

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 20, 2016

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CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on December 20, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments. Scott Raine, owner of Raine’s Market, provided the Board with an Architect’s Certificate dated August 10, 2016. The newly constructed Raine’s Market is located at 901 North Main Street in Eureka, on property purchased from Eureka County under an agreement containing certain requirements. The Architect’s Certificate certified substantial completion of structural, mechanical, civil, electrical, and plumbing engineering and construction.

Eureka Activities Coordinator, Cindy Beutel, provided copies of several notifications of grant award for the upcoming year from the Nevada Commission on Tourism, as follows: \$4,700.00 for magazine advertising, \$4,000.00 for Artists in the Park, \$3,000.00 for the Nevada State Old Time Fiddlers Contest, and \$4,500.00 for the Eureka Car Show. Additionally, Ms. Beutel acknowledged the display of nearly 200 pieces of local students’ artwork currently exhibited in the Gallery Hall of the County Courthouse.

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Etchegaray wished all citizens and business associates a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 6, 2016: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve minutes of the December 6, 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 \$221,500.36 for accounts payable, \$253,573.80 for payroll, \$1,211,318.35 for a pass-through tax allocation to the School District, \$63.74 for a pass-through to the Department of Taxation, and \$79.95 for Yucca Mountain expenses, for a grand total of \$1,686,536.20. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fund Balances Report: The Board reviewed a print-out of current fund balances. This report is presented to the Board at each regular meeting pursuant to NRS 251.030.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan: Assistant Comptroller, Kim Todd, provided copies of the updated Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. In anticipation of the budgeting process, all department heads were invited to attend the meeting to give input on any changes or new

requests that should be included in the Plan, particularly items they would like to be funded in the upcoming fiscal year (FY17-18).

PUBLIC WORKS: Assistant Public Works Director, Raymond Hodson, and Road Equipment Operator III, Jayme Halpin, presented requests for Public Works and the Road Department. Needs include \$50,000.00 in matching funds for the FAA grant project at the Eureka Airport and \$200,000.00 for unspecified equipment replacement. They would like to budget up to \$2 million in the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Fund and will use this in conjunction with \$1 million budgeted in the current fiscal year to do a County-wide road maintenance project that will span two fiscal years.

To plan for radio/repeater upgrades, Public Works anticipates accruing essential funds by budgeting \$100,000.00 each year over the next five years. A similar program will be planned for car pool replacements. The Landfill Fund needs to support a capacity study, generator replacement, and should include a contingency amount, as well as a strategy for long-term equipment replacement. The various municipal water funds (Eureka, Crescent Valley, and Devil's Gate GID) should have contingency amounts for unforeseen breakdowns or failures.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Sheriff Keith Logan would like to cover the sally port at the jail and will reference a previous estimate for budget figures. The vehicle replacement program has been on hold, so he would like to budget for replacement of two patrol vehicles in each of the next two fiscal years, followed by one per year after that, at an approximate cost of \$45,000.00 apiece.

AMBULANCE & EMS: EMS Coordinator, Mike Sullivan, explained that several thousand should be budgeted for replacement of ambulance equipment and durable medical equipment. A new ambulance hasn't been purchased for many years and one of the units is 16 years old. Replacement costs could be \$200,000.00, so the County should begin accruing funds for this. Priority for the upcoming fiscal year is installation of a backup generator at the ambulance bay, at an approximate cost of \$40,000.00.

IT / NETWORK: Assessor and IT/Network Supervisor, Michael Mears, hopes to increase the Assessor's Technology Fund by at least \$300,000.00 for the upcoming fiscal year to support installation of infrastructure to provide connectivity to a number of County facilities currently served by an outside provider. This would also give the County the ability to be its own Internet Service Provider.

The most serious technology issue is the result of recent notification from Advanced Data Systems that they are beginning the process of closing their business, with an end date three years from now. At that time, they will no longer provide and support the AS400 system utilized by most counties in Nevada. This system provides a multitude of applications used by virtually every department in the County. Most governmental functions required by statute are completely dependent on this system. Counties and elected officials across the State are looking for a solution, or more realistically, multiple solutions to replace this system. As a preliminary estimate, Mr. Mears believes this could cost \$1.5 million and the County should expect to spend this within the next two years.

