

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 14, 2020

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on August 14, 2020. The meeting was conducted telephonically pursuant to Governor Sisolak’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 006, most recently extended through July 31st by Emergency Directive 026. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea; Vice Chairman Michael Sharkozy (via interactive video); Commissioner Rich McKay; District Attorney Ted Beutel (via telephone); and Deputy Clerk Recorder Ashley Farris. Pursuant to the Governor’s Emergency Directives, County staff and members of the public were able to attend the meeting via a toll-free conference call number. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Several changes were made to the agenda. The Chairman noted that the Natural Resource items would be heard earlier to allow Jake Tibbitts to participate in the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority meeting scheduled that morning. The following items were removed from the agenda and/or tabled to a future meeting: John Biale Sr. Veterans’ Memorial Park; Above All Communications/Express Internet; and waiver of Crescent Valley Community Center fees.

In response to concerns from the public, Commissioner McKay clarified that future action related to the Express Internet item will not affect private citizens’ internet service. He is working with the IT Department on a tentative contract with Quest to map current internet and cell phone services in the County in order to work with the private sector on improving those services.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the August 14th agenda with the noted changes; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments.

Assessor Michael Mears informed that an application was received for a renewable energy tax abatement project. The project, a 100-megawatt solar field, is proposed by Nevada Gold Energy and will be built in northern Eureka County near the coal-fired TS Power Plant (also owned by Nevada Gold Energy). This is a two-phase project. Construction of phase one is set to begin in the fourth quarter of 2020 with targeted completion by the fourth quarter of 2021. The initial capital investment for phase one of this project is an estimated \$110 million. Even with the 55% tax abatement for these types of projects, this generation plant will add substantial value to the County’s tax roll. In determining assessed valuation, Mr. Mears anticipates contracting with Appraiser Mark Stafford, who has expertise in appraising these types of properties.

Clerk Recorder Lisa Hoehne commended Genesis Home Health for its recent care of a patient in Eureka. Genesis provided 24-hour care, allowing the patient to maintain dignity and remain home, and Ms. Hoehne stated the caregivers did an amazing job.

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

NDOT Rail Initiative: Nevada Department of Transportation is developing a new statewide rail plan and Mr. Tibbitts and Commissioner McKay attended NDOT’s regional meeting on July 29th to discuss the I-80 corridor. Mr. Tibbitts attended the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council meeting on August 13th and the railway initiative was a main topic of discussion at this meeting as well. NDOT is asking local jurisdictions to consider how this may affect local Master Plans, zoning,

etc. and Mr. Tibbitts offered to work with the Commission on addressing these issues as this initiative moves forward.

Nevada Gold Mines 3M Plan: On July 30th, Mr. Tibbitts and Consulting Hydrogeologist Dale Bugenig met with Kim Wolf, Permitting Manager for Nevada Gold Mines, and the mine is making good progress on drafting its 3M (monitoring, management, and mitigation) Plan.

Special Legislative Session: The Special Legislative Session, which adjourned on August 6th, resulted in three Joint Resolutions: AJR1, AJR2, and SJR1. All three propose changes to net proceeds of minerals tax as outlined in the Nevada Constitution. Mr. Tibbitts explained that AJR1 proposes changing the 5% net proceeds tax to a 7.75% gross proceeds tax and removes the formula ensuring that a portion of the tax is distributed to the counties and instead authorizes the counties to impose an additional tax.

Chairman Goicoechea reminded everyone that Joint Resolutions must be adopted by two Legislative bodies before being placed on a ballot for a vote by the people. Thus, the earliest these issues would appear on a ballot is the 2022 Election.

Upcoming Meetings: Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is hosting a recycling meeting on August 18th and is exploring a program that will help rural communities with recycling in an effort to keep those materials out of the local landfills. On the afternoon of August 18th, Mr. Tibbitts will participate in a video meeting with Nevada State Engineer Tim Wilson to discuss upcoming legislation that may be proposed by the Division of Water Resources.

