# EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS December 6, 2016

STATE OF NEVADA ) :ss COUNTY OF EUREKA )

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on December 6, 2016. 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**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the agenda as posted; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Later in the meeting, the Health Insurance Advisory Committee agenda item was tabled.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments. Activities Coordinator, Cindy Beutel, reported on success of the Christmas Tree Lighting event on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Over 350 people were in attendance and all enjoyed various crafts, treats, pony cart rides, and a visit with Santa. Not a single cookie remained of the 750 baked by the senior class of Eureka County High School. Over 120 children had photos taken with Santa. Holiday fun was had by all! Ms. Beutel thanked the volunteers and County workers who made the event possible.

Angie Negro, of Crescent Valley, reported on this year's summer and fall Gymkhana Series, which were funded in part by the Crescent Valley Activities Fund. She recognized and thanked other sponsors who supported the events with gifts or monetary donations. The summer series resulted in about \$6,000.00 in awards. The fall series, which highlighted awareness of breast cancer, domestic violence, cerebral palsy, and the military's "Some Gave All," resulted in about \$10,000.00 in prizes and awards.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<u>November 17, 2016</u>: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve minutes of the November 17, 2016, Commission meeting; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

#### **COUNTY COMPTROLLER**

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Comptroller, Tina Hubbard. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$282,485.79 for accounts payable, \$378,964.32 for payroll, \$11,455.75 for a pass-through tax payment to the School District, \$4,230.98 for a pass-through to the State Controller, \$274.12 for a pass-through to the Department of Taxation, \$540.00 for a pass-through to the Division of Minerals, and \$2,000.00 for Yucca Mountain expenses, for a grand total of \$679,950.96. It was noted accounts payable was contingent upon items pending approval later in the day's meeting (which were later approved). Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Fund Balances Report</u>: The Board reviewed a print-out of current fund balances. The Board agreed to review payment methods and costs related to Pro Tem Justice of the Peace fees during budget discussions after the first of the year.

<u>EMT 3 Job Description</u>: Assistant Comptroller, Kim Todd, presented an updated Emergency Medical Technician 3 job description. The only changes were minor language amendments to conform to recent practice modifications enacted by the State of Nevada, specifically involving titles of certain certifications. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to accept the updated EMT 3 job description; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

<u>EMT Salary Ranges</u>: Ms. Todd explained that in researching past records, including minutes of the Board, it was discovered that salary ranges currently paid to certain EMS positions did not match those approved on record. It appeared to be an oversight where the salary increase was placed on an agenda for approval, tabled at the request of the Human Resources Analyst in 2012, and then subsequently assigned to new hires by HR.

Ms. Todd explained that if the Board agreed to take action, it would not result in a salary increase for any employees, but would memorialize actual salary ranges in the official records of Eureka County, as was the apparent intent in 2012.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to formalize salary ranges for EMS positions as follows: EMT 2 at a range 116 and EMT 3 at a range 117; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

# **COMMISSIONERS**

<u>Update Reports</u>: Commissioner Sharkozy attended a Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Etchegaray spoke with Norman Cavanaugh, former Administrator of the hospital in Owyhee and researched possible options for rural medical care; he passed the information along to the Comptroller's office.

Chairman Goicoechea met with Jeanne Greene, Human Resources consultant, on November 28<sup>th</sup>. He participated in training November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup> sponsored by the Governor's office, involving several groups and federal agencies, to discuss federal Land Use Plan Amendments and implementation of the State Plan in relation to management of Greater Sage-Grouse. The first week of December involved meetings, phone calls, and discussions on numerous topics, including Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization, sage grouse, wild horses, BLM's Planning 2.0, etc. Much of these took place at the Nevada Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention in Sparks held December 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. In addition, the Chairman had several meetings and discussions with County staff on ongoing issues, including working with the Natural Resources Manager on recent BLM grazing closures for Fire Emergency Stabilization & Rehabilitation.

<u>January 3, 2017, Schedule</u>: The first meeting of the Board following election years is set by Nevada Revised Statutes and will fall on January 3, 2017. The meeting cannot commence until newly elected or re-elected Commissioners are officially sworn into office. County Clerk, Beverly Conley, has arranged a Swearing-In Ceremony with Judge Steve Dobrescu prior to the meeting.