Beverly Conley noted that County Clerks are working with the State of Nevada and plan to implement a new voter database in time for the 2018 election.

CLERK & TREASURER: In addition to the unique needs posed by sunsetting the AS400, Ms. Conley noted that capital outlay requests for her department include recording equipment for District Court and election equipment replacement – dependent on what Legislature decides, this could mean full replacement of end-of-life machines or a move to paper ballots with the need for upgraded counting equipment.

Budget Planning for Fiscal Year 2017-2018: Ms. Todd requested direction on how and when the Commissioners want departmental budgets presented.

Chairman Goicoechea asked that the Comptroller's office provide preliminary revenue projections as a starting point. The Board understands that certain capital outlay requests are necessary, but directed that departments prepare flat or reduced operational budgets.

Tentatively, the Board will hold budget meetings in the afternoons following regular Commission meetings. The Comptroller's office can work with the departments regarding when they will be scheduled on an agenda.

COMMISSIONERS

Update Reports: In the interest of time, Chairman Goicoechea didn't list every meeting, but reported that he has been working on typical issues, which cover a range of natural resources and governmental matters.

Commissioner Etchegaray attended the Recreation Board meeting on December 8th and the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee meeting on December 19th.

Commissioner Sharkozy attended a Search & Rescue meeting in Crescent Valley on December 12th; attended the Christmas luncheon at the Fannie Komp Senior Center on December 16th; and enjoyed the holiday festivities on December 17th, including the Parade of Lights followed by a community Christmas dinner at the Crescent Valley Community Center.

Statewide Ballot Question Two: Agenda items concerning passage of Statewide Ballot Question Two were tabled pending regulatory direction from the State and a recommendation from the Liquor Board

Above All Communications Contract: The long-term contract with Above All Communications, LLC (dba Express Internet), will expire on January 7, 2017. Kyle Moore, of Express Internet, was in attendance to discuss the County's current needs and continuation of the contract.

Michael Mears explained that Express Internet has equipment in place that provides internet to several County facilities. Until fiber infrastructure is installed, as recommended during the capital improvements discussion, these facilities would be left without connectivity. Mr. Mears recommended renewing the contract for a one year period.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to extend the contract with Above All Communications, LLC, for an additional year through January 7, 2018; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Sagebrush Ecosystem Program and Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan: Chairman Goicoechea participated in some follow-up meetings as parties continue to work through calculation changes to the Conservation Credit System portion of the Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Update on Flu Shot Clinic: Toni Wright, Chair of the Health Insurance Advisory Committee, reported on success of the Flu & Pneumonia Shot Clinic held in Eureka on October 25th for employees, retirees, and dependents. A total of 46 flu shots and three pneumonia shots were given. Total cost to Eureka County was \$554.00 to cover travel and per diem.

Ms. Wright informed the Board that Tina Hubbard has resigned from the Committee. Since she represented the Courthouse, an email will be sent to Courthouse employees seeking letters of interest.

AMBULANCE AND EMS

Report on Activities: EMS Coordinator, Mike Sullivan, reported on activities since the last report on November 17th. Eureka had four calls for service (119 year-to-date) and Crescent Valley had one call for service (55 year-to-date). One driver has been added to the volunteer staff in Eureka; she is also training to become an EMT.

Continuing education classes are scheduled in Eureka on December 26th and in Crescent Valley on December 29th. Mr. Sullivan traveled to Carson City on November 18th to submit the application for the new volunteer driver, which was approved immediately.

An American MedFlight aircraft based out of Ely crashed shortly after takeoff from the Elko Airport on November 18th; tragically there were no survivors. Mr. Sullivan was in Elko upon his return from Carson City and responded to the scene; adequate emergency personnel were on site. He subsequently attended the vigil for the flight crew on November 21st, and he and EMT 2, Shealene French, represented Eureka County at the funeral for flight nurse, Tiffany Urresti on November 26th.

