

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 21, 2019

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on June 21, 2019. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea; Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy; Commissioner Rich McKay; and Commissioner Clerk, Jackie Berg. District Attorney, Ted Beutel, was present for a portion of the meeting, but left early for District Court. 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 because technical upgrades were being installed in Crescent Valley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sheriff Watts corrected his first agenda item, noting that fingerprint fees were changing for the State of Nevada. With that change, Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments. Eureka resident, Jim Izzolo, inquired about the Clerk Recorder agenda item to contract for an update of the cemetery maps. He has experience with cartography and asked if the County was required to advertise for bids or seek applications for this project.

Chairman Goicoechea stated he would allow discussion on that agenda item when the Board addresses it later in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 6, 2019: The June 6th minutes were not available for approval.

SHERIFF

Updated Fee Schedule: Sheriff Jesse Watts received notice of an increase in fingerprint fees from the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety. He also recommended increasing the fee for housing inmates from other jurisdictions \$75.00 per day to be more in line with what other counties in Nevada are charging.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to update the Sheriff's Office fee schedule to reflect an increase in State fingerprint fees from \$36.75 to \$40.25, and to increase inmate housing fees from \$45.00 to \$75.00 per day. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Surplus Property: Sheriff Watts explained that the Sheriff's Office has two older vehicles that are unmarked, not outfitted, and no longer used. The Lander County Sheriff is interested in acquiring the vehicles, which are newer than some of the models in his fleet. Since Lander County assists Eureka County with investigations, call-outs, and emergencies, particularly in Crescent Valley, Sheriff Watts felt it would be appropriate to donate these surplus vehicles to their agency.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to declare one 2008 Chevrolet Impala patrol vehicle (VIN 2G1WS583481244789) and one 2008 Dodge Charger patrol vehicle (VIN 2B3KA43H58H138740) surplus property and adopt a resolution donating said vehicles to the Lander County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Eureka, Nevada

June 21, 2019

RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**PROVIDING FOR THE DONATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY,
ONE (1) 2008 CHEVROLET IMPALA PATROL VEHICLE AND ONE (1) 2008 DODGE CHARGER PATROL VEHICLE
TO THE LANDER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Eureka County Commissioners has determined that one 2008 Chevrolet Impala Patrol Vehicle (VIN 2G1WS583481244789) and one 2008 Dodge Charger Patrol Vehicle (VIN 2B3KA43H58H138740) are no longer of any value to Eureka County; and

WHEREAS, the Eureka County Sheriff's Office has determined these two patrol cars are no longer of any value to the Eureka County Sheriff's Office or Eureka County and do not serve a useful function, and are not required for effective continued operation of Eureka County or the Eureka County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, which are supported by continuous non-use, upkeep, storage of these vehicles, absence of expected use in the foreseeable future, and lack of operability due to their restrictions, Eureka County hereby determines the 2008 Chevrolet Impala Patrol Vehicle (VIN 2G1WS583481244789) and the 2008 Dodge Charger Patrol Vehicle (VIN 2B3KA43H58H138740) be deemed surplus property; and

WHEREAS, Lander County has expressed great interest in obtaining these two patrol vehicles, has established a need, has confirmed their continued investigative support for the Eureka County Sheriff's Office, and has demonstrated the ability to operate, maintain, store, and provide adequate funding to ensure continued support of these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Eureka County believes that donating these two patrol vehicles to Lander County will provide the highest benefit to the inhabitants of Eureka County for the following reasons:

- *Lander County borders Eureka County; therefore, the patrol vehicles will remain within the same geographical area.
- * Lander County is in closer proximity to our Northern Area Command and regularly supports the citizens of Crescent Valley
- *Lander County Sheriff's Office regularly responds into Eureka County to assist with calls for service, call outs, emergencies, investigations, and other essential needs of the citizens and visitors of Eureka County.
- *Lander County has the capacity to sustain these resources and ensure the availability for Eureka County, as well as Nevada, particularly in the northeastern region of our State.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Eureka County Code, Title 2, Chapter 20, Section .130, and in accordance with NRS 244.1505, the Board of Eureka County Commissioners does hereby declare the 2008 Chevrolet Impala and 2008 Dodge Charger surplus property and hereby resolves to donate said vehicles to Lander County, a governmental entity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that officials of Eureka County are hereby authorized to complete all steps necessary for this transaction, including signing the Certificate of Title for transfer of the 2008 Chevrolet Impala Patrol Vehicle, VIN 2G1WS583481244789, and a 2008 Dodge Charger Patrol Vehicle, VIN 2B3KA43H58H138740, to Lander County.

ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2019.

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

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea
J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

/s/ Michael Sharkozy
Michael Sharkozy, Vice Chairman

/s/ Rich McKay
Rich McKay, Member

Attest: /s/ Lisa Hoehne
Lisa Hoehne, Eureka County Clerk

New Job Descriptions: The Board reviewed an updated job description for Deputy I, and new job descriptions for Records/Technical Support, and Communications Supervisor. The Chairman noted that the job description for Civil Process Administrator already exists and does not require approval. The updated and new job descriptions have been sent to POOL/PACT Human Resources for review.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the following job descriptions and the correlating ranges on the County salary scale, contingent upon final approval by POOL/PACT: Deputy I at Range 120, Records/Technical Support at Range 125, and Communications Supervisor at Range 125. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Advanced Step Hire: Chairman Goicoechea stated that an employee is returning to a previous position and after researching the Personnel Policy and making some inquiries, it was determined that an advanced step hire was the most applicable policy.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve an advanced step hire, pursuant to Personnel Policy 5.7.3, for the Civil Process Administrator; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Approval of New Position: Sheriff Watts explained that an extra Dispatcher was hired in 2016 when the Civil Process Administrator position wasn't filled. This additional position can now be eliminated with creation of the Records position, resulting in no increase to FTEs (full-time equivalents) and no increase to the budget.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the new position of Records/Technical Support for the Sheriff's Office; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Hiring Freeze Waivers: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to waive the hiring freeze and authorize the Sheriff to advertise and fill the positions of Records/Technical Support and Communications Supervisor, effective July 5, 2019. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CLERK RECORDER

Contract for Update of Cemetery Maps: The Chairman referenced the question raised during public comment concerning whether the County is required to advertise for bids or seek applicants for the cemetery mapping.

District Attorney, Ted Beutel, explained that the trigger that requires the County to seek proposals from competitive sources is \$25,000.00 (with some exceptions, such as single source or special expertise), and the contract under consideration is less than \$6,000.00.

Clerk Recorder, Lisa Hoehne, added that Larry McMaster updated one of the cemetery maps last year free of charge, which is why she sought his services to complete the other maps.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a one-year contract with Larry McMaster, beginning July 1, 2019, to update maps for all cemeteries within the boundaries of Eureka County, for a not to exceed amount of \$5,400.00, including a waiver from the County of the standard insurance requirements. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEVADA PUBLIC AGENCY INSURANCE POOL

Annual Insurance Renewal: The Board welcomed Leah Gregory of Gregory Insurance, and Michael Rebaleati, Chief Operations Officer for the Insurance Pool, who served many years as Eureka County's elected Recorder/Auditor.

Ms. Gregory and Mr. Rebaleati presented the annual renewal proposal for the County's insurance policy (property, liability, and up to \$3 million in cyber security), explaining that rates have increased throughout the industry for the upcoming year. The County's premium increase of 6% (about \$14,000.00) is lower than most entities experiencing increases of 11% or more.

Mr. Rebaleati and Ms. Gregory stated they were impressed by the County's utilization of POOL/PACT resources. In the last several years, Eureka County has taken advantage of \$112,000.00 in Human Resources training and other educational resources and has received over \$50,000.00 in grants, mostly for risk management. Mr. Rebaleati encouraged the County to take advantage of the online fire and EMS training offered in partnership with Target Solutions.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the renewal proposal from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool in the amount of \$261,490.30 and authorized payment from Fiscal Year 2019-2020 funds. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Assistant Comptroller, Kim Todd. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$547,424.65 for accounts payable, \$312,394.47 for payroll and retiree related expenses, \$1,410.00 for a pass-through to the Nevada Division of Minerals, and \$28.97 in Yucca Mountain expenses, for a grand total of \$861,258.09. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fund Balance Report: The Board reviewed the current Fund Balance Report.

