# EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS June 20, 2018

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on June 20, 2018. 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 not utilized due to an internet failure at the Crescent Valley Town Center, but a phone connection was established.

# **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Two corrections were made to the agenda: the presenter for Department of Transportation was changed to Cole Mortenson and the presenter for Public Agency Insurance Pool was changed to Marshall Smith. With those changes, Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the agenda; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments.

Ari Erickson, noted that his grandfather, Einar Erickson, and father, Ty Erickson, would have liked to address the Commissioners, but were unable to attend. The BLM recently released the Environmental Assessment for their Gullsil, LLC, Prospect Mountain Mine Project, and it is currently under the 30-day public comment period. Mr. Erickson stated that they hoped Eureka County would provide a positive recommendation related to their project. He added that his father was currently in Iceland, but would make himself available by video conference or other method if there are any questions or comments.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<u>June 6, 2018</u>: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve minutes of the June 6, 2018, meeting; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## **COUNTY COMPTROLLER**

<u>Payment of Expenditures</u>: Expenditures were presented for approval by Comptroller, Maureen Garner. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$427,617.79 for accounts payable, \$237,995.11 for payroll, and \$95.72 in Yucca Mountain expenditures, for a grand total of \$665,708.62. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fund Balances Report: The Board reviewed the report showing current fund balances.

#### **NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORATION**

<u>Transportation Report & Presentation</u>: Cole Mortenson, Assistant Director of Engineering, and Lee Bonner, Government Relations Liaison, Nevada Department of Transportation, were in attendance to provide an overall transportation report and to present the Fiscal Year 2019 Work Program for Eureka County.

Mr. Mortenson relayed that NDOT is focusing on preventing animal collisions (marking wildlife crossings and working on fencing), the One Nevada Plan (planning processes for identifying and prioritizing projects), and continued studies related to the I-11 corridor.

In visiting with County representatives at the annual workshops, NDOT understands the top concerns are redesign of the intersection at State Route 278 and US Highway 50, and snow removal and shoulder widening on both SR 278 and SR 306.

Mr. Mortenson shared some Eureka County commuting statistics, noting there are 3,654 registered vehicles. NDOT rates pavement condition and road smoothness in the County between poor and fair, and wants to improve this in the future. On average, over \$2 million is spent annually on road maintenance in Eureka County (this does not include new projects).

NDOT receives about \$600 million in funding each year - \$350 million in federal funding and \$250 million in State revenues from fuel taxes and other fees. Mr. Mortenson explained a breakdown of where the funds are spent. He explained the 12-step development process that must be completed for each project, which can take anywhere from a few months to several years.

<u>Fiscal Year 2019 Work Program</u>: The Annual Work Program for Eureka County includes the following projects: truck climbing lanes on Emigrant Pass (\$11.6 million); machine patch pavement fatigue on SR 278 (\$500,000.00); replace bridge structure B-478 (\$256,000.00); chip seal south of Carlin on SR 278 (\$187,000.00); slope repair at Smith Creek on SR 278 (\$175,000.00); and flush seal west of Eureka on US 50 (\$35,000.00); for a total of \$12.7 million.

<u>County Issues</u>: Chairman Goicoechea thanked NDOT for addressing the severe road conditions on SR 278 by completing an emergency overlay. He added that a chain up area is needed at the end of Eureka; signs are up, but there's nowhere to pull over and chain up.

Commissioner Sharkozy noted that a stop sign at an exit ramp off I-80 onto SR 306 had been replaced with a yield sign. He has heard a lot of comments from the people in Crescent Valley that this has created a safety hazard.

Commissioner Etchegaray relayed that the area in front of the NDOT maintenance yard in Eureka needs to be addressed. It is very difficult for larger vehicles to navigate the steep ramp where Reno Avenue turns onto Highway 50.

NDOT agreed to look into all of the issues.