In 2011, the Board voted to place EMS personnel on the list of Safety Sensitive positions. Due to an administrative oversight, this was not done. Comptroller, Tina Hubbard, has corrected the record.

PUBLIC WORKS

Projects & Activities: Assistant Public Works Director, Raymond Hodson, reported on Public Works projects and activities.

Facilities & Grounds: All utility systems are in good working order. The significant water leak at the Swimming Pool has been repaired. Minor heating issues at County buildings have been remedied. A small leak on the Courthouse roof was repaired by the roofing company on December 19th, but staff is following up to ensure the problem is resolved. Trees on County property in Crescent Valley were trimmed by a tree service out of Winnemucca.

Fire Departments: The SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) exchange program for the fire departments is complete. Free extrication training by Diamondback Fire & Rescue is being scheduled this spring in Beowawe, Crescent Valley, and Eureka.

Parcel Map: Public Works and Lumos & Associates are reviewing a parcel map for the Catholic Cemetery, in order to create a buffer zone. The map will go to the Planning Commission before final consideration by the Board.

Roads: Barrick Cortez has agreed to provide assistance this spring with road maintenance on the Tonkin Road, JD Ranch Road, Dugout Road, and Grass Valley Road.

Budget Prep: Public Works and the Road Department met with the Comptroller's office regarding the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Street Maintenance Program: Mr. Hodson requested authorization for Public Works to move forward with plans and specifications for the County-wide street maintenance program described during the capital improvements discussion earlier in the meeting. He explained the project will involve micropaving streets throughout Eureka County, street painting, and may include some utility valve adjustments in the manholes.

The project will span two fiscal years, utilizing \$1 million budgeted in the current year and up to \$2 million requested for next fiscal year. This should sustain County roads for three to five years, allowing the RTC Fund to recover a balance before another major road project is needed.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to authorize Public Works staff to begin developing plans and specifications for the Summer 2017 Street Maintenance Program to be funded by the Regional Transportation Commission Fund; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

CLERK & TREASURER

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for November was submitted by Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley. Ending General Fund balance for the month was \$15,138,319.62. Overall ending balance, including encumbered funds, was \$60,944,678.46.

EIDE BAILLY, LLP

FY 2015-2016 Audit & Comprehensive Annual Fiscal Report: Teri Gage, CPA and Partner with Eide Bailly, was in attendance to report on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Audit. Eureka County received a “clean opinion” in the Independent Auditor’s Report. The County has \$113 million in net assets. Cash balance increased by \$4 million over the previous year, which is a good indicator of efforts to lower expenditures in the current economic climate of reduced revenues. Tax revenues are significantly lower than in previous years – consolidated tax was down by 4% and only \$1.2 million was received in net proceeds of minerals.

Changes in Net Worth; Major items affecting the County’s net worth included a write-off of \$2.8 million when the County assumed Nevada Rural Housing Authority properties and released the \$5.9 million note; a net loss of \$1.3 million in the proprietary funds (municipal water and sewer), mostly due to depreciation; and projected increases to both net pension liability, now \$10.6 million, and OPEB (other post-employment benefits) liability, now \$10.3 million. On the positive side, \$548,000.00 in capital assets were added to net worth.

Ending General Fund Balance: The County was able to close the fiscal year with an ending General Fund balance of \$17.6 million, which was significantly higher than anticipated in the budget.

Audit Findings: Ms. Gage noted that Eureka County had minimal statute violations, but a few still occurred. They were mostly in relation to overspent funds. The primary shortfalls were in the water and sewer funds. This was not due to actual overspending, but was attributable to under-budgeting depreciation.

Misstatements: There were several findings that were not egregious, but must be reported. These included a land sale where the property value was not removed from the capital assets schedule, ambulance receipts that didn’t match reports from the third-party billing company, one voucher that was paid without a W9 form on file, and several grant transactions that were recorded incorrectly.

Audit Letter: Ms. Gage presented the required audit letter to the Board, which basically reported the same information she just reviewed. In the years their firm has worked with Eureka County, this fiscal year had the least number of adjustments, so she commended the County on this improvement, especially Comptroller’s staff and Treasurer’s staff.