Gibellini Project EIS: The Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Gibellini Project is expected to be published in the Federal Register any day. Nevada Vanadium, proponent of the Gibellini Project, will host a community meeting at the Eureka Fairgrounds on August 25th (4:00-6:00 p.m.) to discuss plans and answer any questions.

USGS Joint Funding Agreement: Mr. Tibbitts explained it is time to renew the agreement that the County has had with US Geological Survey for multiple years to monitor groundwater and stream flows in the Mount Hope and Roberts Mountain Vicinity, which in recent years has included groundwater monitoring in Kobeh Valley.

Cognizant of the County's concerns over reduced revenues resulting from COVID-19, Mr. Tibbitts negotiated the contract and USGS agreed to reduce certain costs and increased its contract match by 5% (from 35% to 40%) for a net reduction to the contract of \$7,500.00.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Joint Funding Agreement 21ZJFA00109 with US Geological Survey for continuation of the multi-year Hydrologic Monitoring Program in the Kobeh Valley, Mount Hope and Roberts Mountains Vicinity in the amount of \$141,645.00 with Eureka County's portion at \$84,987.00 and the USGS match at \$56,658.00. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of June & July Minutes: Minutes for the June 5th, June 19th, July 6th, and July 20th meetings were presented for approval. The Chairman thanked the District Attorney's office for assistance in drafting the minutes. For consistency, he asked that the minutes simply include the signature line at the bottom, noting that there was no need to identify various offices that participated in preparation of the minutes.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve minutes of the following meetings with the requested change by the Chairman: July 5, 2020; July 19, 2020; July 6, 2020; and July 20, 2020. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMPTROLLER

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Comptroller Kim Todd. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$540,266.65 for accounts payable; \$756,668,88 for payroll, benefit, and retirement related expenses (including \$92,000.00 in employee paid deductions); \$87,016.10 for a pass-through tax allocation to the

School District; \$7,548.14 for a pass-through to the State Controller; \$345.09 for a pass-through to the Department of Taxation; \$117.00 for a pass-through to the Washoe County Crime Lab; and \$3,250.00 in Yucca Mountain expenses for a grand total of \$1,395,211.86. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fund Balance Report: The Board reviewed the report on current fund balances.

COMMISSIONERS

Casual Hours: District Attorney Ted Beutel explained that, due to some absences in the County, his office found it necessary to require a casual employee to work additional hours and he would like to continue having this flexibility. Personnel Policy 3.23.2 allows a casual employee to work up to 29 hours per week, with Board approval, as long as the annual 1,039 hours is not exceeded.

Pursuant to Personnel Policy Section 3.23.2, Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to ratify emergency use of casual employment, and continued use of casual employment, up to 29 hours per week in the District Attorney's office. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Resolution Honoring Long-Time Employee Patricia Peek: A resolution honoring Patricia Peek upon her retirement was read into the record and Ms. Peek was presented with a plaque from Public Works.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt the resolution recognizing Ms. Peek for her many years of service to Eureka County; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners added their personal thanks to Ms. Peek for her service to the County and for her work at the Eureka Opera House.

Eureka, Nevada

August 6, 2020

RESOLUTION

HONORING PATRICIA ANN PEEK FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO EUREKA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to honor long time employee, Patricia (Patti) Peek, for her twenty-five years of service to the County of Eureka, particularly at the Eureka Opera House; and

WHEREAS, Eureka County acknowledges the following biographical information: Patrician Ann Peek was born on November 11, 1964, in Lone Pine, California. She married Bob Peek in 1981 and they moved to Eureka in 1987 with their two sons, Cameron and Cody; and

WHEREAS, Patti worked at the Eureka Opera House from May 22, 1995, to June 2, 2020, where her duties allowed her to serve as hostess and cultural advocate to a large and diverse group of events, patrons, and clients. Patti interacted equally well with miners; local, regional, and national entertainers; local residents; and a wide range of visitors from all areas of the world; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2003, Patti received the Volunteer Tourism Award for her participation in the Pony Express Territory from Lieutenant Governor Lorraine Hunt; and

WHEREAS, County officials, co-workers, and friends celebrate with Patti as she retires and embarks on the next adventure in her life; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Eureka County Commissioners recognizes Patricia Peek for her long-time service and cultural advocacy on behalf of Eureka County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be published in the minutes of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners to remain a part of the permanent and historical records of Eureka County.