<u>Accept Work Program</u>: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to accept NDOT's Annual Work Program for Eureka County for Fiscal Year 2019; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## **COMMISSIONERS**

Contract with Aging & Disability Services Division: This contract was originally approved by the Board in March and again in May, but each time was subsequently revised by the State.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the second revised Intrastate Interlocal Contract with Nevada Department of Health & Human Services, Aging & Disability Services Division, for provision of services to children with intellectual disabilities, effective July 1, 2018, with automatic annual renewals unless terminated by either party. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Propose Ordinance</u>: An ordinance was drafted, at the request of Assessor Michael Mears, to give statutory authority to the Treasurer to collect personal property taxes.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to propose the 2018 Personal Property Tax Collector Ordinance as written and to set a public hearing at 9:50 a.m. on July 6<sup>th</sup> to consider adopting said ordinance. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Settlement Authority</u>: A mediation session has been scheduled in Reno on August 28<sup>th</sup> in the Sadler Ranch water mitigation case.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to assign settlement authority to Chairman Goicoechea in Case No. 75736, Eureka County vs. Sadler Ranch, LLC, before the Nevada Supreme Court (Seventh Judicial District Court Case No. 1409-204), with any settlement subject to ratification and confirmation by the entire Board. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

# **AMBULANCE & EMS**

<u>Report on Activities</u>: Interim Ambulance Coordinator, Kenny Sanders, reported on activities during the month of May. Eureka had nine calls for service, Crescent Valley had seven calls, and there were two assists to Lander County, for a total of 18 runs. Shealene French, AEMT-1, will be off on medical leave for a few weeks.

EMS is currently in the annual permitting process for the ambulance services, which requires inspections of all emergency vehicles. The inspection was conducted in Crescent Valley on June 18<sup>th</sup> and went very well. The inspection will be done in Eureka on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and is also expected to go well. Mr. Sanders will meet with Medical Director, Dr. Robert Stefanko, within the next week to sign permitting paperwork for submission to the State.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

<u>Public Works Update</u>: Public Works Director, Ron Damele, reported on Public Works projects and activities. All utility systems are in good working order. The record of survey map for Perdiz Shooting Range has been recorded. The County-wide radio reprogram is complete.

<u>Facilities</u>: The Eureka Senior Center will reopen as soon as the flooring material is received and installed. In the interim, staff has been utilizing the kitchen at the Opera House. New carpet was installed at Fixed Base Operator's residence at the Eureka Airport. The Sentinel Museum and the Opera House remain consistently busy. Missoula Children's Theater is scheduled at the Opera House July 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. The Swimming Pool has been busy and on June 19<sup>th</sup> a successful safety audit was conducted by Nevada POOL/PACT.

<u>EPA</u>: The US Environmental Protection Agency returned to Eureka and resumed cleanup work on May 14<sup>th</sup>. All is going well with residential cleanup and work at the repository, but Mr. Damele has suspended discussions between the EPA and owners of the hillside parcels behind the senior housing complex.

Earlier this year, the EPA proposed a land trade where owners of those contaminated parcels could exchange their property for County-owned property at the Eureka Canyon Subdivision. The EPA assured the County that all transactions were to be completely voluntary, but now they appear to be approaching this in a mandatory fashion. Tom Dunkelman, EPA On-Scene Coordinator, plans to attend the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Damele and the Board agreed that would be a good time to clear up any misconceptions and reaffirm previous assurances.

<u>Commercial Water Service in Devil's Gate GID</u>: A petition to join the Devil's Gate GID and an application for a commercial water service were received from Silver State Property Group LLC. Mr. Damele explained this would be a good opportunity to upsize to a 6-inch line, with that cost borne by Public Works. All work will be done concurrently.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve Silver State Property Group LLC's request for inclusion in the Devil's Gate GID and a 2-inch commercial water service in District #1 for APN 007-380-05, and authorized Public Works to upgrade to a 6-inch water line with that cost borne by Eureka County. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **CLERK & TREASURER**

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: The Treasurer's Report for May was submitted by Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley, showing an ending General Fund balance of \$24,014,071.15. This was nearly a \$2.4 million increase over the previous month, primarily due to receipt of net proceeds of minerals.

<u>Canvass Returns of the 2018 Primary Election</u>: The Abstract of the 2018 Primary Election was presented by Ms. Conley. There were a total of 21 absentee ballots, 145 mail-in ballots (Precincts 3 & 4), 285 early voters, and 138 voters on Election Day. With 980 active registered voters, this represents a 60% turnout for Eureka County.