Accept Audit: Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to accept the Eureka County Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Audit and Comprehensive Annual Fiscal Report as presented; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Engagement Letter: Ms. Gage will forward an engagement letter for acceptance at the next meeting.

Recommendations Based on Audit Findings: Recommendations based on the audit findings included implementing a tracking mechanism requiring Commission approval on all grant applications; reconciling all ambulance receipts with the third-party billing company; and enforcing purchasing procedures outlined in the Internal Control Policy requiring W9s for certain vendors/payees*.

*Assistant Comptroller, Kim Todd, explained that the petty cash fund for the County Fair is exempt from the W9 requirement, since a specific procedure is in place for payout of cash prize money below a designated dollar amount.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to implement recommended procedures, based on audit findings, to address grant reconciliation, ambulance receipts, and purchasing requirements as explained by the auditor and Comptroller’s office; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Recommendations Based on Current Purchasing Policies: The County currently requires tracking of capital assets valued at \$500.00 and above. Ms. Gage stated the typical threshold for entities the size of Eureka County is \$3,500.00 to \$5,000.00. Due to the amount of time

involved in tracking and depreciating assets, Ms. Gage recommended that the County consider increasing the capital asset minimum.

This will require an ordinance to amend 2014 EUREKA COUNTY CODE, TITLE 3, INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY. The Board agreed with the recommendation and asked that a draft ordinance be presented at a future meeting for proposal by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

Background on Alleged Public Nuisance: On November 7th, Eureka County resident Stuart Boyd, filed a complaint with the County Clerk alleging existence of a public nuisance at 361 Ruby Hill Avenue due to accumulation of trash and recyclable materials at the site. Mr. Boyd also spoke during public comment at the Commissioners' meeting of that same date.

District Attorney Beutel investigated the allegations and filed his findings with the County Clerk on November 16th. He determined that two Eureka properties were involved: 361 Ruby Hill Avenue, APN 001-097-01 owned by Kirk C. Smith and Sharlene L. (Eskandon) Smith; and 61 Vandal Way, APN 001-022-06, owned by Sharlene L. Eskandon (Smith). The District Attorney informed that a public nuisance existed as defined in NRS 40.140(1)(a), that it is unlawful to deposit rubbish within 1,000 feet from the center of a public highway pursuant to NRS 202.185, and such disposal does not comply with EUREKA COUNTY CODE, TITLE 6, HEALTH & WELFARE, CHAPTER 120, REFUSE & GARBAGE.

Due to these findings, this public hearing was schedule to consider the allegations. The affected parties were notified in accordance with law.

Public Hearing: Chairman Goicoechea called the public hearing to order shortly after 11:15 a.m. The Chairman stated the Board would consider proof of the allegations and invited comments from anyone, including opponents to the existence of the alleged public nuisance.

District Attorney Beutel referenced all documentation provided in relation to the complaint and informed the Board that Eureka County does not have an ordinance concerning nuisances. He informed the Board that, although State law may apply, they are not required to take action. He cautioned that without guidance from an ordinance to define a nuisance and to direct the Board's actions, they could find themselves faced with settling numerous disputes between neighbors.

The Chairman invited additional public comment. Kirk & Sharlene Smith presented a written plan and provided comment to the Board. They recently started a recycling business (KC's Recycling) and have been using their properties as holding sites until they can transport the materials to Elko or Reno. Mr. Smith agreed that the amount of material got out of hand as they worked to procure proper recycling licensure. He was willing to suspend further accumulation of materials until the properties were 'under control'. He recently had knee surgery, so explained that cleanup cannot realistically take place until he receives a medical release and until the winter weather recedes. Due to this, he anticipates that cleanup should be completed by May 2017.

Mrs. Smith commented that she felt the issue should have been settled between neighbors and apologized that the matter had to come before the Board.

Mr. Boyd responded that he had tried to get Mr. Smith's attention from across the street on a couple of occasions, with no response.

