

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Eureka County Commissioners will meet pursuant to law on October 20, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers at the County Courthouse located at 10 South Main Street, Eureka, Nevada.

AGENDA

9:30 - CALL TO ORDER

1. Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item. *Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda, at the discretion of the Chair.* **(For Possible Action)**
2. Pledge of allegiance.

9:35 - PUBLIC COMMENT and DISCUSSION

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9:40 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the July 20, 2022, Commission meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

9:45 - COUNTY COMPTROLLER – Kim Todd, Comptroller

1. Payment of expenditures. *Notice: Expenditures received after action has been taken under this Comptroller section may be presented and acted upon throughout the day.* **(For Possible Action)**
2. Review Fund Balance Report. **(Discussion)**
3. Discuss, approve, or deny waiving the provision outlined in Eureka County Code, Title 3, Chapter 30, Section .060(C) to authorize a monthly recurring charge on Jessica Santoyo's purchasing card in order to pay the Starlink business account. *Note: Starlink requires automated payment of monthly recurring charges and does not accept any other form of payment. Starlink provides internet service to County facilities in Crescent Valley.* **(For Possible Action)**
4. Discuss, approve, or deny a permanent increase, to \$1,000.00, on the County credit card issued to Jessica Santoyo in the IT Department. *Note: This will accommodate the monthly charge of \$499.00 from Starlink for internet services to County facilities in Crescent Valley.* **(For Possible Action)**

9:50 - COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss, approve, or deny ratifying letter to the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development supporting Churchill County's application for a Community Development Block Grant to purchase equipment and supplies necessary for implementation of the Central Nevada Health District. **(For Possible Action)**
2. Discuss, approve, or deny ratifying nomination of Commissioner McKay as a potential board member, representing rural counties, on the Nevada Clean Energy Fund Board of Directors. **(For Possible Action)**
3. Discuss, approve, or deny whether to continue retaining the services of Diane Curran, Esq., in reference to licensing proceedings for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. **(For Possible Action)**
4. Discuss terms that may be appropriate for a continuation of the lease with Perdiz Sport Shooting. **(Discussion)**
5. Discuss, approve, or deny nominating Jake Tibbitts to continue to serve as Eureka County's representative on the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council or consider nomination of another individual. **(For Possible Action)**

9:50 - COMMISSIONERS (continued)

6. Review Governor's response to Eureka County's recommendation to deny the RETA (Renewable Energy Tax Abatement) application for partial abatement of property, sales, and use taxes submitted by Nevada Gold Energy LLC (AFN: 22-0815SPV), and provide direction related to transmitting to the Governor projected costs, projected financial benefits, and any other data required by NRS 701A.365(2) in order to support the recommendation to deny the RETA Application from Nevada Gold Energy for its planned construction of two solar photovoltaic generating facilities in northern Eureka County. **(For Possible Action)**
7. Discuss, approve, or deny cancelling the November 21st meeting and consider scheduling a special meeting of the Board in November to canvass the returns of the 2022 General Election. **(For Possible Action)**
8. Discuss, approve, or deny proposing (as written or with modifications) an ordinance amending the 2018 Eureka County Code by adding a title, TITLE 20, PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEMS. **(For Possible Action)**
9. Discuss, approve, or deny scheduling a public hearing date and time to consider adopting the proposed ordinance, TITLE 20, PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEMS, as written or as modified. **(For Possible Action)**

10:00- PUBLIC HEARING – EUREKA COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

Notice was given that a public hearing would be held on October 20, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (local time) in the Eureka Commissioners' Chambers in the County Courthouse at 10 South Main Street in Eureka, Nevada. The reason for said hearing is to invite public comments and take action on a resolution amending the Eureka County Personnel Policy. The resolution was reviewed and proposed by the Board of County Commissioners on September 20, 2022, and a copy of said resolution is on file in the Commissioners' Office and in the Office of the County Clerk for public examination.