Ms. Conley explained the outcome of two local races. In the race for Sheriff, Jesse Watts received more than 50% of the vote, so if uncontested, he will be deemed elected and no Sheriff candidates will be placed on the General Election ballot. In the race for School District Trustee,

Seat 2A, there was a tie for second place. NRS only addresses first place ties, so the Secretary of State, in consultation with the State Attorney General, determined that the first place candidate and both second place candidates will appear on the General Election ballot.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the canvass and abstract of the vote for the 2018 Primary Election held June 12, 2018; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

# CANVASS and ABSTRACT OF THE VOTE FOR EUREKA COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON JUNE 12, 2018 ELECTION SUMMARY REPORT

				Registered	
Elector Group	Counting Group	Ballots	Voters	Voters	Turnout
Democrat	Absentee	2	2		2.02%
	Mail-In	19	19		19.19%
	Early Vote	27	27		27.27%
	Election Day	7	7		7.07%
	Total	55	55	99	55.56%
Republican	Absentee	19	19		2.74%
	Mail-In	100	100		14.41%
	Early Vote	217	217		31.27%
	Election Day	116	116		16.71%
	Total	452	452	694	65.13%
Nonpartisan	Absentee	0	0		0.00%
	Mail-In	26	26		13.90%
	Early Vote	41	41		21.93%
	Election Day	15	15		8.02%
	Total	82	82	187	43.85%
Total	Absentee	21	21		2.14%
	Mail-In	145	145		14.80%
	Early Vote	285	285		29.08%
	Election Day	138	138		14.08%
	Total	589	589	980	60.10%

Registered Voters: 589 of 980 (60.10%); Ballots Cast: 589

# **United States Senate (DEM) (Vote for 1)**

		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Times Cast		2	19	27	7	55 / 99	55.56%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
BURLEIGH, DANNY	Dem	0	0	2	0	2	3.70%
KNIGHT, DAVID DREW	Dem	0	0	4	1	5	9.26%
MAHENDRA, SWEET "BOBBY"	Dem	0	1	1	0	2	3.70%
RHEINHART, ALLEN	Dem	0	1	0	1	2	3.70%
ROSEN, JACKY	Dem	2	10	15	2	29	53.70%
SBAIH, JESSE	Dem	0	1	1	0	2	3.70%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES		0	6	3	3	12	22.22%
Total Votes		2	19	26	7	54	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	

#### **United States Senate (REP) (Vote for 1)**

		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Times Cast		19	100	217	116	452 / 694	65.13%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
BROOKS, SHERRY	Rep	0	4	7	2	13	2.91%
GAZALA, SARAH	Rep	1	5	5	3	14	3.13%
HARREL, VIC	Rep	0	1	4	0	5	1.12%
HECK, TOM	Rep	2	19	31	13	65	14.54%
HELLER, DEAN	Rep	16	62	142	89	309	69.13%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES		0	9	24	8	41	9.17%
Total Votes		19	100	213	115	447	