Chairman Goicoechea called for final public comments. Eureka resident, Melissa Fitzwater, agreed that this issue could cause differences between neighbors because everyone has a different opinion of what is offensive. She also felt that people had certain rights to do what they want with their own property.

Board Resolution: The Board agreed that Mr. Smith's commitment to mitigate the problem by this spring and to manage the properties differently going forward was acceptable. The Board does not want to readdress the issue, so Chairman Goicoechea encouraged open dialogue and asked Mr. Smith to reach out for assistance if he encountered any trouble.

The Board provided consensus that a written resolution declaring existence of a nuisance was not in order at this time.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Report on Activities: Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, reported on recent activities. A Groundwater Management Plan meeting was held at the Eureka Opera House on December 7th, with the primary purpose of reviewing State Engineer edits to the preliminary draft plan. The Natural Resources Advisory Commission met on the evening of December 7th.

Upcoming Meetings: Another Groundwater Management Plan meeting will be scheduled in January. The State Engineer is holding public workshops related to the Humboldt River in Lovelock and Winnemucca on January 17th and in Elko on January 18th.

Diamond Valley Groundwater Monitoring: Consulting Hydrogeologist, Dale Bugenig, gave a short PowerPoint presentation showing results of the groundwater monitoring in Diamond Valley. He tracks two monitoring networks, one installed by Eureka County and one installed by Diamond Natural Resources Protection & Conservation Association (purchased through a grant from the County in January 2013). Monitoring costs are shared by Eureka County and DNRPCA.

Mr. Bugenig showed individual hydrographs and gave detailed information related to each well on the monitoring systems, which span from northern to southern Diamond Valley. The rate of decline during pumping is abating, and the recovery is becoming fairly regular. The overall conclusion is that water levels are stabilizing throughout the valley, which is an encouraging trend. Mr. Bugenig attributes this to two main factors: the increase in recharge due to additional precipitation the past two seasons and the concerted efforts of irrigators to reduce the amount of pumping and water usage.

Mr. Bugenig feels the data is encouraging and reinforces the purpose of the Groundwater Management Plan - more efficient water management.

Mr. Bugenig informed the Board that a replacement logger has been ordered to avoid a gap in monitoring data. There are two generations of loggers and one of the older ones is beyond its service life and beginning to have issues. Mr. Bugenig has the ability to cover the replacement costs from his budget.

BLM Grazing Decisions: At the last meeting, Mr. Tibbitts and the Board discussed a number of grazing closures for Fire Emergency Stabilization & Rehabilitation. There are concerns about the precedent setting nature of the decisions and their effect on Eureka County. Mr. Tibbitts prepared two letters outlining the County's concerns over these grazing closures – one to the Battle Mountain District BLM and one to the Elko District BLM.

Commissioner Etchegaray motioned to approve sending a letter to the Elko District BLM regarding the Hot Pot, Dixie, and Izzenhood fires grazing closures, and a letter to the Battle Mountain District BLM regarding the Carico fire grazing closure, and authorized the Chairman to sign the letters outside of the meeting. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Legislative Issues: Mr. Tibbitts stated the discussion over proposed natural resources legislation wasn't pressing, so in the interest of time, this item was tabled to the next agenda.

MEDICAL CLINICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NVHC Contract: Garney Damele, Chair of the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee, noted that the Committee met on December 19th to discuss status of the contract with Nevada Health Centers and issues of nonperformance. In the first quarter of the fiscal year, NVHC has already reached the maximum nonperformance penalty amount and is not meeting contract requirements, particularly in relation to providers by not providing a physician or a locum tenens replacement.

The Committee recommended that the following changes be made to the existing contract: (a) change requirement of one physician and one mid-level provider at the Eureka Clinic to two mid-level providers, and adjust the contract amount accordingly; and (b) reinstate the full penalty phase, thus eliminating the \$20,000.00 annual penalty cap.

Request for Information: The Committee also recommended that the County distribute a Request for Information (RFI) to appropriate medical/health care providers. This is less extensive and could serve as a precursor to advertising a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) or a Request for Proposals (RFP).

NEVADA HEALTH CENTERS, INC.