ADOPTED this 14th day of August, 2020.

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY OF EUREKA, STATE OF NEVADA

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea, DVM

J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

/s/ Michael Sharkozy

Michael Sharkozy, Vice Chairman

/s/ Rich McKay

Rich McKay, Member

Attest: /s/ Lisa Hoehne

Lisa Hoehne, County Clerk

Central Nevada Regional Water Authority: Commissioner McKay motioned to authorize payment of \$7,500.00 to Central Nevada Regional Water Authority for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021-member assessment. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CARES Act Funding: Chairman Goicoechea noted that the County had received some marginal funding through the CARES Act, but additional funding wasn't guaranteed. He asked that all departments be prudent in purchasing qualifying items. He added that all purchases should be pre-authorized by Jeb Rowley, Emergency Management Officer, and the Comptroller's office should also be notified.

Comptroller Kim Todd asked that the Senior Centers be authorized to purchase supplies necessary to continue delivering homebound meals and asked that EMS be authorized to continue purchasing PPEs (personal protective equipment). She noted that both departments have been very responsible in only purchasing items as needed. Chairman Goicoechea agreed that these purchases can continue as long as the Emergency Management Officer is notified.

NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Rural Housing Programs: Diane Arvizo, Director of Homeownership Programs for Nevada Rural Housing Authority, provided details on NRHA's single-family home ownership programs, including the "Home at Last" campaign and assistance program which was launched in 2006. She explained how mortgage credit certificates provide tax credits and support financing of single-family housing. Private Activity Bonds have helped fund these programs, enabling NRHA to provide affordable home financing for 9,000 families in rural Nevada, including ten families in Eureka County. Ms. Arvizo requested that the County allocate its unused Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to Nevada Rural Housing Authority.

Resolution Transferring Private Activity Bond: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt a resolution transferring Eureka County's 2020 Private Activity Bond Cap to Nevada Rural Housing Authority. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner McKay motioned to authorize transfer of \$101,556.73 in tax-exempt Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to Nevada Rural Housing Authority for single-family housing programs for Calendar Year 2020. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA,
PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY'S 2020 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP TO
THE NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 348A of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 348A of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"), there has been allocated to Eureka County Nevada (the "County"), the amount of \$101,556.73 in tax-exempt private activity bond volume cap for year 2020 (the "2020 Bond Cap"); and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (the "NRHA"), has requested that the County transfer its 2020 Bond Cap to the NRHA for the purpose of providing a means of financing the costs of single-family residential housing that will provide decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings at affordable prices for persons of low and moderate income ("Single Family Programs"); and

WHEREAS, the County is a local government as defined by NAC 348A.070; and

WHEREAS, Section 348A.180 of the NAC provides a procedure whereby the County may, by resolution. Transfer to any other local government located within the same county, all or any portion of its 2020 Bond Cap; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS 315.983(1)(a), the NRHA is an instrumentality, local government, and political subdivision of the State of Nevada (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, the NRHA is located within the County, pursuant to NRS 315.963, which defines the NRHA's area of operation as "any area of the State which is not included within the corporate limits of a city or town having a population of 150,000 or more."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the County does hereby find, resolve, determine, and order as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth herein above are true and correct in all respects.

Section 2. Transfer of Private Activity Bond Volume Cap. Pursuant to NAC 348A.180, the County hereby transfers 2020 Bond Cap in the amount of \$101,556.73 to the NRHA for its Single Family Programs.

Section 3. Use of 2020 Bond Cap. The NRHA will use the 2020 Bond Cap for single family purposes in calendar year 2020 or carry forward any remaining amount according to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for such purposes.