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<b>United States Representative in Con</b>	ngress, Dis	trict 2 (DE	M) (Vote for	r 1)		1	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	FF F60/
Times Cast		2	19	27	7	55 / 99	55.56%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	40.00.0/
ALM, VANCE	Dem	0	3	2	0	5	10.00 %
FOGARTY, PATRICK	Dem	0	0	2	1	3	6.00 %
HURLEY, JESSE DOUGLAS	Dem	0	2	6	1	9	18.00 %
KOBLE, CLINT	Dem	1	3	7	1	12	24.00 %
SCHOFIELD JR, JACK L.	Dem	0	4	5	1	10	20.00 %
SHEPHERD, RICK	Dem	1	3	4	3	11	22.00 %
Total Votes		2	15	26	7	50	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
<b>United States Representative in Con</b>	ngress, Dis	trict 2 (RE	P) (Vote for	1)	•	1	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Times Cast		19	100	217	116	452 / 694	65.13%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
AMODEI, MARK E.	Rep	14	59	128	73	274	63.72%
ANGLE, SHARRON	Rep	3	26	39	19	87	20.23%
BECK, JOEL	Rep	0	11	31	14	56	13.02%
LUETKEHANS, IAN	Rep	0	3	9	1	13	3.02%
Total Votes		17	99	207	107	430	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Governor (DEM) (Vote for 1)							
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Times Cast		2	19	27	7	55 / 99	55.56%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
BONAVENTURA, JOHN	Dem	1	1	4	0	6	11.32%
DEWAN, ASHEESH	Dem	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
GIUNCHIGLIANI, CHRISTINA "CHRIS G"	Dem	1	3	13	0	17	32.08%
JONES, DAVID E.	Dem	0	0	2	1	3	5.66%
SISOLAK, STEVE	Dem	0	8	4	2	14	26.42%
THORNS, HENRY	Dem	0	2	0	0	2	3.77%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES		0	4	3	4	11	20.75%
Total Votes		2	18	26	7	53	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Governor (REP) (Vote for 1)							
GOVERNOT (ILLET) (VOIC 101 1)		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Times Cast		19	100	217	116	452 / 694	65.13%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
BOYD, WILLIAM "BILL"	Rep	2	9	13	4	28	6.28%
CARLISLE, STEPHANIE	Rep	2	5	3	4	14	3.14%
CONQUEST, FREDERICK L.	Rep	0	1	0	0	1	0.22%
DUNDAS, EDWARD F.	Rep	0	1	0	1	2	0.45%
FISHER, JARED L.	Rep	0	8	9	2	19	4.26%
LAXALT, ADAM PAUL	Rep	15	62	144	90	311	69.73%
LUSAK, STAN	Rep	0	2	1	0	3	0.67%
SCHWARTZ, DAN	Rep	0	8	13	3	24	5.38%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES		0	4	30	10	44	9.87%
Total Votes		19	100	213	114	446	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Lieutenant Governor (DEM) (Vote	for 1)						
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Times Cast		Absentee 2	Maii-in 19	Early Vote 27	Election Day	55 / 99	55.56%
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Candidate  HANSEN, LAURIE L.	Party Dem	Absentee 0	Mail-In 2	Early Vote 6	Election Day	Total 10	18.52%
MARSHALL, KATE		2	12	20	4	38	70.37%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES	Dem	0	5	0	1	6	11.11%
Total Votes	1	2	19	26	7	54	11.1170