The first judicial day of the year also includes meetings of secondary boards and committees to allow for appointment of officers for the calendar year. In discussing the Judge's schedule and various meetings, the Board determined to hold the Swearing-In Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. (in the District Courtroom) followed by the following meetings (in the Commissioners' Chambers) to begin at 11:30 a.m.: Liquor Board, Regional Transportation Commission, Devil's Gate GID Board of Directors, and then the Board of County Commissioners.

Quarterly Meeting in January: Pursuant to County Code, the Board agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting in Crescent Valley on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Sagebrush Ecosystem Program and Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan</u>: The Sagebrush Ecosystem Council participated in the training sponsored by the Governor's

office November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss federal Land Use Plan Amendments and implementation of the Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan. Chairman Goicoechea will participate in some follow-up meetings over the next couple of weeks to work out conflicts with the Conservation Credit System and coordination with mining companies, wildlife interests, local government, etc. The next meeting of the SEC will take place in January.

# **SENIOR CENTERS**

<u>Update Report</u>: Senior Centers Program Director, Millie Oram, reported on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. In November, Eureka served 645 meals and Crescent Valley served 442 meals. A total of \$12,858.91 was deposited for the month. Thanksgiving was celebrated with a dinner in Crescent Valley on November 15<sup>th</sup> and in Eureka on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Christmas lunches will be served in Eureka on December 15<sup>th</sup> and in Crescent Valley on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Report on Activities: Raymond Hodson, Assistant Public Works Director, reported on Road Department projects and activities. Southern crews finished work on streets in Diamond Valley, 3 Bars Road, Willows Road, Todd's Road, and Fish Creek Road. Blades are currently working on Snowball Road and a portion of County Road 101. A dozer is working to stockpile material at the Roberts Creek pit. There have also been several days of snow removal.

Northern crews finished work on Rose Ranch Road, Maggie Creek Road, and worked in Crescent Valley replacing signs and making other miscellaneous repairs. They are currently working on a small gravel haul on Frenchie Flat Road, with help from Barrick Cortez. Mr. Hodson thanked Barrick for their assistance in hauling gravel and providing equipment.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

<u>Projects & Activities</u>: Public Works Director, Ron Damele, reported on Public Works projects and activities. All utility systems and facilities are in good working order.

<u>FAA Meeting</u>: Public Works staff and an engineer from Lumos & Associates met with the Federal Aviation Administration on November 30<sup>th</sup> in Carson City. The categorical exclusion was approved for the maintenance project at the Eureka Airport and the pre-application for the FAA grant will be prepared in January. The project will be completed by October before the end of the federal fiscal year. Lumos & Associates is preparing a proposal for the design work, which will be paid by the grant as well.

<u>Street Maintenance Program</u>: Street maintenance anticipated for the upcoming spring/summer season will be presented at the next meeting.

<u>Swimming Pool</u>: A significant water leak occurred under the slab foundation at the Swimming Pool. To avoid tearing up the slab, water will be rerouted and no downtime is anticipated for the facility.

Repeater on Mount Tenabo: The radio repeater on Mount Tenabo was down for a few days due to some weather related damage. A temporary fix has communications operational, but solar panels will have to be repaired as soon as weather allows.

<u>SCBA Units</u>: The SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) exchange program for the fire departments is basically complete, with only two remaining units needing exchange.

Residential Water Application: An application for residential water service was received and Mr. Damele recommended approval contingent upon completion of the pending real property sale. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve an application from Bobby and Patty Peek for a ¾-inch residential water service at 80 North Edwards Street in Eureka (APN 001-092-06), pending completion of the property sale; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

#### **YUCCA MOUNTAIN**

<u>Yucca Mountain Project Activities</u>: Abby Johnson, Nuclear Waste Advisor, provided an update on the Yucca Mountain Project. The recent election will certainly bring new attention to the Yucca Mountain debate. Everyone is watching to see who President-elect, Donald Trump, will appoint as Secretary of Energy. Other federal-level appointments will also affect this issue.

Eureka County participated in a US Government Accountability Office study examining the possibility of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission restarting the licensing process. Results are pending, but it is an indication that Congress is at least considering the option.

Ms. Johnson reminded the Board of the State's opposition to Yucca Mountain as a repository site. During the previous licensing process, Nevada filed 218 contentions. Governor Sandoval and Attorney General Laxalt remain opposed and the State expects to file up to 50 new contentions if the licensing process is reactivated.