COMMISSIONERS

MCAC Appointments: The Board reviewed letters of interest for the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee. Garney Damele, Chair of the Committee since its creation in 2012, wrote a letter stating how much she had enjoyed working on the Committee, but declining reappointment.

Commissioner McKay motioned to make the following two-year appointments to the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee: reappoint Nona Kellerman as Crescent Valley resident, reappoint Amber Whelchel as Community Member, reappoint John Brown as Community Member, and appoint Ashley Farris as Eureka County Employee. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Support Humboldt County Joining CNRWA: Chairman Goicoechea relayed that Humboldt County has asked to join the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority. The CNRWA bylaws require that all member counties ratify new members, so he asked that the Board adopt a resolution supporting Humboldt County as a new member.

Commissioner McKay motioned to adopt a resolution approving Humboldt County as a member county of the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority, effective July 1, 2019; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Eureka, Nevada

June 21, 2019

RESOLUTION

of the EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SUPPORTING APPROVAL OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY AS A MEMBER COUNTY OF THE CENTRAL NEVADA REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the members of the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority (hereafter referred to as "Authority") are Churchill County, Elko County, Esmeralda County, Eureka County, Lander County, Nye County, Pershing County, and White Pine County, each of which is a general purpose unit of local government and subdivision of the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is a unit of local government, created pursuant to the Nevada Interlocal Cooperation Act, with a goal to collaboratively and proactively address water resource issues common to the Nevada Central Hydrographic Region; and

WHEREAS, a ground water basin in Humboldt County is partially located in the Nevada Central Hydrographic Region; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners voted to join the Authority with the understanding that they must pay the requisite assessment; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2019, the Authority Board of Directors voted unanimously to recommend member county commissions approve Humboldt County as a member county, pursuant to Article 12.B of the Cooperative Agreement creating the Authority; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Eureka County Board of Commissioners that pursuant to Articles 6 and 12.B of the Cooperative Agreement creating the Authority, that Humboldt County is accepted as an Authority member effective July 1, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Humboldt County has all the rights and privileges as conferred in the Cooperative Agreement creating the Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be maintained in the official files of the Authority with the original of the executed Cooperative Agreement establishing the Authority.

ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2019.

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea
J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman
Eureka County Board of Commissioners

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

Recruiting & Hiring Status: Commissioner McKay asked that an item be placed on the agenda to hear an update on status of recruiting and hiring for positions authorized for the upcoming fiscal year. His primary interest was in departments that deal with public safety – the District Attorney and Sheriff – who both had to leave the meeting early. He agreed to follow-up with them later.

The Board was aware that the Sheriff was recruiting and hiring. Chairman Goicoechea did not think the District Attorney was actively recruiting, but felt he should be encouraged to in order to reduce the workload in that office.

Settlement Agreement & Mutual Release: Chairman Goicoechea stated that a modified version of the Settlement Agreement & Mutual Release by and between Dina Salvucci (“Plaintiff”) and Eureka County and its employees and agents (“Defendants”) was back before the Board for consideration. The Board denied the first Agreement because it included Jack Aaron Whelchel’s name as a Defendant. The modified Agreement no longer includes Mr. Whelchel’s name.

Mr. Whelchel was in attendance and thanked the Board for removing his name from the Settlement Agreement, and asked if public comment would be allowed on this agenda item. The Chairman replied that, as an action item, public comment is allowed, and he invited Mr. Whelchel to proceed.

Mr. Whelchel stated he did not have advance notice that this item was being placed on the agenda, or he would have prepared comments. He continued by stating, *“In response to this public item, this agenda item, I just want to say that I stand by my work and I stand by my word. I do not agree in any way with a settlement for her. I don’t believe those are actions that we should be rewarding in any way. And I don’t think our taxpayer dollars should go towards her and her actions of that evening, nor our insurance money. But my name’s not on it. I know I’m not guilty of any of the things. And like I said, I stand by all my work, and this is not my decision in any way, shape, or form. But I don’t think she should be rewarded for this. Thanks guys.”*

Chairman Goicoechea went on to explain that the County had negotiated several settlements over the last year, including settlement of a case before the Nevada Supreme Court. He stated that the Board’s intent, as well as his own, is to limit the County’s exposure and expense in court, and he felt the recent settlements the Board was involved in provided the best outcome for all parties.

