

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 20, 2015

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CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on October 20, 2015. 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 connected and utilized between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Several items were removed from the agenda – the Health Insurance Committee item, the Treasurer’s Report, and Public Works proposals related to the Swimming Pool and Eureka County Landfill. A correction was made to list Sara Simmons as Recorder/Auditor. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the October 20th agenda as amended; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments. Eureka Activities Coordinator, Cindy Beutel, reported that the Harvest Festival on October 17th was a great success. Ms. Beutel relayed that *Wally’s World: The Loneliest Art Collection in Nevada* is currently on display in the Gallery Hall of the Courthouse. The works are part of a large collection owned by local art connoisseur and former County employee, Wally Cuchine. A reception is scheduled from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. and she invited the Board to stop by during the meeting’s lunch recess.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 6, 2015: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015, Commission meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

FINANCE & RECORDER/AUDITOR

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Recorder & Auditor, Sara Simmons. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$342,136.51 for accounts payable, \$270,261.74 for payroll, \$696,247.56 for a pass-through tax allocation to the School District, and \$1,033.35 for Yucca Mountain expenses, for a grand total of \$1,309,679.16; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Auditor’s Report: The Board reviewed current fund balances on the Auditor’s Report.

LUMOS & ASSOCIATES

Eureka Airport Master Plan Update & Eureka Airport Layout Plan: Michael Bennett, PE, of Lumos & Associates, presented the recently completed Eureka Airport Master Plan Update (MPU) and Eureka Airport Layout Plan (ALP). Mr. Bennett explained that Eureka County receives about \$180,000.00 annually from the Federal Aviation Administration in entitlement funding for the airport and the FAA requires current documents. The MPU and ALP serve as a long-term plan for improvements that the entitlement can be used for. The money is typically rolled over from year to year until full funding for a project is achieved.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to accept the Eureka Airport Master Plan Update and Eureka Airport Layout Plan as presented by Lumos & Associates; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Chairman Goicoechea signed the documents for submission to the FAA. Once approved by the FAA, a final stamped copy will be returned to Eureka County.

COMMISSIONERS

Update Reports: All Commissioners attended the budget meeting on October 13th. Commissioner Sharkozy attended a meeting of Nevadaworks Council and a meeting of Nevadaworks Local Elected Officials on October 9th in Reno; participated in a Search & Rescue meeting in Crescent Valley on October 12th; attended the Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department meeting on October 13th; attended the Economic Development Program Board meeting via interactive video on October 14th; and met with Public Works Director, Ron Damele, and Nuclear Waste Advisor, Abby Johnson, on October 19th.

Commissioner Etchegaray attended the BLM's scoping meeting in Eureka on October 6th for McEwen Mining's Gold Bar Project EIS, which was hosted by Stantec, contractor for the EIS.

Chairman Goicoechea attended the Gold Bar Project EIS scoping meeting on the evening of October 6th; met with Walter Davis, CEO of Nevada Health Centers, in Carson City on October 14th; met with members of the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program on October 14th; had a conference call with Congressman Mark Amodei's office on October 14th; chaired the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council meeting in Carson City on October 15th; and had a brief meeting with Nevada Solicitor General, Lawrence VanDyke, on October 15th.

Response on Consolidation of UNCE & CABNR: During the October 6th meeting, the Board authorized a letter in support of the consolidation of UNCE and CABNR. The letter was addressed to representatives of the University of Nevada, Reno – Dr. Marc Johnson, President; Dr. Kevin Carman, Provost; and Kevin Melcher, District 8 Regent. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the letter supporting merger of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension and College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Meeting with Nevada Health Centers, Inc.: Chairman Goicoechea traveled to Carson City on October 14th to meet with Walter Davis, CEO of Nevada Health Centers, in regard to the clinical services contract for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Garney Damele, Chair of the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee, also attended.