An Affected Unit of Local Governments (AULG) teleconference was held on December 5<sup>th</sup> and all ten counties were represented. The main topic of discussion was the need to send a letter to the new Secretary of Energy to emphasize the need for oversight funding under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

If Yucca Mountain does move forward, transportation routes will again become a key topic. The Carlin Rail Corridor, the route that will affect Eureka County the most, appears to be the most likely route. The Caliente Rail Corridor is blocked by the Basin & Range Monument designation and the Mina Route encountered issues with the Walker River Paiute Tribe.

Certificate of Expenditure of Funds: Each year the County must show that monies received from the Department of Energy were expended in accordance with Public Law 111-85 and the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. These funds are distributed to Eureka County as an Affected Unit of Local Government in relation to the Yucca Mountain Project. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to sign the Certificate of Expenditure of Funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2016 for the direct payment grant from US Department of Energy for the Yucca Mountain Project; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

<u>Changes in Financial Disclosure Statement Requirements</u>: Annual Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) must be filed by elected and appointed officials, as well as candidates for public office, and require general information as to residency, income, most types of debt, gifts/donations exceeding a certain amount, etc. Senate Bill 307, adopted during the 2015 Nevada Legislative Session, amended FDS requirements effective January 1, 2016.

District Attorney, Ted Beutel, explained changes and additional reporting requirements now accompanying Financial Disclosure Statements. The new form will include the following statement: "If the public officer or the candidate has undertaken or attended any educational or informational meetings, events, or trips, during the immediately preceding calendar year or other period for which the public officer or candidate is filing a FDS, a list of all such meetings, events, or trips, including the purpose and location of the meeting, the event, or trip, and the name of the organization conducting, sponsoring, hosting, or requesting the meeting, event, or trip, and the identity of each interested person providing anything of value to the public officer or candidate or a member of the public officer's or candidate's household to undertake or attend the meeting, event, or trip, and the aggregate value of everything provided by those interested persons to the public officer or candidate or a member of the public officer's or candidate's household to undertake or attend the event or trip."

Mr. Beutel answered multiple questions from the public officials in attendance and encouraged everyone to err on the side of disclosure when in doubt as to what should be reported, even if it results in over-reporting.

The proponents of this legislation argued that the intent was to foster transparency. But public officials must now report a simple cup of coffee and a doughnut, or even a free pen, when

they attend qualifying meetings, events, or trips. Even more troublesome, the criteria for determining which meetings, events, or trips qualify as reportable is difficult to interpret.

The Commissioners, District Attorney, and other Eureka County officials in attendance agreed that this was poorly fashioned regulation that will now require burdensome and time-consuming tracking and reporting.

# **COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Resolution to Publish Tax Roll: County Assessor, Michael Mears, explained that Nevada Revised Statutes requires the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a resolution each year directing the Assessor to prepare and publish a list of all taxpayers and property valuations on the secured tax roll.

Thanks to efforts in the 2015 Legislative Session, the entire roll no longer needs to be published in a newspaper, but a full-page notice must be advertised at least once. The ad will notify the public that the roll is available on the County website.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to adopt a resolution directing the County Assessor to publish notice that a list of all taxpayers and property valuations on the secured roll of Eureka County has been prepared and is available to the public pursuant to NRS 361.300. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### RESOLUTION

OF THE EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO PREPARE AND PUBLISH A LIST OF ALL TAXPAYERS ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL IN THE COUNTY, AND THE TOTAL VALUATION OF PROPERTY ON WHICH THEY WILL SEVERALLY PAY TAXES PURSUANT TO N.R.S. 361.300

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statute requires that the County Assessor be directed by Board Resolution to prepare and publish the secured tax roll annually.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Eureka County Board of Commissioners does hereby direct the County Assessor prepare and publish a list of all taxpayers on the 2017-18 secured tax roll in the County, and the total valuation of property on which they will severally pay taxes, pursuant to N.R.S. 361.300;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eureka County Board of Commissioners does hereby direct the County Assessor to cause such list and valuations to be published on the Eureka County website on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year in which assessments are made and a public notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County that said list will also be printed and made publicly available at the Eureka County Assessor's Office and available via the County website.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6<sup>h</sup> day of December, 2016.