Information from NVHC: Representatives of Nevada Health Centers, Karl Sundberg, COO, and Julie Clyde, Director of Provider Relations, were in attendance to provide information requested at the November 17th meeting. The Commissioners requested specific information related to actual costs for current personnel and the amount being spent on recruitment.

Income & Expense Statement: NVHC provided a financial statement for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 through November (nearly halfway through the fiscal year). The statement showed total revenues of \$539,662.00, wages/benefits totaling \$413,947.00 (this included \$130,885.00 for off-site administration), recruitment costs of \$50,000.00, and other expenses of \$139,578.00.

The Board and District Attorney had several questions and were concerned that the recruitment costs and off-site administrative costs seemed disproportionately high.

Mr. Sundberg noted that the recruitment figure is an estimate, since it is normally reported with their administrative salary allocations. He reduced the administrative number in order to isolate an estimate for recruitment.

When asked how the administrative and other costs are allocated amongst the rural clinics, Mr. Sundberg explained that a percentage is assigned to each clinic based on number of employees/FTEs (full-time equivalents) at each site.

Recruitment Efforts: Ms. Clyde gave an overview of recruitment efforts. National firms are used as consultants for benchmarking salaries/benefits. NVHC has a full-time person dedicated to recruiting for the rural communities. Two recruitment firms have been engaged at approximately \$15,000.00 per contract. About \$10,000.00 is spent annually for online recruitment sites. In addition, about 25 national job-related sites are utilized free of charge.

Providers: Ms. Clyde noted that in the past 3½ years, NVHC has hired a number of locum tenens to meet contract obligations with the County, at tremendous expense. They also use staff from within their organization to fill long-term and short-term needs whenever possible.

Update on Current Staffing Levels: Mr. Sundberg noted that a locum tenens (a mid-level practitioner) started at the Eureka Clinic on December 19th. She has been retained to work five days per week through March, with an opportunity to extend her contract.

Challenges remain in locating a provider for the Crescent Valley Clinic. The current temporary provider has a contract elsewhere, so is only available intermittently – typically one or two days per week.

Contract Noncompliance: With the penalty cap already reached for the year, Chairman Goicoechea pointed out that the County is now paying for clinic operating days and providers while the County and its citizens are not receiving those services.

Contract Adjustment or Renegotiation: The Board is interested in the cost to provide two mid-level practitioners at the Eureka Clinic versus a physician and one mid-level as currently contracted. District Attorney Beutel suggested that NVHC prepare a proposal based on services they are actually providing or able to provide. He added that NVHC operating in breach of the contract is not a good position for either party.

Mr. Sundberg agreed to work with Walter Davis, CEO, and the Board of Directors to evaluate what could be done in terms of a reduced or renegotiated contract. He will forward

something to the County before the end of the calendar year and then return to discuss this at the January 3rd Commission meeting. In the meantime, recruitment efforts will continue.

To recap, Chairman Goicoechea stated the County wants to see a proposal for two mid-level providers in Eureka and a plan for services in Crescent Valley. He asked that NVHC provide as much detailed information as possible to help the Commissioners in making a decision.

Request for Information: Based on the earlier recommendation from the MCAC, the Board agreed to move forward with an RFI for clinical services. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee to distribute a Request for Information to appropriate medical service providers with a deadline of no less than 45 days for responses. Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: Seventh Judicial District Court (2); District Attorney, Ted Beutel (4); Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley (2); Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts; Assistant Comptroller, Kim Todd (2); Medical Clinics Advisory Committee (3); Eureka Owl Club (3); Nevada Assoc. of Counties; Abby Johnson; Consumer Direct Care Network for Nevada; Lieutenant Governor, Mark Hutchison; Nevada Health Centers, Inc.; Luke Busby, Esq.; Allison, MacKenzie, Ltd.; Nevada Div. of Water Resources; Nevada State Demographer; University of Nevada, Reno Foundation; Supreme Court of Nevada; National Assoc. of Counties; National School Choice Week; and American Lands Council (2).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments. From the Crescent Valley site, Lisa Wolf wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Etchegaray seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 3rd day of January, 2017.

/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 20, 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