The meeting went very well and NVHC agreed to provide financial information detailing operating costs for the Eureka and Crescent Valley Clinics. They will also prepare a proposal for a reduced cost contract without a significant reduction in services. The goal is to have an achievable contract in place, rather than continuing to impose nonperformance penalties each quarter. Mr. Davis indicated that the agreement with Eureka County is one of the highest-cost contracts they have in place, but also has the highest level of demands. Some of those demands may no longer make sense in the current economic climate. Mr. Davis expects to provide the financial information and proposal in approximately two weeks.

Sagebrush Ecosystem Program & Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan: The hearing in US District Court in Nevada for the petition for injunction filed against the ROD (*Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for the Great Basin Region, Including the Greater Sage-Grouse Sub-Regions of Idaho and Southwestern Montana, Nevada and Northeastern California, Oregon, Utah*) has been scheduled for November 12th in Reno, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Seven counties have signed on to the lawsuit, with two more expected to join before the end of the day.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the State and federal agencies, regarding implementation of the State Plan, is in the works and a draft should be available by the 10th of December.

Continued Review of Layoff Policy: The October 13th budget meeting included a lengthy discussion with staff regarding the current layoff policy (Personnel Policy, Section 9.A.500-700) and suggested changes. Following the budget meeting, a memo was distributed to all department heads asking them to review the current policy, along with a layoff policy template used by Nevada POOL/PACT, and to provide comments.

A redline version of the County's layoff policy, incorporating changes suggested at the budget meeting, was prepared for the current meeting. Written comments were received from Sheriff Keith Logan and he reviewed those with the Board. A brief discussion followed related to order of layoffs and reassignments. Only one minor change was forthcoming, to identify who will conduct exit interviews.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to accept the redline version of the layoff policy for future consideration by the Board after it is circulated among all employees requesting comments; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing Tabled: A public hearing to consider a resolution outlining proposed changes to the layoff policy will be set at a later time. The Board declined to set a hearing at this time, as this discussion will continue at the next regular meeting. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to table setting a public hearing related to the layoff policy; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Draft Comptroller Ordinance: A draft ordinance was prepared by the District Attorney outlining duties of the proposed comptroller position. This position, if approved, will answer directly to the Board of County Commissioners. Proposed duties in the draft ordinance are as follows: *"The comptroller is the chief fiscal officer of the County and shall perform all the duties required of county auditors and comptrollers under Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 251, or any other applicable law of the State of Nevada, and ordinances contained in the Eureka County Code. All references in the County Code or elsewhere to the Eureka County Recorder/Auditor performing the duties of a fiscal officer, auditor, processing accounts payable and payroll, maintaining personnel records, or performing the duties of budget director, are hereby of no more force and effect. These duties (chief fiscal officer, auditor, accounts payable, payroll, personnel records, and budget director) are hereby assigned to the comptroller."*

Public Hearing Set to Consider Ordinance: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to schedule a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on December 7th to receive public comments and consider adopting the Eureka County Comptroller Ordinance; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Steps Related to Filling Position of Comptroller: With the next budget cycle imminent, the Board had concerns over the time involved with advertising and filling the comptroller position, if it is approved. District Attorney Beutel advised that they can move forward with advertising and preparing a list of potential candidates; should the ordinance not be adopted, they simply would not follow-through with hiring.

The Board asked the District Attorney to prepare a draft comptroller job description for consideration at the next meeting.

AMBULANCE & EMS

Activity Report: EMS Coordinator, Mike Sullivan, reported on activities since his last report on September 21st. Eureka had 13 calls for service (111 year-to-date) and Crescent Valley had four calls for service (48 year-to-date). Continuing education training was held on September 24th and October 8th in Crescent Valley and on September 28th and October 5th in Eureka. Training is scheduled for October 26th in Eureka and October 29th in Crescent Valley. The transition continues to the third-party ambulance billing company, Health Services Integration, Inc. Set up of the web portal is in progress. The Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs), purchased through a SERC grant, have been placed into service on the ambulances.

Mr. Sullivan recently worked with local schools to provide EpiPen® training. He was able to obtain training units that provide voice instruction, which he demonstrated to the Board. The School District has ordered the new devices at a substantial savings thanks to a school program provided by the manufacturer. Mr. Sullivan will provide training once they arrive.