THOSE VOTING AYE: Commissioner J.J. Goicoechea, DVM

Commissioner Michael Sharkozy Commissioner Fred Etchegaray

THOSE VOTING NAY: None THOSE ABSENT: None

\_/s/ J.J. Goicoechea, DVM

J.J. GOICOECHEA DVM, CHAIRMAN
EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest: /s/ Jackie Berg

JACKIE BERG, COMMISSIONER CLERK EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / NETWORK**

<u>Information Technology Manager Job Description</u>: IT/Network Supervisor, Michael Mears, explained that the County currently employs an IT/Network Analyst and this position is

held by Misty Rowley. Mr. Mears outlined the differences between duties of an Analyst versus a Manager. Citing specific examples, he noted that the actual job functions far exceed those outlined in the current job description.

Additional changes to the IT Department may be addressed in the next fiscal year budget and subsequent years; but for the time being, Mr. Mears will continue to act as IT/Network Supervisor and will oversee the budget for this department. The County will still need the services of Business Continuity Technologies, but should eventually be able to reduce some of the reliance on outside companies.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the Information Technology Manager job description; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

<u>Salary Range for IT Manager</u>: Mr. Mears worked with Human Resources consultant, Jeanne Greene, to determine a competitive wage for an IT Manager. He also visited with the Comptroller's office to assure the current budget could support a salary increase.

Chairman Goicoechea also consulted with several department heads and met with Ms. Rowley to informally negotiate a wage considered reasonable. Based on this, he recommended setting the wage for the IT Manager at range 133, step 16.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve the salary for the IT Manager at range 133, step 16, and to make this change effective with the pay period beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

# NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

<u>Radon Information</u>: Nevada Radon Education Program is promoting awareness of the dangers of radon gas. Radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. Each year in the United States, 21,000 deaths attributable to radon exposure.

Gary McCuin, Eureka County Extension Educator, provided some surprising statistics. In Eureka County, 31% of homes tested have shown concentrations exceeding levels acceptable according to US Environmental Protection Agency standards. This level jumps to 40% for homes in southern Eureka County.

Mr. McCuin stated that Cooperative Extension will have free radon testing kits available to the public from January 1<sup>st</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>. For the remainder of the year, they can be purchased for \$7.00. If a problem is identified, most remediation is moderately affordable.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to adopt the Proclamation designating January 2017 as National Radon Action Month in Eureka County; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

#### CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

<u>Crescent Valley Community Christmas Event</u>: CVTAB Chair, Dawn Gann, submitted a letter requesting funds and assistance for the Crescent Valley Community Christmas Event scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>. Barrick Cortez donated \$3,000.00 to pay for catering the dinner for the event and the funds were paid directly to Eureka County.

<u>Christmas Dinner</u>: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to pay \$3,000.00, as pass-through donated funds from Barrick Cortez, to Ruby View Pit-Q (Riley Gaines) for catering the dinner for the Crescent Valley Community Christmas Event. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Waive Facility Fees</u>: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to waive the facility fees for use of the Crescent Valley Community Center for the Community Christmas Event on December 17<sup>th</sup>; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

<u>Supplies and Treats</u>: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board to use up to \$1,200.00 in Crescent Valley Activities Program funds to

purchase supplies and treats for the Community Christmas Event; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

<u>Christmas Home Decorating Contest</u>: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board to use \$450.00 in Crescent Valley Activities Program funds to purchase Visa gift cards as prizes for the Christmas Home Decorating Contest (\$175.00 first place, \$150.00 second place, and \$100.00 third place); Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Outdoor Christmas Tree: Ms. Gann requested assistance from Public Works staff to put up a Christmas tree outside of the Community Center in preparation for the holiday activities. The Board suggested that CVTAB work directly with Public Works.

# **CRESCENT VALLEY PARADE OF LIGHTS**

<u>Parade of Light Prizes</u>: Crescent Valley citizens are organizing the Parade of Lights to take place on the same night as the Community Christmas Event. Karen Bowser requested a total of \$350.00 for first and second place prizes. Sam's Corner Market in Crescent Valley has agreed to donate the third place prize.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize \$350.00 in Crescent Valley Activities Program funds for gift cards for the Parade of Lights on December 17<sup>th</sup> (\$200.00 first place, and \$150.00 second place); Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

# **NATURAL RESOURCES**

<u>Report on Activities</u>: Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, reported on recent activities. Central Nevada Regional Water Authority met in Fallon on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and main topics included Diamond Valley water issues and proposed water legislation (several bill drafts from the State Engineer).

