently and it was recommended and budgeted to allow the rural chiefs to receive a stipend as well. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to adopt a resolution providing a stipend directly to the Volunteer Fire Chiefs within the Eureka Fire Protection District, specifically the Diamond Valley Volunteer Chief, the Pine Valley Volunteer Chief, the Beowawe Volunteer Chief, and the Dunphy Volunteer Chief, effective July 1, 2015. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Eureka, Nevada

June 19, 2015

RESOLUTION

TO PROVIDE A STIPEND DIRECTLY TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEFS WITHIN THE EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SPECIFICALLY THE DIAMOND VALLEY VOLUNTEER CHIEF, THE PINE VALLEY VOLUNTEER CHIEF, THE BEOWAWE VOLUNTEER CHIEF, AND THE DUNPHY VOLUNTEER CHIEF

WHEREAS, EFFECTIVE January 2014, Eureka County transitioned to an NRS 474 Fire District due to State budget cuts and changes in services provided by Nevada Division of forestry; and

WHEREAS, with this transition, the County and its individual Volunteer Fire Departments took on a multitude of additional responsibilities, including but not limited to all-risk services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the amount of personal time each Volunteer Fire Chief devotes to his/her department and that the demand on time has increased with the enactment of the NRS 474 Fire District; and

WHEREAS, Eureka County recognizes the additional duties and requirements placed on each Fire Chief to manage their respective Volunteer Fire Department, including: maintaining the department roster, scheduling and facilitating training, maintaining training records, ensuring the department's equipment is in working order, coordinating building and equipment repairs with appropriate County staff, responding to and working all-risk and wildland fires, and working cooperatively with local, state, and federal partners; and

WHEREAS, Eureka County acknowledges the contribution of all volunteers and knows the efforts can never be repaid, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to extend a token of appreciation for the additional time demands and responsibilities placed on the Volunteer Fire Chiefs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners will compensate each Volunteer Fire Chief for the following rural departments: Diamond Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Pine Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Dunphy Volunteer Fire Department, and Beowawe Volunteer Fire Department, with compensation based on the following criteria:

1. Each Volunteer Fire Chief shall be compensated on a monthly basis
2. The monthly rate will be \$200.00 per Fire Chief.
3. Volunteer Fire Chiefs will be responsible to set up an account with the Recorder/Auditor's Office in order to receive payments. Each Fire Chief will also be responsible to notify the County when they no longer fill the capacity of Volunteer Fire Chief for their respective department.
4. This resolution is contingent on financial funding available from the Board of County Commissioners and can be terminated at any time, for any cause, with or without notice.
5. This resolution will be effective July 1, 2015.

ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2015.

/s/ JJ Goicoechea
JJ Goicoechea, Chairman

/s/ Michael Sharkozy
Michael Sharkozy, Vice Chair

/s/ Fred Etchegaray
Fred Etchegaray, Member

Attest: /s/ Jackie Berg
Jackie Berg, Commissioner Clerk

CLERK & TREASURER

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for May was submitted by Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley. Ending General Fund balance for May was \$13,243,066.71. Overall ending balance, including encumbered funds was \$55,643,849.18.

Seventh Judicial District Court Cooperative Agreement: The Seventh Judicial District Court Cooperative Agreement outlines a formula where each county in the district pays a portion of the shared court costs based upon population. The district is comprised of Eureka, White Pine, and Lincoln Counties. Eureka County pays 11% of total costs for the district. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the Seventh Judicial District Court Cooperative Agreement for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement outside of the meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Engagement Letters with Eide Bailly: Ms. Conley explained that Minimum Accounting Standard audits are required this year for both District Court and Justice Court. She presented the engagement letters for these audits, noting that corrections should be made to the not to exceed amounts. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the court audit engagement letters from Eide Bailly, LLP, corrected to read not to exceed \$3,000.00 plus travel costs for District Court and not to exceed \$5,500.00 plus travel costs for Justice Court, and authorized Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley, and Justice of the Peace, John Schweble, to sign for their respective courts. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Updated Investment Policy: Ms. Conley reviewed the Eureka County Investment Policy with the new investment advisor and made some minor changes related to securities currently

held by the County. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the updated Eureka County Investment Policy; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