Jim Izzolo commented that being out in the public one hears a lot of rumor, innuendos, misinformation, and sometimes no information about what’s going on. In regards to this topic, he said two things come to mind. He said for one, the chain is as strong as its weakest link. He added that two comes from a class in logic – if ‘B’ is predicated on ‘A’ and ‘A’ doesn’t exist, then ‘B’ doesn’t exist.

Chairman Goicoechea asked if there were any more comments, discussion, questions, or concerns from the public or from his fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Sharkozy responded that he had no questions and he liked the fact that Mr. Whelchel’s name had been removed from the Agreement.

Commissioner McKay remarked that the County’s insurance carrier strongly recommended that the County agree to a settlement to finally resolve this matter. The settlement will be paid by the insurance company. Since the language in the Agreement was modified per the Board’s wishes and because it protects the County from a potential lawsuit, Commissioner McKay stated that he is now in favor of a settlement.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release by and between Dina Salvucci and Eureka County. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Chairman Goicoechea asked if there was further discussion on this matter.

Kathy Bacon-Bowling inquired about the amount of the settlement. Chairman Goicoechea responded that the insurance company will pay \$30,000.00. He then invited further discussion.

Being no further comments, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the Settlement Agreement. Chairman Goicoechea added that the settlement is contingent upon all parties signing the Agreement.

GRANT REQUEST TO ATTEND NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FINALS RODEO

Assistance with Travel Costs: Chace Green appeared before the Commissioners requesting funding assistance for travel and other costs to represent Nevada in the National High School Finals Rodeo in Rock Springs, Wyoming, July 14th-20th, after qualifying in two events – steer wrestling and bull riding. He said that Rock Springs is 517 miles from Eureka for a round trip of 1,034 miles and the fee to stay at the RV Park is \$367.20.

Commissioner McKay motioned to grant \$500.00 to Chace Green, to be paid in the current fiscal year from miscellaneous grants in the Commissioners' budget, to assist with costs for Chace Green to participate in the 2019 National High School Finals Rodeo. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

AMBULANCE & EMS

Report on Activities: EMS Director, Kenny Sanders, reported that there were a total of 27 ambulance runs in May. Two new Basic EMTs are working with the Comptroller's office to complete paperwork to join the service. Another person has made application with the State to become a certified driver.

JUVENILE PROBATION

Software Service Agreement: Senior Department Assistant, Irma Davila, requested approval for Juvenile Probation to continue with a new State-wide caseload monitoring system implemented by Division of Child & Family Services. DCFS funded the initial software and set-up, but annual software maintenance must be paid by the County.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve a three-year Software Service Agreement with Tyler Technologies for an annual cost of \$900.00 for two users, for a total cost of \$2,700.00. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

REHAB SERVICES OF NEVADA

Contract Renewal: Greg Barker, PT, DPT, and Director of Rehab Services of Nevada, was in attendance to request renewal of the physical therapy contract. The existing contract provides mileage reimbursement at the federal rate, payment of the hourly professional rate for travel time up to two days per week, a subsidy for any number of patients below the target number of eight patients for the first clinic day in any given week, with no subsidy paid for the second clinic day in any given week.

Dr. Barker and his family are moving back to Idaho. During the transition, he is working with Melissa Damele who will eventually take his place providing services in Eureka (Ms. Damele recently earned her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.)

Dr. Barker reported that patient numbers have increased and he attributes this, in part, to a great working relationship with the William Bee Ririe providers. He also works closely with Genesis Home Health and plans to reach out to surrounding rural areas to let people know what services are offered in Eureka. It is Rehab Services' goal to eventually offer more full-time services in Eureka and reduce dependency on the County-paid subsidy.