		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Lieutenant Governor (REP) (V	ote for 1)						
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Times Cast		Absentee 19	<u>Mail-In</u> 100	Early Vote 217	Election Day 116	Total 452 / 694	65.13%
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Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	12 6 40/
HOOVER, EUGENE	Rep	5	19	21	10	55	12.64%
JONES, BRENT A.	Rep	1	13	14	12	40	9.20%
LAFATA, SCOTT ANTHONY	Rep	0	2	12	5	19	4.37%
MEYERS, GARY ANTHONY	Rep	0	6	28	11	45	10.34%
ROBERSON, MICHAEL	Rep	8	41	66	42	157	36.09%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES		2	18	69	30	119	27.36%
Total Votes		16	99	210	110	435	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Secretary of State (REP) (Vote	for 1)						
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Times Cast		19	100	217	116	452 / 694	65.13%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
ALDRIDGE, ERNEST C.	Rep	2	23	64	31	120	27.52%
CEGAVSKE, BARBARA K.	Rep	12	63	95	54	224	51.38%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES		2	12	51	27	92	21.10%
Total Votes		16	98	210	112	436	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Treasurer (REP) (Vote for 1)							
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Times Cast		19	100	217	116	452 / 694	65.13%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
BEERS, BOB	Rep	10	73	119	67	269	61.98%
UEHARA, DEREK	Rep	3	15	33	18	69	15.90%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES		3	10	57	26	96	22.12%
Total Votes		16	98	209	111	434	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Attorney General (DEM) (Vote	for 1)						
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Times Cast	_	2	19	27	7	,	55.56%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	62.260/
FORD, AARON	Dem	2	10	17	4	33	62.26%
MACKIE, STUART J.	Dem	0	4	5	2	11	20.75%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES		0	5	3	1	9	16.98%
Total Votes		2	19	25	7	53	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Attorney General (REP) (Vote	for 1)						
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Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	F3.000/
DUNCAN, WES	Rep	11	55	103	58	227	52.06%
MUELLER, CRAIG	Rep	3	30	66	34	133	30.50%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES		2	12	43	19	76	17.43%
Total Votes		16	97	212	111	436	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
State Assembly, District 33 (RE	P) (Vote for 1)	)					
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Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In 01	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	70 000/
ELLISON, JOHN C.	Rep	13	81	155	86	335	78.09%
JOHNSON, CHRIS J.	Rep	6	17	48	23	94	21.91%
Total Votes		19	98	203	109	429	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Clerk Recorder (REP) (Vote for	r 1)						
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Times Cast		19	100	217	116	452 / 694	65.13%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
CLONINGER, JENNIFER	Rep	5	27	100	46	178	40.09%
HOEHNE, LISA L.	Rep	14	73	112	67	266	59.91%
Total Votes		19	100	212	113	444	00.0007
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Times Cast		Absentee 21	<u>Mail-In</u> 145	Early Vote 285	Election Day 138	Total 589 / 980	60.10%
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Candidate ABERASTURI, LEON	Party	Absentee 4	Mail-In 35	Early Vote 47	Election Day	Total 123	21.69 %
CADISH, ELISSA		2	22	34	11	69	12.17 %
LEFEBVRE, ALAN J.		0	7	12	3	22	3.88 %
·		8	26	56	28	118	20.81 %
RUTLEDGE, JOHN TAO, JERRY		2	11	24	9	46	8.11 %
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES		3	41	102	43	189	
Total Votes		19	142	275	131	567	33.33 %
Total votes							
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Sheriff (Vote for 1)							
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Times Cast		21	145	285	138	589 / 980	60.10%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
CANTRELL, SHANE		0	12	59	39	110	18.77%
SANDERS, KENNETH "KENNY"		12	35	92	43	182	31.06%
WATTS, JESSE		9	97	133	55	294	50.17%
Total Votes		21	144	284	137	586	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
<b>School District Board of Trustee</b>	es, Seat 2A (V	ote for 1)					
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
Times Cast		21	145	285	138	589 / 980	60.10%
Candidate	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
ANDERSON, ASHLEY E.		1	34	33	14	82	14.26%
FITZWATER, MELISSA		2	37	70	35	144	25.04%
HICKS, ROBIN		12	53	90	50	205	35.65%
IZZOLO, JIM		6	11	90	37	144	25.04%
Total Votes		21	135	283	136	575	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	
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Times Cast		Absentee 21	Mail-In 145	Early Vote 285	Election Day 138	Total 589 / 980	60.10%
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Candidate  RROWN FLDON	Party	Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total 520	100.00%
BROWN, ELDON		13 13	130	252	125 125	520	100.00%
Total Votes			130	252		520	
		Absentee	Mail-In	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	

# **COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Contract with Mark Stafford: Assessor, Michael Mears, explained that it has been nearly 10 years since the initial appraisal of the TS Power Plant. Since that time, the Assessor's office has been cost-trending the value. Doing a reappraisal now is timely for two reasons. First, personal property represents the majority of the plant's value and will be a large component of the appraisal. Second, the new Devnet software will allow improvement values to be updated each year.

Mr. Mears and Mr. Stafford plan an initial visit to the plant in July, and the appraisal should be complete by late September or early October. Monies were budgeted in FY18-19 for the cost of the appraisal.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a contract with Mark Stafford, Real Estate Appraiser, for appraisal of the TS Power Plant, not to exceed \$20,000.00. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

# **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, ELKO DISTRICT OFFICE**

<u>Elko District Update</u>: The Board welcomed Jill Silvey, <u>Elko District Manager</u>, and Melanie Peterson, Tuscarora Field Office Manager, who were in attendance to provide an update on BLM activities in the Elko District.

<u>Grazing Closures Due to Fire</u>: Ms. Peterson briefly talked about the 2017 fire season and the resulting grazing closures. This included the Cold Creek Fire in the Pine Mountain Allotment, the Cottonwood Fire in the South Buckhorn Allotment, the Rooster's Comb Fire in the Boulder Field Allotment, and the Snowstorm Fire in the Spanish Ranch Allotment and Owyhee Allotment.

ES&R (Emergency Stabilization & Rehabilitation) has been done in the affected areas, and the BLM is now working on temporary fencing. Some targeted grazing was allowed in all of the closures to reduce fuels. Ms. Peterson stated they are trying to build flexibility into the closures, by resting the area for the prescribed period or until objectives have been met or deemed unattainable.

<u>Livestock Trailing</u>: The Elko District office is currently working on a Livestock Trailing Programmatic EA. Chairman Goicoechea relayed there are major concerns and the County's comments will be addressed under the Natural Resources agenda item concerning this issue.