EUREKA COUNTY JUSTICE COURT

Substitute Justices of the Peace: A draft resolution was presented to identify a person or persons to serve as substitute Justices of the Peace and to set per diem and salary limits within the budget. Representatives of Justice Court were not available for the meeting, so Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to table the resolution regarding substitute Justices of the Peace; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

IT / NETWORK ANALYST SUPERVISOR

Authorization to Negotiate Professional Services: IT Network Analyst Supervisor, Michael Mears, explained the County currently contracts with Advanced Data Systems of Carson City for IT and network support. Much of the work is done remotely and a technician visits monthly or as needed for on-site services. But the County's needs are greater than this one service can supply. Mr. Mears researched what other options might be available and met with a company out of Las Vegas that currently contracts with White Pine County, White Pine County School District, and Lincoln County for similar services. They basically work as the IT department, providing remote services, on-site services, monitoring, and a 24-hour help line. This company could work supplemental to ADS to provide more comprehensive services. Mr. Mears requested authorization to pursue negotiations with this company. When, and if, an agreement is reached, a contract will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to authorize IT Network Analyst Supervisor Michael Mears, to negotiate a professional services contract with a proficient IT provider to service Eureka County's IT needs, with any proposed contract to be provided for review and approval at a future meeting. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

COUNTY FACILITIES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Update Report: Cultural, Tourism, & Economic Development Director, Andrea Rossman, reported on activities for the Opera House, Sentinel Museum, and Economic Development. The Economic Development Program Board meeting, scheduled for June 11th, was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Ms. Rossman attended the Great Basin Regional Development Authority meeting in Ely on June 15th. The Opera House calendar outlined various meetings, activities, and cultural events. Tintabulation, a traveling group of educational professionals from Washoe County, will perform a hand bell ensemble at the Opera House on July 1st. A written report on the Sentinel Museum described field trips hosted for the local 4th grade and 7th grade classes and provided information on exhibit updates at the museum and other County facilities.

Grants: The Nevada Commission on Tourism marketing grant, in the amount of \$2,500.00, was approved and the acceptance letter is awaited. Funding from the previous marketing grant, also \$2,500.00, was received in May. Great Basin Regional Development Authority recently received the fourth installment of their grant from the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Eureka's portion, \$3,750.00, was deposited in the General Fund.

JUVENILE PROBATION

Out-of-State Travel: Juvenile Probation Senior Department Assistant, Joyce Jeppesen, explained that monies were allocated in the budget for two dance instructors to attend dance camp, but out-of-state travel must be approved by the Commissioners. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to authorize out-of-state travel for two Juvenile Probation dance instructors to attend BYU Clogging Classic Camp in Salt Lake City on June 17th-20th; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: Dale Hornickel; Scott Raine; anonymous letter from Concerned Citizen; District Attorney, Ted Beutel (2); Administrative Legal Secretary, Toni Wright; Budget Director, Michael Mears; Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley; Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts (2); EMS Coordinator, Mike Sullivan; Economic Development Program Board; Eureka County Planning Commission; Eureka County Recreation Board; SLAG Working Group; Eureka Farmer’s Market; Eureka County High School; Barrick Ruby Hill Mine; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board (2); Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board Secretary, Nona Kellerman; Crescent Valley Gymkhana; Beowawe Justice Court; Seventh Judicial District Court; Nevada Assoc. of Counties (6); White Pine County Commission (2); Eide Bailly (2); Lumos Insights newsletter; Allison MacKenzie, Ltd.; The Advocate; Nevada Commission on Ethics; Nevada Dept. of Health & Human Services; Nevada Dept. of Transportation; Nevada Rural Housing Authority; Nevada Dept. of Business & Industry; Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection (2); Nevada Div. of Water Resources (2); Southwest Gas Corporation; Alliance for Aviation Across America; Western Counties Alliance (4); and US Dept. of the Interior-BLM (2).