Commissioner McKay motioned to renew a one-year contract with Rehab Services of Nevada under the existing terms and conditions for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Update: Senior Administrative Assistant, Joyce Jeppesen, reported on Public Works projects and activities. Public Works Director, Ron Damele, and Assistant Director, Raymond Hodson met with Barrick regarding the merge in operations with Newmont and the changes in key personnel. It appears that it will be a smooth transition.

Facilities & Utilities: The utility systems are in good working order. The first two sessions of swimming lessons were completed with a total of 22 students. The Opera House has been busy with 25 children preparing for the Missoula Children's Theater performance on June 25th. Public Works is working with a contractor to have second story windows and the balcony door at the Opera House replaced. Visitors to the Sentinel Museum are increasing with tourist season and some large donations of photographs, artifacts, and documents have been received. The Veterinary Clinic building in Eureka has a new roof.

Slag Pile: EQM is proceeding with work on the Richmond Consolidated Slag Pile as planned, and there have been no issues.

Fire: All extrication equipment in Eureka, Diamond Valley, Crescent Valley, and Beowawe has been serviced by Diamondback Fire & Rescue.

TNT Auction: TNT Auction successfully sold all surplus items approved for auction.

Tandem Dual Wheel Big Tex Gooseneck Trailer: A quote was obtained from Carter Agri-Systems for a low-profile heavy-duty trailer. Raymond Hodson explained that this will allow crews to more easily transport backhoes, sweepers, and other larger equipment.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve a quote from Carter Agri-Systems for a 2019 22GN Tandem Dual Wheel Big Tex Gooseneck Trailer, not to exceed \$10,800.00, to be purchased with capital outlay in the Road Department budget (account #020-106-55010-000). Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Large Bi-Level Non-Potable Water Tank: Mr. Hodson stated that the County has been looking for this type of water tank for some time, but the cost for a new tank is \$50,000.00. Public Works was able to obtain a quote for a used tank at a substantial savings. Mr. Hodson reported that this tank will hold three tanker loads of water, so can be used on outlying roads throughout the County to reduce the number of water hauls.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a quote from Rain For Rent for a 21,000 gallon bi-level tank, not to exceed \$9,115.96 (including delivery), to be purchased with capital outlay in the Road Department budget (account #020-106-55010-000). Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Caterpillar Motorgrader: Staff has been working with Caterpillar for quite some time, utilizing a Sourcwell Contract, to obtain a greatly reduced price for a new motorgrader. The selected model typically sells for around \$600,000.00 and the County can purchase this for under \$390,000.00. This is a long-lead item and it will likely take six months for delivery.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve purchasing a new Caterpillar 140M3AWDL Motorgrader, not to exceed \$388,730.05, utilizing Sourcwell Contract #032119-CAT, to be purchased after July 1st utilizing capital outlay in the Road Department budget (account #020-106-55010-000). Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Waste Collection Contract & Franchise Agreement: Ms. Jeppesen reported that after extensive work by Mr. Damele, agents/owners of Olcese Waste Services, the District Attorney, and outside counsel, the parties were able to agree on terms of a Contract, Franchise Agreement, and County-paid subsidy for commercial and residential waste collection in Eureka County. The subsidy will only be paid in the initial years, on a reducing scale, to assist with start-up costs.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve an exclusive Franchise Agreement and Contract with Olcese Waste Services and authorized the Chairman to sign the documents outside of the meeting. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for May was submitted by Treasurer, Beverly Conley, showing an ending General Fund balance of \$29,713.046.99.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Report on Activities: Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, reported on recent activities and meetings.

Great Basin EIS: As a Cooperating Agency, the County submitted comments on the BLM's Administrative Draft Programmatic EIS for Fuel Breaks across the Great Basin Region. Mr. Tibbitts informed the Board that the public draft was released on June 21st with a 45-day comment period. This Programmatic EIS will streamline future projects since it analyzes a number of treatments, many which are promoted by the County.