On October 5th, Mr. Sullivan participated by telephone in the Nevada Project Heartbeat board meeting. During the meeting, Cardiac Science notified members that they are ending support for several models of AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators). Mr. Sullivan will conduct an inventory of AEDs in the County to develop a plan for any affected units.

PLAIN TALK NEWSLETTER

Special Edition: Abby Johnson, *Plain Talk* Editor, was in attendance to update the Board on an upcoming special edition. The special edition will help get the message out to the public regarding the US Environmental Protection Agency public meeting in Eureka from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on November 2nd. The purpose of the meeting is for the EPA to provide information and take public comments on the draft EE/CA (Engineering Evaluation & Cost Analysis) for the Townsite of Eureka related to cleanup of contamination resulting from historic smelting activity.

The draft EE/CA can be viewed on the EPA website and the County website. Hard copies are available for review at the Public Works office, Commissioners' office, Eureka Library, and Eureka Senior Center.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Projects: Public Works Director, Ron Damele reported on projects and activities. JUSTICE COURT REMODEL: The Justice Court remodel will begin on November 5th and should be completed over the following weekend. Contractor for the project is Reyman Bros. Construction. WINTER PREPARATIONS: All parks have been winterized. Public Works is completing final readings and insulating water meters for the winter. FREE DUMP DAY IN CRESCENT VALLEY: Twenty-nine loads of debris were received at the laydown yard in Crescent Valley during the Free Dump Day on October 9th. ANNUAL EXTRICATION SERVICE: The annual maintenance of extrication tools at Crescent Valley, Beowawe, Diamond Valley, and Eureka Volunteer Fire Departments will be conducted on October 26th. Following this, maintenance will be alternated with two stations serviced one year and the remaining two serviced the following year. BURN RESTRICTIONS: Due to recent weather, the burn restriction will be lifted effective November 1st. ANNUAL NDOT PLANNING MEETING: Nevada Department of Transportation will be at the Opera House in Eureka on October 22nd for their annual transportation planning meeting.

Abigail Johnson Contract Renewal: Mr. Damele presented the proposal for a reduced contract for a two-year renewal for services provided by Abigail Johnson. This is a time and materials contract for Yucca Mountain and other consulting services, with the following annual breakdown: 480 hours for Yucca Mountain not to exceed \$81,000.00; and 270 hours for County Commission, Natural Resources, and Public Works not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the two-year time and materials contract with Abigail C. Johnson, Consultant, for County oversight services, not to exceed \$222,000.00 (\$111,000.00 annually) with \$162,000.00 funded with Yucca Mountain funds (US Department of Energy direct payment grant to Eureka County as an Affected Unit of Local Government). Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CLERK & TREASURER

Clerk Quarterly Report: The quarterly Clerk's Report was submitted by Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley, for the period covering July, August, and September. A total of \$3,858.20 was collected in Clerk and court fees for the quarter.

Minimum Accounting Standards: A Minimum Accounting Standards (MAS) Audit of District Court is periodically required by Administrative Office (AOC) of the Courts. Ms. Conley reported that the audit is complete and has been submitted to AOC and the District Judge. The audit produced favorable results. The only comments of note related to separation of duties, and Eureka County does not have staffing numbers necessary to meet the requested level of separation of duties.

POTENTIAL BALLOT QUESTIONS

Timeframes for Advisory Questions: Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley, informed the Board of deadlines associated with submittal of ballot questions. Deadline to add a question to the primary ballot is March 18, 2016; and deadline to add a question to the general ballot is July 18, 2016. All submissions related to the question must be provided by the deadlines. This includes question language, explanation, digest, pro and con arguments, and rebuttals.

The Board briefly discussed their options and determined they had no ballot questions to pursue at this time.

EUREKA COUNTY ASSESSOR

Recognition of Special Achievement in GIS: Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) recognized Michael Mears and Eureka County this year with an esteemed award, Recognition of Special Achievement in GIS. Assessor, Michael Mears, provided the Board with the recent history of GIS in Eureka County. He spoke of the leadership in the 1990s of then-Assessor, Jim Ithurrealde, and then-Commission Chairman, Pete Goicoechea, in pursuing advances in GIS (Geographic Information System) for the County.