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>: Upcoming meetings include the Groundwater Management Plan meeting at the Eureka Opera House on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Rick Felling, Deputy Administrator with the Nevada Division of Water Resources, will be in attendance to discuss the State Engineer's response to the preliminary draft Groundwater Management Plan.

Natural Resources Advisory Commission will meet on the evening of December 7<sup>th</sup> and guests from the Battle Mountain District BLM will attend. The Eureka Conservation District will meet on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

BLM's Planning 2.0: Planning 2.0, the BLM's update of planning regulations related to FLPMA (Federal Land Policy Management Act), has been finalized and Mr. Tibbitts is wading through the 367 page document.

BLM Grazing Decisions: A number of Fire Emergency Stabilization & Rehabilitation Treatment Plans have been issued in the last few weeks, mostly from the Elko District BLM. Most don't have a final Decision Record yet, but the plans are being written to accommodate Table 2.2: Habitat Objectives for Greater Sage-Grouse (part of the federal Land Use Plan Amendments). The BLM argues they are not yet implementing Table 2.2 and the language in the plans state that the *goal* of the proposed treatments are to *make progress towards* restoring the habitat damaged by wildfire to meet Table 2.2 objectives. The Board and Mr. Tibbitts agreed that if rehabilitation is actually held to Table 2.2 standards, it will have huge implications on the length of time grazing is restricted.

The latest news on the Argenta Allotment is that the BLM is moving forward with scoping on the Rangeland Health Assessments so they can finalize permit renewals. The Argenta Range Improvement Environmental Assessment has been appealed by both the permittee and Western Watersheds Project, although for different reasons. As predicted, all decisions are basically boiling down to how they presumably affect sage grouse.

<u>Sage Grouse Update</u>: Efforts at the federal level to apply a fix to the federal Land Use Plan Amendments have been thwarted, as proposed language – that would have allowed states that have developed sage grouse plans to move forward with them – has been removed.

At the request of Mr. Tibbitts, Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize the Natural Resources Manager to forward copies of the recent BLM Emergency Stabilization & Rehabilitation decisions to the sage grouse attorneys for review. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization</u>: Mr. Tibbitts provided copies of final comments on the proposed expansion at Naval Air Station Fallon, which are due December 12<sup>th</sup>. The Natural Resources Advisory Commission will review the comments at their December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, but Mr. Tibbitts doesn't expect any changes. Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to submit comments to the US Navy on the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization and to allow additions by NRAC, if any, and authorized the Chairman to sign the letter outside of the meeting. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

McEwen Mining: Mr. Tibbitts reviewed highlights of the final comments on the McEwen Mining Gold Bar Project Preliminary Draft EIS. The comment document emphasized the need to coordinate with County and State plans, policies, and procedures (including the Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan); focused on the County's concerns in relation to water, grazing, roads, certain areas of mitigation, etc.; requested modification to reclamation requirements; and requested minor corrections and clarification on certain items.

Mr. Tibbitts noted that the proponent, McEwen Mining, has worked tremendously to do things right and to ensure the County's involvement as a Cooperating Agency in the EIS process. This has resulted in this being one of the better EIS documents in recent years.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to submit comments to the BLM on the McEwen Gold Bar Project Preliminary Draft EIS; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

# CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: Seventh Judicial District Court – case filings (4); District Attorney, Ted Beutel (3); Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley; Assistant Comptroller, Kim Todd (2); Natural Resources, Jake Tibbitts; EMS Coordinator, Mike Sullivan (3); Commissioner Clerk, Jackie Berg; Natural Resources Advisory Commission; Local Emergency Planning Committee; Recreation Board; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board; CVTAB Chair, Dawn Gann (2); Karen Bowser; University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (2); Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority; Central Nevada Regional Water Authority; Friend of the Nevada Northern Railway; Advanced Data Systems; Nevada Secretary of State; Nevada Dept. of Health, Division of Child & Family Services; Nevada Div. of Water Resources (5); Nevada Dept. of Taxation; Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection (2); Food Bank of Northern Nevada; Benefit Intelligence Insurance Solutions; American Lands Council; and Southwest Gas.

# PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments. The Chairman acknowledged the life and leadership of John Carpenter, who passed away recently in Elko. Mr. Carpenter served 14 years as Elko County Commissioner and was State Assemblyman for 12 terms in the Nevada Legislature. Chairman Goicoechea noted that John was a personal friend and was a mentor to many throughout the State.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 20th day of December, 2016.

/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 December 6, 2016, 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