Section 4. Representative of County. Pursuant to NAC348A.180(1), the Director of the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry (the "Director") may contact Lisa Hoehne, County Clerk, Eureka County, regarding this Resolution at (775) 237-5263 or by email at LHoehne@EurekaCountyNV.Gov or in writing at PO Box 694, Eureka, Nevada 89316.

Section 5. Additional Action. The County Manager and Clerk of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions as necessary to effectuate the transfer of the 2020 Bond Cap, and carry out the duties of the County hereunder, including the execution of all certificates pertaining to the transfer as required by NAC 348A.

Section 6. Direction to the NRHA. The NRHA shall notify the Director in writing as soon as practicable of the occurrence or nonoccurrence of any term or condition that would affect the disposition of the 2020 Bond Cap.

Section 7. Representative of the NRHA. Pursuant to NAC 348A.180(3), the Director may contact Diane Arvizo, Director of Homeownership Programs of the NRHA, regarding this Resolution at (775) 886-7900 or in writing at Nevada Rural Housing Authority, 3695 Desatoya Drive, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

Section 8. Obligation of the County. This Resolution is not to be construed as a pledge of the faith and credit of or by the County, or of any agency, instrumentality, or subdivision of the County. Nothing in this Resolution obligates or authorizes the County to issue bonds for any project or to grant approvals for a project or constitutes a representation that such bonds will be issued.

Section 9. Enforceability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. This Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOTPED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED this 14th day of August, 2020.

COUNTY OF EUREKA NEVADA

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea, DVM

J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Lisa Hoehne

Lisa Hoehne, Clerk Recorder

TREASURER

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for June was presented by Treasurer Pernecia Johnson, showing an ending General Fund balance of \$35,878,380.39. Ms. Johnson noted that real property tax statements were mailed in July and the first installment is due on August 17th.

AMBULANCE & EMS

Report on Activities: EMS Director Kenny Sanders reported there were a total of 26 ambulance runs in July, with several patients transferred to MedX AirOne or REACH Air, and one patient transferred to a Lander County unit. Eureka and Crescent Valley EMS offered CPR recertification classes to the School District for bus drivers and coaches in their communities.

The County Fair was held the previous weekend and REACH Air and MedX AirOne both provided helicopters for a day of standby at the Fair. Fortunately, there were no accidents or injuries. Eureka County EMS will provide standby for Carlin's Ranch Hand Rodeo which begins the evening of August 14th and continues through the weekend.

SENIOR CENTERS

Update Report: Millie Oram, Senior Centers Program Director, provided a written report on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and the Fannie Komp Senior Center. Home delivery of meals continues due to the COVID-19 shutdown. In July, Eureka served 901 meals and Crescent Valley served 857 meals. A total of \$8,236.00 was deposited for the month.

Transportation Grant: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to ratify Transportation Grant #07-000-10-LX-21 from Nevada Aging & Disability Services Division in the amount of \$22,500.00 with a match of \$3,375.00. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Report on Activities: Jayme Halpin, Public Works Senior Equipment Operator, reported on Road Department activities over the last month. Crews bladed the Antelope Road, East Antelope Road, Fish Creek Road, Monitor Valley Road, Mary's Mountain, the Emigrant Pass NDOT Station road, Rose Ranch Road, Sansinena Road, Dry Hills Road, and Geothermal Road. Everyone is preparing for the Street Maintenance Project to kickoff. Chip seal was completed on Crescent Valley roads and micropaving will begin on August 17th. Crews are doing concrete prep work and asphalt patching in Eureka and micropaving will begin on August 20th. Asphalt work was also done on Eagle Road (Collingwood Lane).

Out-of-State Travel Cancelled: Mr. Halpin explained that out-of-state travel was not needed because the 2020 Peterbilt Model 357 End-Dump Truck was delivered to Elko and was picked up by the Road Department on August 13th.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Update: Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported on Public Works projects and activities.