Mr. Mears was subsequently hired in 1997 to develop the GIS. A parcel database was developed, followed by road mapping and other layers of information. At the five-year mark, Eureka County was being noticed throughout the State for their comprehensive system and has since been recognized for being a leader in GIS development. Mr. Mears recalled that a memorable use of this technology was tracking the Mormon cricket migration for several years during the height of the infestation in the early 2000s.

The GIS technology is broadly used in the County by the Assessor's office, Public Works, Natural Resources, etc. Mr. Mears concluded by stating he is proud to receive this award and is thankful that the County had the vision to make the investment in this worthwhile technology. The Commissioners acknowledged Mr. Mears' contribution and thanked him for a job well done.

JUVENILE PROBATION

Red Ribbon Week Proclamation: Juvenile Probation Officer, Steve Zimmerman, and Senior Department Assistant, Joyce Jeppesen, presented a proclamation declaring Red Ribbon Week, which promotes a drug-free community through activities, presentations, and education. Red Ribbon Week began in California in honor of DEA Agent, Keith Camarena, who was kidnapped, tortured, and killed in 1985 by the Mexican Drug Cartel. It soon became a nationwide campaign against drugs. This year's theme is "*Dream, Believe, Achieve, Succeed, Be Drug Free.*"

Juvenile Probation has involved the Student Councils of both the high school and elementary schools and daily activities are planned to commemorate Red Ribbon Week. The School District Board of Trustees has already adopted the proclamation.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to adopt the 2015 Proclamation declaring October 23rd-31st as Red Ribbon Week in Eureka County; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Update on Music Makes Music: Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Jeppesen traveled to Twin Falls, Idaho, earlier in the month to assess the Music Makes Music rock group as a future outreach for local students. The trip was a success and although the group is fully booked this year, Juvenile Probation hopes to bring this inspirational program to Eureka sometime in 2016.

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. Recent activities at the Opera House included a performance on September 25th by Juni Fisher, cowgirl singer/songwriter, and a play presented on October 9th by Missoula Children's Theatre and 24 local students. Upcoming events include the Holiday Bazaar on November 20th-21st and plans for a dinner theater performance in December.

Ms. Rossman is preparing the Community Development Block Grant application in an effort to secure a digital x-ray machine for the Crescent Valley Clinic. Once estimates are received, a second application will be prepared for upgrades to the Ambulance Bay.

The Economic Development Program Board held their meeting on October 14th. The Great Basin Regional Development Authority met in Eureka on October 5th and voted to accept Esmeralda County as a member of the Authority. GBRDA has voted to hire an Executive Director.

Museum Director, Ree Taylor, submitted a written report detailing museum activities including cataloging, indexing, scanning, and photographing. Additional maps of Windfall Mine were donated by Eric Pastorino (over 100 so far). Mr. Pastorino also donated several cemetery maps. Ms. Taylor noted several other interesting historical items that were recently acquired.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Report on Activities: Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, reported on recent activities. Mr. Tibbitts participated in a meeting with Battle Mountain District BLM in Eureka the afternoon of October 6th regarding the Wildland Urban Interface project and some re-seeding in Diamond Valley; attended the BLM/Stantec scoping meeting the evening of October 6th for McEwen Mining's Gold Bar Project EIS; participated in the Groundwater Management Plan workshop at the Eureka Opera House on October 12th; traveled to West Wendover on October 14th for the Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities Annual Conference and participated in the public lands planning portion; attended the 2015 Fall Symposium sponsored by Nevada Water Resources Association in Reno on October 19th, which included a presentation by Mr. Tibbitts on Diamond Valley's designation by the State Engineer as a Critical Management Area.