1. Open public hearing and invite comments on proposed resolution to amend the Eureka County Personnel Policy. **(Discussion)**
2. Discuss and consider adopting as presented, adopting with further revisions, or denying a resolution amending the Eureka County Personnel Policy. **(For Possible Action)**

10:10- DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES

1. Discuss, approve, or deny signing amended contract with Kelly C. Brown, PLLC, for public defense services from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, which has been amended to incorporate regulations recently adopted by the Board of Indigent Defense Services. **(For Possible Action)**
2. Discuss, approve, or deny ratifying the Indigent Defense Financial Status Report for the 1st quarter of Fiscal Year 2023, which was submitted to the Department by the October 15th deadline. **(For Possible Action)**
3. Discuss, approve, or deny completing the Notice of Voluntary Transfer of Indigent Defense Services to the State Public Defender pursuant to NRS 180.450(6) to formally notify the State which services, if any, the County chooses to voluntarily transfer to the State Public Defender. *Note: This form is due to the Department of Indigent Defense by November 1st.* **(For Possible Action)**

10:20- IT DEPARTMENT – Misty Rowley, IT Director

1. Update report on IT projects and activities. **(Discussion)**
2. Discuss, approve, or deny Quote #22-09-27 C9300-24P from Quest Technology Management for purchase of networking equipment for the Eureka Airport in an amount not to exceed \$7,376.39 utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**
3. Discuss, approve, or deny Quote #22-07-11 CS-BAR from Quest Technology Management for purchase of conference equipment for the Annex (Administrative Facility) meeting room in an amount not to exceed \$5,813.50 utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**
4. Discuss, approve, or deny Quote #016650 Version 1 from Quest Technology Management for purchase of a networking cabinet and UPS (uninterruptible power supply) for the Eureka Library for an amount not to exceed \$8,280.00 (\$6,897.05 plus 20% contingency) utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**

10:20- IT DEPARTMENT (continued)

5. Discuss, approve, or deny quote from Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company for emergency purchase of an OptiPlex 3090 computer, including license, software/hardware program upgrades, and technical assistance for a not to exceed amount of \$18,500.00, and determine which account will be used for this purchase. *Note: This is a replacement computer required for operation of the Eureka County Detention Facility after catastrophic failure of the previous computer.* **(For Possible Action)**
6. Discuss, approve, or deny ratifying signing of the Letter of Agreement by Elko County Library Director Kassie Antonucci (on behalf of the Elko-Lander-Eureka Library System for the Crescent Valley Branch Library) authorizing the Office of Science, Innovation & Technology to certify and post FCC (Federal Communications Commission) Form 470 and related Request for Proposals in the E-Rate Productivity Center (for connectivity to the nearest SilverNet/Nevada System of Higher Education Point of Presence) as part of ongoing efforts for installation of fiber broadband infrastructure to connect the Crescent Valley Branch Library located in the Crescent Valley Town Center. **(For Possible Action)**
7. Ratify out-of-state travel for the IT Director and Helpdesk Technician I to travel to South Lake Tahoe/Stateline October 9th-14th for the RIMSCON 2022, 25th Annual Users Conference. **(For Possible Action)**
8. Discuss, approve, or deny Quote #016689 from Quest Technology Management for the purchase of a networking cabinet and UPS for the Eureka Senior Center in an amount not to exceed \$8,037.00 (\$6,697.21 with 20% contingency) utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) in the Technology Support budget. **(For Possible Action)**

10:30- AMBULANCE & EMS – Kenny Sanders, EMS Director

1. Update report on ambulance and emergency services. **(Discussion)**
2. Review quarterly report on mandatory ambulance bill write-offs for Medicaid and Medicare accounts. **(Discussion)**
3. Review Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification and authorize the EMS Director to recruit Volunteer EMTs and Drivers. **(For Possible Action)**
4. Discuss, approve, or deny purchasing batteries and electrode pads for the AEDs (automated external defibrillators) from Allied 100, LLC, in the amount of \$11,955.49. **(For Possible Action)**