Rossi Mine Expansion Project EIS: On June 14th, the BLM released the Final EIS for Halliburton Energy Services' proposed Rossi Mine Expansion Project in Elko County, just north of the Eureka County line. Mr. Tibbitts noted that most of the comments provided by the County on the Draft EIS were addressed. These included maintenance issues related to the main access road, a Eureka County road, and AUM loss for a nearby ranch. The County and the State (Sagebrush Ecosystem Council) are working with the BLM to resolve some outstanding issues related to sage grouse mitigation.

Mount Hope Water Rights: On June 6th, the State Engineer issued Ruling No. 6464 granting water rights for General Moly's Mount Hope Mine Project. The Final Supplemental EIS for the Mount Hope Project is expected any day.

The State Environmental Commission scheduled a hearing on September 4, 2019, in response to an appeal by Great Basin Resource Watch (and others) of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's renewal of the water pollution control permit for the Mount Hope Mine Project. A stay was not ordered, so General Moly will continue with the permitting process and efforts to secure the necessary funding.

Upcoming Meetings: The BLM has scheduled a meeting in Eureka on July 2nd to discuss the County's comments on the Prospect Mountain Project EA, which were approved by the Board at the June 6th meeting.

The Nevada Section Society for Range Management is holding its summer meeting on June 27th, which will include a field tour of the Paradise Valley portion of the Martin Fire.

Recreational Trails: In 2017 the County sent a letter supporting the Great Basin Institute's efforts to obtain a grant to identify and promote existing roads and trails for recreational use, particularly mountain biking. Last summer interns from the GBI completed the first phase of this project – an inventory of existing roads and trails around Eureka. GBI is ready to move on to the next phase, which is to work with community members to identify suitable routes for mapping and promotion. Eventually a kiosk with maps and brochures will be set up in Eureka. GBI held a meeting in May and wanted to ensure that the County still supports this overall project.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to reaffirm the County's support towards efforts to promote existing roads and trails around Eureka for recreational use. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Wild Horse Management: The next meeting of the BLM's National Wild Horse & Burro Advisory Board is scheduled in July. Mr. Tibbitts prepared a comment letter emphasizing the detrimental effects caused by over-population of wild horses and including the County's requested recommendations. The letter states that, based on the BLM's own numbers, Herd Management

Areas within or affecting Eureka County, on average, are at least 449% of their established high-end Appropriate Management Levels.

The letter recommends that the BLM formally declare emergency conditions, focus on expanded fertility controls, and make a request to Congress that the BLM be given the full suite of tools authorized in the Wild & Free Roaming Horses & Burros Act, as amended.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to submit the comment letter to the BLM's National Wild Horse & Burro Advisory Board for consideration at their upcoming meeting in Boise, Idaho. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Out-of-State Travel: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve out-of-state travel for Mr. Tibbitts to attend the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, & Teaching (CARET) meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 8th-11th. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Tibbitts is a Nevada CARET delegate, appointed by the Dean of University of Nevada, Reno College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, & Natural Resources (CABNR). Full expenses for the trip will be paid for by CABNR.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: Garney Damele; John Brown; Nona Kellerman; Ashley Farris; Public Works, Ron Damele; Natural Resources Advisory Commission; County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife; Juvenile Probation Officer, Steve Zimmerman; Grad Nite thank-you card; Recreation Board; Crescent Valley Town Adv. Board (2); Nevada Assoc. of Counties; Central Nevada Regional Water Authority; Tri-County Meeting; REACH Air Medical Services (Ely); Rehab Services of Nevada; Allison MacKenzie Ltd.; Nevada Public Agency Compensation Trust; Nevada Commission on Ethics; Nevada Div. of Water Resources; Nevada Dept. of Taxation; Nevada Dept. of Transportation; Nevada Dept. of Business & Industry; Nevada Dept. of Public Safety; Governor's Office of Energy; University of Nevada Las Vegas; US Dept. of the Interior, BLM (4); and Smith Currie & Hancock LLP.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 19th day of July, 2019.

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea, DVM

J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

I, Jackie Berg, Commissioner Clerk, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the June 21, 2019, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

/s/ Jackie Berg

Jackie Berg, Commissioner Clerk

I, Lisa Hoehne, Clerk Recorder 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/ Lisa Hoehne

Lisa Hoehne, Clerk Recorder