Upcoming Meetings: Upcoming meetings include the joint meeting the evening of October 20th with Naval Air Station Fallon regarding the Joint Land Use Study; a Crescent Valley Firewise Committee meeting on October 21st; the Conservation District annual dinner at the Opera House the evening of October 22nd; the NACO Board of Directors meeting in Carson City on October 23rd; followed by a joint meeting between NACO and State Land Use Planning Advisory Council on October 23rd; the 2015 Medusahead Symposium and Nevada Weed Management Association Conference in Sparks on October 26th-29th; a County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting the evening of November 3rd; and a Diamond Natural Resources Protection & Conservation Association meeting also the evening of November 3rd.

State Engineer Letter to Kobeh Valley Ranch: The County received a copy of a letter from State Engineer, Jason King, to Kobeh Valley Ranch granting a one-year extension of time on the Bobcat Ranch permits. This contradicts what was previously stated by the State Engineer and affects all applicants in that area, including Eureka County. The Commissioners asked Mr. Tibbitts to write a letter to Mr. King requesting clarification on this action.

Wild Horse Management: Mr. Tibbitts relayed reports received from private landowners of horses outside of designated Herd Management Areas. There are numerous horses in Little Smoky Valley that are impacting private resources. Many have brands identifying them as horses from the Fish Creek HMA. There are reports of horses on Roberts Mountain outside of the HMA, particularly on private land at Frazier Creek. There are ongoing issues on the Diamond Range with horses spotted daily on the eastern slope; many of those are also impacting private resources.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to direct the Natural Resources Manager to send a letter to the BLM, Battle Mountain District and Ely District, regarding horses outside of Herd Management Areas, particularly in Little Smoky Valley, on Roberts Mountain, and on the Diamond Complex, that are impacting private lands and private resources. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Lastly, Mr. Tibbitts informed the Board that there still has been no response regarding the County's appeal, before the IBLA (Interior Board of Land Appeals), on the BLM Fish Creek HMA wild horse gather and fertility control treatment.

BLM/USFS Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendment: Per action at the last meeting, a letter was sent to Governor Brian Sandoval asking him to challenge the BLM/USFS Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments and to advocate for the State Plan. A similar letter was sent to Attorney General Adam Laxalt.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to ratify letters to Governor Brian Sandoval and Attorney General Adam Laxalt requesting support of appeal of BLM/USGS Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments and support of the State Plan; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

The Board recessed for lunch from 11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORTS

Eureka Fire Department: A written report for the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department was received from Chief Dan Brown. There were 12 emergency responses for the quarter (July, August, September) including four wildland fires, a lightning strike, three motor vehicle accidents, an ATV accident, a residence with carbon monoxide gas, response to the elementary school, and response to the high school. Training consisted of wildland apparatus, wildland weather conditions, and review of the Diamond Mountain fire in Newark Valley.

Crescent Valley Fire Department: A written report for the Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department was received from Chief Rick Harding. There are currently 16 active members. Crescent Valley responded to 10 calls during the quarter consisting of four wildland fires, four public assists, an activated fire alarm, and an ambulance assist. Training was completed on portable tanks and drafting, fire shelters, and response reviews were conducted following each incident.

SHERIFF QUARTERLY REPORTS

Detention Facility: Sheriff Keith Logan reported that the Detention Facility had 20 new bookings, a total of 26 inmates, and 174 inmate days for the quarter covering July, August, and September.

Patrol Statistics: The patrol statistics report showed a total of 2,789 incidents for the quarter. These included calls for service, officer initiated incidents, traffic stops, building checks, vehicle/pedestrian checks, coroner reports, traffic accidents, arrests, citations, and other incidents or offenses.

JUSTICE COURT QUARTERLY REPORTS

Eureka County Justice Court: Eureka County Justice Court provided a written report that \$448.50 in court fees and \$162.56 in facility fees were collected for the quarter. These figures represent combined totals from both locations - Eureka and Beowawe/Crescent Valley.

EUREKA COUNTY TELEVISION DISTRICT QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarterly Report: A written report was submitted by Dave Pastorino, President of the Television District, and Department Assistant, Annie Kniefel. One vacancy still exists on the Television District Board and is being advertised. Technician, Bob Pearce, visited Eureka on September 23rd to install antennas for two residents experiencing poor television reception. The report described preventive maintenance performed at the various mountaintop sites and on the backup generators. Inventories have been audited and updated.