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET AUGMENTATION

Budget Augmentation Resolution: Notice was given that the Board of Eureka County Commissioners would hold a hearing to hear public comments and take action on a resolution to augment the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. Budget Director, Michael Mears, explained that this transaction was a planned transfer to cover expenses related to the Robins Street Project. Vice Chairman Sharkozy called for public comments; there were none.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to adopt a resolution to augment the Eureka Town Water/Sewer Fund with a grant from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and authorized the Chairman to sign the resolution outside of the meeting. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**BUDGET AUGMENTATION RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION FOR AUGMENTATION OF THE 2014-2015 BUDGET OF EUREKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the revenues of the EUREKA WATER/SEWER FUND were budgeted to be \$203,000;

WHEREAS, said EUREKA WATER/SEWER FUND sources are as follows:

<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Available YTD</u>	<u>Excess Revenues</u>	<u>Augment Amount</u>
Grant from General Fund	\$0	\$1,500,000		
Totals	\$802,468	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

WHEREAS, there is a need to apply these unanticipated proceeds in the EUREKA WATER/SEWER FUND to fund the remaining portion of the Robin’s Street Project; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Eureka County shall augment the FY 2015 expenditure budget for the Eureka Water/Sewer Fund; and

THEREBY increasing appropriations from \$684,000 to \$2,184,000; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Director shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

PASSED, ADOPTED, and APPROVED the 19th day of June, 2015.

AYES: Vice Chairman Sharkozy
 Commissioner Etchegaray
 NAYS: None

By: /s/ Julian J. Goicoechea
Julian J. Goicoechea, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: /s/ Beverly Conley
Beverly Conley, Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION OF SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Franchise Application: Notice was given that the Board of Eureka County Commissioners would hold a hearing to hear public comments and take action related to an application received from Southwest Gas Corporation for a gas line franchise pursuant to NRS Chapter 709.

District Attorney, Ted Beutel, explained that the utility lines referenced in this franchise agreement are already installed in County rights-of-way. This request was to renew the 25-year franchise related to these gas lines. The documentation was amended to satisfy the County by clarifying that should the lines ever need to be relocated, the expense of that relocation would be the responsibility of Southwest Gas Corporation.

Vice Chairman Sharkozy called for public comments; there were none. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the application of Southwest Gas Corporation for a gas line franchise for 25 years through April 30, 2040, and authorized the Chairman to sign the Franchise Agreement outside of the meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Report on Activities: Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, was unable to attend the meeting as he was in Carson City meeting with Governor's staff related to the Final EIS for the Nevada & Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment and the Governor's Consistency Review. He provided an email outlining his agenda items and will provide a full report on activities during the next Commission meeting.

BLM State Director Review: Mr. Tibbitts' email noted that the requested BLM State Director review of the Mount Hope Plan of Operations Amendment was approved.

Resignation from CAB: A letter of resignation from the County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was received from Dale Hornickel. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to accept the resignation of Dale Hornickel from the County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and authorized Natural Resources to advertise to fill the two vacant seats; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Membership in American Lands Council & Western Counties Alliance: The Natural Resources Advisory Commission met on June 10th and recommended that the County continue its membership in these two organizations. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve continued membership including payment of membership fees out of the NRAC budget of \$5,000.00 to American Lands Council and \$2,500.00 to Western Counties Alliance. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

BLM Fish Creek Herd Management Area: Wild Horse Education filed their brief in opposition to the County's Statement of Reasons and the BLM followed suit. The County's attorney, Mark Pollot, Esq., is analyzing the briefs and will provide a summary.

Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendment Final EIS: The Greater Sage-Grouse Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment Final EIS was released on May 28th and triggered a 30-day protest period. Mr. Tibbitts recommended filing a formal protest by the June 29th deadline. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to authorize the Natural Resources Manager to prepare a formal protest of the Nevada & Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment Final EIS and authorized the Chairman to sign it outside of the meeting. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Letter to Nevada BLM State Director, John Ruhs: Mr. Tibbitts prepared a letter to the BLM State Director and recommended that the Board approve and send the letter. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve sending a letter to Nevada BLM State Director, John Ruhs, thanking him for his leadership in finding solutions to grazing conflicts within the BLM Battle Mountain District and authorized the Chairman to sign the letter outside of the meeting. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairman Sharkozy called for public comments; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 20th day of July, 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 June 19, 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