10:35- SENIOR CENTERS – Millie Oram, Senior Center Program Director

1. Update report on activities at Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. **(Discussion)**
2. Discuss, approve, or deny Notice of Subaward from Nevada Aging & Disability Services Division for Nutrition Grant #07-000-07-1X-23 for congregate meals, in the amount of \$20,960.00 with a required match of \$3,144.00. **(For Possible Action)**
3. Discuss, approve, or deny Notice of Subaward from Nevada Aging & Disability Services Division for Nutrition Grant #07-000-04-24-23 for home-delivered meals, in the amount of \$22,659.00 with a required match of \$3,399.00. **(For Possible Action)**

10:40- ASSESSOR – Michael Mears, Assessor

1. Review Promotion Request form and consider authorizing the Assessor to promote an employee to Appraiser III. **(For Possible Action)**

10:45- TREASURER – Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

1. Review Treasurer's Report for September 2022. **(Discussion)**

10:50- JUVENILE PROBATION – Steve Zimmerman, Juvenile Probation Officer

1. Discuss, approve, or deny adopting a Proclamation declaring October 23rd-31st as Red Ribbon Week commemorating the National Drug Prevention Campaign, with local events and activities sponsored by Eureka County Juvenile Probation. **(For Possible Action)**

10:55- SHERIFF – Jesse Watts, Sheriff

1. Review quarterly report from the Sheriff regarding security of the jail and treatment and condition of the inmates at the Eureka County Detention Facility. **(Discussion)**
2. Review Hiring Freeze Waiver Justifications and authorize the Sheriff’s Office to fill the following: (a) two Dispatcher I/II positions; (b) two Deputy Sheriff I/II/III positions; (c) two Sergeant positions; (d) one Lieutenant position; and (e) Search & Rescue volunteer positions. **(For Possible Action)**
3. Ratify out-of-state travel for Sheriff Watts, Maureen Garner, and Heather Peterson for attendance of the RIMSCON 2022, 25th Annual Users Conference in South Lake Tahoe/Stateline October 9th-14th. **(For Possible Action)**
4. Discuss, approve, or deny out-of-state travel for Sheriff Watts and Sergeant Miles Umina to attend the COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors) National Conference on Law Enforcement, Wellness, & Trauma November 3rd-7th in Dallas, Texas. **(For Possible Action)**
5. Discuss, approve, deny, or ratify increasing County-issued credit card limits for the following employees for events or purchases itemized in ‘a’ through ‘f’. **(For Possible Action)**
 - a. **Maureen Garner** (\$500.00 credit limit) – an increase for lodging and incidental expenses of \$974.12 for the RIMSCON Annual Conference in Stateline October 9th-14th; and an increase for lodging costs of \$439.29 for the FBINAA/NvSCA Annual Conference in Las Vegas November 13th-17th;
 - b. **Heather Peterson** (\$500.00 credit limit) – an increase for lodging and incidental expenses of \$974.12 for the RIMSCON Annual Conference in Stateline October 9th-14th;
 - c. **Cheryl Morrison** (\$500.00 credit limit) – an increase for lodging costs of \$439.29 for the FBINAA/NvSCA Annual Conference in Las Vegas November 13th-17th; and an increase of \$500.00 to purchase Christmas goodies for Eureka and Crescent Valley Elementary Schools (*Note: Cheryl’s card currently has \$630.01 in charges for hotel deposits that will not be credited until December.*);
 - d. **Deputy Dylan Korth** (\$500.00 credit limit) – an increase for lodging and incidental expenses of \$661.15 for Death & Homicide Investigation training in Las Vegas December 4th-9th;
 - e. **Sergeant Miles Umina** (\$1,000.00 credit limit) – an increase for lodging costs of approximately \$600.00 for the COPS National Conference on Law Enforcement, Wellness, & Trauma in Dallas, Texas November 3rd-7th; an increase for lodging and incidental costs of \$961.58 (including stayover days) for Death & Homicide Investigation training in Las Vegas December 4th-9th; and an increase for lodging and incidental costs of \$239.36 for Supervising Patrol Critical Incidents Training in Mesquite December 11th-14th;
 - f. **Sheriff Jesse Watts** (\$1,000.00 credit limit) – an increase for lodging costs of approximately \$600.00 for the COPS National Conference on Law Enforcement, Wellness, & Trauma in Dallas, Texas November 3rd-7th; an increase for lodging costs of \$439.29 for the FBINAA/NvSCA Annual Conference in Las Vegas November 13th-17th; an increase for lodging and incidental costs of \$961.58 (including stayover days) for Death & Homicide Investigation training in Las Vegas December 4th-9th; and an increase for lodging and incidental costs of \$239.36 for Supervising Patrol Critical Incidents Training in Mesquite December 11th-14th.