Ms. Silvey and Ms. Peterson said they had a very productive conversation on June 19<sup>th</sup> with the Nevada Cattlemen's Association regarding trailing. There were some very valid concerns and the BLM will take these into consideration.

<u>Targeted Grazing</u>: Ms. Peterson stated they are learning from the targeted grazing done the previous year. This spring they grazed 2,000 head of cattle for about three weeks, but found that more cattle were needed to make a dent in the fuels. Targeted grazing will be done in the same area again this fall.

<u>Fire Prevention</u>: Ms. Silvey wanted Eureka County to know that the Elko District is listening to what is being said in terms of fire intensity and fire duration. Their staff is taking a hard look at how lands can be managed more effectively by using outcome based grazing, targeted grazing, Programmatic EAs, and looking at season of use. There are currently two outcome based grazing projects in Elko County.

<u>Horse Overpopulation</u>: Ms. Silvey said that the Elko District as a whole is 458% over AML (Appropriate Management Level). In the recent Triple B Complex Wild Horse Gather, nearly 1,500 horses were gathered, with about 50 released. A small water bait and trap gather is planned before month-end to remove 125 horses from the Goshute HMA (Herd Management Area).

In regard to horse overpopulations Ms. Silvey commented, "We just cannot keep dodging a bullet," adding that the District has a contingency plan should something catastrophic happen.

<u>Conclusion</u>: Chairman Goicoechea thanked the ladies for being receptive to the County's concerns and observed that, for the most part, Eureka County has a good working relationship with the three BLM Districts – Ely, Elko, and Battle Mountain.

#### **NEVADA PUBLIC AGENCY INSURANCE POOL**

Renewal Proposal for Fiscal Year 2018-2019: Marshall Smith, Risk Manager for Nevada POOL/PACT, and Leah Gregory, Gregory Insurance, presented the renewal proposals for the County's insurance policy (property, liability, cyber security) for the upcoming fiscal year. Quotes were provided for a \$5,000.00 deductible or a \$2,500.00 deductible, with a marginal difference in premiums.

Mr. Smith briefly reviewed the programs, services, and training offered to members of POOL/PACT. He was pleased to see that Eureka County was taking advantage of grants, Human Resource services, and various trainings.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to accept the insurance renewal proposal for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool with a \$2,500.00 deductible at a cost of \$246,755.26; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

# **MEDICAL CLINICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<u>Appointments</u>: Four seats on the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee were up for appointment. The Board received letters from three members seeking reappointment and a letter of interest from Heather Eskandon.

Chairman Goicoechea asked whether Rich McKay could be reappointed to a two-year term since he will become a County Commissioner in January 2019. Commissioner Sharkozy serves as liaison to MCAC and this would create a Commissioner quorum at the meetings. Commissioner Etchegaray suggested reappointment until January. Commissioner Sharkozy offered to relinquish the liaison position to Mr. McKay at that time.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to make the following reappointments to the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee effective July 1<sup>st</sup>: Irma Davila (County Employee) for a two-year term; Jim Ithurralde (Community Member) for a two-year term; and Rich McKay (Community Member) until January 7, 2019, when he will be sworn in as County Commissioner. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to appoint Heather Eskandon to the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee for a two-year term, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, representing Clinic User; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

<u>Direction to MCAC</u>: Chairman Goicoechea addressed the fact that County employees who serve on advisory committees can often spend a lot of time in meetings away from their regular duties. To alleviate this, he asked that MCAC streamline their meetings and focus on the clinic contract or issues directly related to the clinics. He recognized that MCAC has done great work that is much appreciated by the Commissioners. As a result, the clinic contract in place now is working well with minimal issues. Commissioner Etchegaray and Commissioner Sharkozy agreed with the Chairman's comments.