MEDICAL PROVIDER QUARTERLY REPORTS

Nevada Health Centers, Inc.: Nevada Health Centers submitted a quarterly report for the Eureka and Crescent Valley Medical Clinics. The report gave an update on medical providers and staff. NVHC is pleased to welcome Dr. John Whitaker, DO, as full-time physician at the Eureka Clinic. The report relayed the following statistics for the quarter: in Eureka 498 patients were seen by medical providers and 217 patients were seen by an MA (Medical Assistant); in Crescent Valley 201 patients were seen by providers and 85 patients were seen by an MA.

Rehab Services of Nevada: A written report was received from Dr. Greg Barker, Physical Therapist, Director of Rehab Services of Nevada. There were 22 clinic days and 95 patient visits in Eureka during the quarter. Total subsidy paid for this period was \$16,329.18.

Eureka Dental Care: Daniel Norris, DDS, submitted the following statistics for Eureka Dental Care: there were 33 clinic days and 240 patient visits during the quarter. Office hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Dr. Norris receives no County subsidy for his services. He has a lease agreement with the County for space at the Eureka Medical Clinic.

CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

Community Development Implementation Plan Working Committee: Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board Chair, Dawn Gann, gave a brief update on the Crescent Valley Community Development Implementation Plan Working Committee. Sometime after the first of the year they will schedule a Eureka County Citizens Institute. This will be taught by Dr. Fred Steinmann from University of Nevada, Reno.

Free Dump Day: Ms. Gann reported they were very pleased with the Free Dump Day on October 9th. Crescent Valley residents used the opportunity to dispose of 29 truckloads of debris at the laydown yard.

Weed Treatment: Ms. Gann reported that puncturevines ('goatheads') have overrun town roads in Crescent Valley and she asked for targeted weed treatment along the roadways. Jake Tibbitts stated that the Weed District has worked closely with the Road Department and these weeds have been repeatedly treated, but it takes multiple years to combat the problem. They will continue treatment next spring.

Crescent Valley Activities Program: Ms. Gann outlined several activities planned for the month of December and requested funding from the Crescent Valley Activities Program. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board to utilize \$1200.00 in Activities Program funds as follows: (a) \$450.00 to purchase Visa gift cards to be awarded as prizes for the Christmas Home Decorating Contest; (b) \$450.00 to purchase Visa gift cards to be awarded as prizes for the Parade of Lights; (c) \$100.00 to purchase trophies and ribbons for the winners of the Home Decorating Contest and Parade of Lights; and (d) \$200.00 to purchase a Christmas tree-cutting permit and decorations for a Town Christmas Tree. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Waive Facility Fees: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to waive facility fees for the Crescent Valley Community Center for activities related to the Parade of Lights on December 19th; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Bonfire: Ms. Gann requested authorization to have a bonfire for the Parade of Lights and asked that Public Works clean up the burn site. She explained that the Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department will have members present to ensure that all safety measures are adhered to and the VFD will take responsibility for extinguishing the fire.

Commissioner Sharkozy authorized the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board to have a bonfire on December 19th for the Parade of Lights and to have Public Works clean up the burn site; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Chairman Goicoechea asked Ms. Gann to notify the Sheriff's Office of the scheduled burn.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: District Attorney, Ted Beutel; Public Works Director, Ron Damele; Commissioner Clerk, Jackie Berg (2); Eureka County Planning Commission; Natural Resources Advisory Commission; Medical Clinics Advisory Committee; Owl Club; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board; Nevada Assoc. of Counties; Lumos & Associates; Abigail C. Johnson; Nevada Health Centers, Inc.; Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection (2); Nevada Div. of Water Resources (2); Nevada Dept. of Transportation; Nevada Deferred Compensation Program; Watershed Connections newsletter; and US Dept. of the Interior-BLM (2).

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 1:27 p.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 6th day of November, 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 October 20, 2015, 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