11:10- K9 PARTNER “GARA” – Nicholas Collins

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a request from Deputy Nicholas Collins that he assume ownership of K9 Unit police dog, Gara, upon the Deputy’s resignation from Eureka County. *Note: This police dog, placed into service in June 2021, was purchased and trained with taxpayer dollars, and is a County asset with a current listed value of \$9,833.33 (not including training costs).* **(For Possible Action)**

11:15- CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD – Cindy LaRochelle, Chair

1. Discuss, approve, or deny a request for a \$3,200.00 donation from the North End Activity Fund to purchase gift cards (for prizes), door prizes, goodie bag items, decorations, and miscellaneous supplies for the Community Christmas event in Crescent Valley on December 10th and, if approved, issue the check to Cindy LaRochelle. *Note: CVTAB has requested donations from local businesses; Truckin’ Water has agreed to sponsor the catered Christmas dinner at approximate cost of \$6,000.00; Nevada Gold Mines donated a total of \$5,000.00 to be used for the Crescent Valley Fun Days and the Christmas event dinner.* **(For Possible Action)**

11:15- CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD – (continued)

2. Discuss, approve, or deny a request for a request for a \$500.00 donation from the North End Activity Fund to purchase gift cards as prizes for the House Decorating Contest in Crescent Valley (\$200/1st place; \$150/2nd place; \$100/3rd place; and \$50.00 to cover Visa card fees) and, if approved, issue the check to Nona Kellerman. **(For Possible Action)**

11:20- MEDICAL CLINICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Irma Davila, Chair

1. Brief update on MCAC's October 11th meeting in Crescent Valley. **(Discussion)**
2. Review letters of interest and consider the Committee's recommendation concerning appointment to the vacant "Community Member" seat on the Medical Clinics Advisory Committee for the remainder of a two-year term through December 31, 2022. **(For Possible Action)**
3. Update on proposals received in response to the Request for Proposals for medical services at the Crescent Valley Clinic, including the Committee's recommendation concerning selection or rejection of any or all proposals and, if needed, consideration of an alternate course of action for the Crescent Valley Clinic. **(For Possible Action)**
4. Discuss, approve, or deny the Committee's recommendation concerning continuation, suspension, or termination of weekend on-call services at the Eureka Clinic. **(For Possible Action)**

11:30- ROAD DEPARTMENT – Raymond Hodson, Asst. Public Works Director

1. Report on road department projects and activities. **(Discussion)**
2. Review Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification and consider authorizing the Assistant Public Works Director to promote a Public Works employee to Crescent Valley Technician II. **(For Possible Action)**