Rehab Services of Nevada: MCAC recommended a one-year renewal of the physical therapy contract with Rehab Services of Nevada. Through correspondence, Dr. Greg Barker requested contract renewal under the existing terms, with review to ensure that the current federal mileage rate is reflected. He wrote that this year will be the 11<sup>th</sup> year he has practiced in Eureka.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to renew the contract with Rehab Services of Nevada for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 under the existing terms, with mileage reimbursed at the current federal rate; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

#### **TELEVISION DISTRICT**

Appointment to Seat 4A: The Television District Board met on June 15<sup>th</sup> and recommended appointment of Crescent Valley resident, Tracy Moylan, to the longstanding vacancy on their Board. The Television District has an elected Board of Directors, with authority to fill vacancies unless the vacancy exceeds 30 days, at which time the statutory obligation falls to the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Moylan meets the requirement of being a qualified elector residing within the District.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to uphold the Television District's recommendation and appoint Tracy Moylan to Seat 4A on the Television District Board for the remainder of the unexpired term (Seat 4A will be up for election in 2020); Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

Report on Activities: Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, reported on recent activities. Recent meetings included the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council meeting in

Ely on June 1<sup>st</sup> where they discussed protocol for RS2477 rights-of-way (mandated by SB456) and unforeseen land use implications related to marijuana dispensaries; the Natural Resources Advisory Commission meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, which was attended by Melanie Peterson, Field Manager from the BLM Tuscarora Field Office; the State Conservation Commission meeting in Elko on June 14<sup>th</sup>; the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting in Ely on June 15<sup>th</sup> where they discussed BLM water rights applications in Clark County and the ongoing Walker Lake litigation in relation to the public trust doctrine (now pending a crucial decision by the Nevada Supreme Court); and a productive meeting with the BLM Battle Mountain District and Barrick Cortez on June 19<sup>th</sup> to review the County's concerns and comments on the Barrick Deep South Expansion Project Administrative Draft EIS.

Mr. Tibbitts reminded the Board that the grant-funded trails inventory crew, interns from the Great Basin Institute, are in the area to identify trails, simply to learn what is available locally.

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>: Upcoming meetings include a Groundwater Management Plan meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Opera House to collect signed petitions; a PILT ceremony with the Deputy Secretary of the US Department of the Interior at the NACO offices in Carson City on June 28<sup>th</sup>; and a meeting of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands on June 29<sup>th</sup> in Pioche.

<u>Diamond Valley Groundwater Monitoring</u>: Consulting Hydrogeologist, Dale Bugenig, gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation showing results of the groundwater monitoring in Diamond Valley. He tracks a total of 12 wells, comprised of two monitoring networks, one installed by Eureka County and one installed by Diamond Natural Resources Protection & Conservation Association. Eleven of the wells have active data loggers, but one is now monitored manually due to a logger failure.

Mr. Bugenig displayed individual hydrographs with water level information for each well on the monitoring system, which spans from southern to northern Diamond Valley. Data shows a consistent trend of about four years of steady decline in the water levels, followed by two years of good precipitation that caused the rate of decline to slow significantly. The trend of a more rigorous decline in water levels returned in the last year, correlating with a time that the area received very little moisture.

There were slight differences between some of the wells, but these can be attributed to different variables – such as depth of the well, individual recovery rates, proximity to other wells, amount of pumpage, and water management.

Monitoring is critical and Mr. Bugenig voiced appreciation for the ability to continue to monitor and track this valuable resource.

<u>Sage Grouse Issues</u>: Mr. Tibbitts provided a copy of a US Forest Service bulletin announcing plans to create a multi-region EIS for proposed changes to the Forest Service Greater Sage-Grouse Land & Resource Management Plan Amendments. A Supplemental Notice of Intent is set to be published in the Federal Register on June 21<sup>st</sup> and will begin a new NEPA process, similar to the current one with the BLM.

The BLM Draft EIS for the Nevada & Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment is available now for public comment with a deadline of August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Public hearings are scheduled June 26<sup>th</sup> in Reno, June 27<sup>th</sup> in Ely, and June 28<sup>th</sup> in Elko.

The purpose of the EISs is for the federal agencies and the involved states to have sage grouse management plans that align with each other. The State of Nevada is working on an adaptive management plan and the BLM is working on an adaptive management plan, which is Appendix D to their EIS.

Mr. Tibbitts voiced concern that he recently learned that the BLM has been meeting on a regular basis with a select group of people to work on Appendix D. None of the Cooperating Agencies have been informed of the meetings. He wanted the record to reflect that this is "uncalled for" and infringes on Eureka County's rights to participate in this process as a Cooperating Agency as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding with the BLM.