11:35- PUBLIC WORKS – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

1. Report on Public Works projects and activities. **(Discussion)**
2. Report from Public Works and County Engineer (Lumos & Associates) regarding existing water system supply and capacity in the Devil's Gate GID (Districts 1&2). **(Discussion)**
3. Discuss, approve, or deny a proposal from Lumos & Associates in the amount of \$88,700.00 to be paid with monies budgeted for surveying/engineering (010-042-53010-357) in the Public Works budget, in combination with monies from another account (to be determined by the Board), in order to complete an updated Water Masterplan and Rate Study in preparation for consolidation of Eureka, Devil's Gate, and Crescent Valley municipal water systems into a single utility known as the Eureka County Water System, and all matters properly relating thereto. **(For Possible Action)**
4. Discuss, approve, or deny expenditure of funds, utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in combination with monies budgeted for capital outlay (042-140-55010-746) in the Capital Projects Fund, for emergency repair of Well 1 currently servicing the Town of Eureka and for future backup to the Devil's Gate GID, and all matters properly relating thereto. *Note: Well 1 has been taken out of service due to aeration caused by pumping in low water levels. This item will be ratified at a later date to reflect actual costs after quotes have been secured.* **(For Possible Action)**
5. Discuss, approve, or deny signing a Memorandum of Understanding between Eureka County and Nevada Gold Mines LLC for mutual aid involving emergency medical, law enforcement, wildland fire, and hazardous materials incidents within Eureka County. **(For Possible Action)**
6. Review Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification and consider authorizing Public Works to fill the position of Swimming Pool Supervisor. **(For Possible Action)**
7. Discuss, approve, or deny quote from Metta Technologies for four (4) Bull Litter Fence panels in the amount of \$38,430.00 to be paid using monies budgeted for capital outlay (190-273-55010-000) in the Landfill Fund. **(For Possible Action)**
8. Discuss, approve, or deny ratifying waiver of facility fees for use of the Opera House on October 9th for funeral and memorial services honoring Wally Cuchine. **(For Possible Action)**
9. Discuss, approve, or deny a 3/4-inch residential water meter and service application for APN 007-380-50 located in Devil's Gate GID District 1, and all matters properly relating thereto. **(For Possible Action)**

11:35- PUBLIC WORKS (continued)

10. Discuss, approve, or deny a 3/4-inch residential water meter and service application for APN 007-380-43 located in Devil's Gate GID District 1, and all matters properly relating thereto. **(For Possible Action)**
11. Discuss, approve, or deny a 3/4-inch residential water meter and service application for APN 002-014-12 located in the Town of Crescent Valley, and all matters properly relating thereto. **(For Possible Action)**

11:50- NATURAL RESOURCES – Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager

1. Report on current and emerging natural resource issues affecting Eureka County. **(Discussion)**
2. Discuss and consider response to BLM Land Health Assessment and Evaluation for the Ralston and Monitor Allotments. **(For Possible Action)**
3. Discuss and consider a request asking for a County letter to the State Engineer supporting continued but temporary use of Mt. Hope Project mining water rights for farming at the Bobcat Ranch. **(For Possible Action)**
4. Review, discuss, and consider response, including protest, of recent water rights applications in or affecting Eureka County. **(For Possible Action)**
5. Review Hiring Freeze Waiver Justification and consider request by the Natural Resources Manager to immediately move forward with recruitment and replacement of the vacant Department Assistant position. **(For Possible Action)**

12:00- CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence and place requests for action items on the next agenda. **(Discussion)**
2. Commissioner reports on pertinent correspondence or other matters. **(Discussion)**

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12:15- ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting.

Supporting materials for this meeting may be requested by contacting Commissioner Administrative Assistant Jackie Berg at jberg@eurekacountynv.gov, PO Box 694, Eureka, Nevada 89316, or by calling (775) 237-7211, or faxing a request to (775) 237-4610. To save time and cost, persons are encouraged to request these materials by email. All times listed on the agenda are approximate. Items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair. Items may be removed from the agenda prior to, or during, the meeting. Related agenda items may be combined for discussion or action. The phrase "(For Possible Action)" means the Board may, but is not required to, take action on the item. This agenda was posted at the following locations in Eureka; County Courthouse; County Administrative Facility (Annex); US Post Office; and public bulletin board at 10 S. Main Street. This agenda was posted electronically at Eureka County's website (www.co.eureka.nv.us) and Nevada's public notice website (www.notice.nv.gov). Notice to persons with disabilities: If you require special assistance, please notify the Commissioners' Office prior to the meeting at the email address, mail box, phone number, or fax number listed above.