FRTC Modernization Preliminary Draft EIS: The deadline for Cooperating Agencies to submit comments on the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Preliminary Draft EIS (over 2,800 pages) has been extended to June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Tibbitts is focusing comments on items that directly affect Eureka County, which include air space changes, economical and regional impacts, and impacts to grazing rights.

<u>Livestock Trailing Programmatic EA</u>: Mr. Tibbitts thanked Melanie Peterson for attending the June 13<sup>th</sup> Natural Resources Advisory Commission where they discussed the BLM Elko District Livestock Trailing Programmatic EA. A letter was prepared to memorialize the comments and discussion from the NRAC meeting.

The letter asks the BLM to use common sense and avoid overly-bureaucratic processes and makes the following points: Any trailing permit process should be as streamlined as possible. In some circumstances, where a rancher crosses a neighbor's allotment, a trailing permit is likely warranted. No trailing permit should be required when a rancher is moving livestock on their own allotment. Many stock trails or stock driveways may have prescriptive rights under various laws, and the BLM should not impact prior existing rights. The letter concludes by thanking the BLM for continued dialog and a willingness to coordinate with Eureka County.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the comment letter to the BLM Elko District Office regarding the Livestock Trailing Programmatic EA; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Heller's Efforts on WSAs: Mr. Tibbitts shared a recent article by Benjamin Spillman published in the *Reno Gazette Journal*. The article referenced Senator Dean Heller's not-yet-introduced bill to address release of Wilderness Study Areas previously found unsuitable for Wilderness designation. Mr. Tibbitts said the article got a lot of facts wrong, was extremely misleading, and the author failed to interview supporters of Heller's efforts.

To counteract the misconceptions in the article, Chairman Goicoechea drafted an op-ed for media distribution. Humboldt County has agreed to sign on to the op-ed with Eureka County. Churchill County and Elko County are considering some form of supportive action as well. Mr. Tibbitts will reach out to other counties through NACO.

Chairman Goicoechea asked that the Board approve the op-ed but allow edits if NACO or other counties suggest minor changes, and also allow editing if certain newspapers or media have size limits.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the op-ed for media distribution in relation to Senator Heller and proposed Wilderness Study Area legislation, with the understanding that edits may be made for the reasons described. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Out-of-State Travel</u>: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve out-of-state travel for the Natural Resources Manager to attend a Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET) Western Region meeting in Tamuning, Guam, July 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Tibbitts is an appointed Nevada CARET delegate by the Dean of University of Nevada, Reno College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources (CABNR). Full expenses for travel, lodging, and meals will be paid for by CARET/CABNR.

# **DONATION REQUEST FOR 'R' PARK**

Request for Park Improvements: Eureka resident, Sara Groth, wrote a letter to the Board as a concerned community member. She described how the town is growing and she hoped to garner cooperative support from the County, the School District, and local mines to purchase playground equipment and make upgrades to 'R' Park in Eureka. She requested \$25,000.00 from Eureka County.

Chairman Goicoechea clarified that 'R' Park is owned by the School District. Ms. Groth requested \$25,000.00 from the Eureka Activities Fund. The Chairman explained that the fund was

set up to support events and activities, and the amount requested would completely deplete the fund. He preferred to see the money used for the intended purpose.

Commissioner Etchegaray agreed with the Chairman. Commissioner Sharkozy felt it was a substantial amount of money to request without providing backup or itemization. No action was taken on this item.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received from: Sara Groth; Rebecca Glocknitzer; Jim Ithurralde; Rich McKay; Irma Davila; Heather Eskandon; Eureka County Fire Protection District; Public Works, Ron Damele; Commissioner Clerk, Jackie Berg; Natural Resources Advisory Commission; County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife; Medical Clinics Advisory Committee; Recreation Board; Television District; Eureka County High School; Central Nevada Regional Water Authority; Newmont Mining; Nevada Assoc. of Counties; William Bee Ririe Hospital; Rehab Services of Nevada; Silver State Property LLC; Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool; Nevada Dept. of Transportation (2); Nevada Dept. of Health & Human Services (2); Nevada Dept. of Public Safety & State Fire Marshall; Nevada Rural Housing Authority; Nevada Div. of Minerals; Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; National Assoc. of Counties; National Pony Express Assoc.; US Navy; US Forest Service (2); and US Congresswoman Jacky Rosen.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

/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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 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