Devil's Gate Mainline Extension: Mr. Rowley stated that the water line extension in Devil's Gate on Selim Way should be completed by the end of the following week. Water tests will be conducted as part of the process to obtain final approval from the State. In addition to providing water to more residents, this project has enabled installation of fire hydrants to another residential area and, in addition to the safety factor, should reduce insurance rates for those homeowners.

Street Maintenance: As Mr. Halpin reported, there are numerous activities related to the Street Maintenance Project. Slurry seal should be completed in Crescent Valley by August 19th and slurry seal will begin in Eureka on August 20th.

Sewer Ponds: The remediation project at the sewer ponds is ahead of schedule and will be completed earlier than the October 1st goal. It was originally estimated that up to 6,000 yards of sludge had to be removed and placed at the Landfill. The actual amount was closer to 1,500 yards, providing a substantial costs savings on this project.

Equipment: Mr. Rowley noted that some of the equipment ordered in the previous budget year is being delivered and put into service. This includes a truck and 7,000 gallon water tanker, a 7,000 gallon water tender, and a 10-wheel dump truck. Mr. Rowley noted that this equipment brings added fire protection to the County.

Residential Water Service: Two applications were received for residential water service. Commissioner McKay motioned to approve a 3/4-inch residential water service in Devil's Gate District #1 to service APN 007-380-25, and a 3/4-inch residential water service in Devil's Gate District #2 to service APN 0007-395-12. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Hiring Freeze Waiver – Mechanic I: Mr. Rowley explained there is a vacancy in the Road Shop due to recent promotion of one of the Mechanics. He emphasized the importance of filling this position, noting that the Road Shop services over 200 pieces of equipment in the County including emergency vehicles and fire response equipment.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to waive the hiring freeze and authorize the Public Works Director to hire a Mechanic I for the Eureka Road Shop. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

X-ray Quote: The original quote from Merry X-ray was close to \$60,000.00, but Mr. Rowley stated after identifying components that were replaced in 2018, staff was able to work with the company to obtain a more reasonable quote. These upgrades, along with repairs made in 2018, will essentially result in a new x-ray machine at the Eureka Clinic.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve Quote #20047061 from Merry X-ray to upgrade x-ray equipment at the Eureka Clinic, for an amount not to exceed \$31,070.00, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay in the Capital Projects Fund. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Service Truck Quote: Mr. Rowley explained that the current service truck is a 2008 model and is at the end of its useful life. A new truck will improve service capacity while decreasing the amount spent on contracted services and repairs, especially for fire equipment and emergency service vehicles, which often require repairs in the field. Purchase will be made at a substantial savings by using Sourcewell Peterbilt Contract #018-716-PMC.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve Peterbilt Quote # QUO-559287-K6K6Y0 for a new 2020 Model 337 Service Truck, for an amount not to exceed \$196,407.00, utilizing funds budgeted for capital outlay in the Eureka County Fire District Fund. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Loader Quote: A new machine (for loading and compaction) is desperately needed at the Eureka Landfill. Mr. Rowley relayed that Cashman Equipment evaluated components and undercarriage of the current loader and determined it is at zero percent and not worth investing the needed repairs. The new machine will be purchased at a substantial savings using the Sourcewell Caterpillar Contract #032119-CAT.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve Cashman Quote #126957-01 for a new 2020 963K Wheel Loader, for an amount not to exceed \$349,990.48, utilizing monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Landfill Fund. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Signatory Authority for Director: Former Director Ron Damele had signature authority on many routine and time sensitive matters including, but not limited to, water rights documents, fire protection documents, and other matters regularly carried out by Public Works.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to grant signatory authority, as an agent for Eureka County, to Public Works Director Jeb Rowley on matters routinely and regularly carried out by Public Works. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

KOBEH VALLEY WATER EXPLORATION

Municipal Exploration Well: Consulting Hydrogeologist Dale Bugenig reported on drilling, construction, and test pumping of the Kobeh Valley municipal exploration well. The project is located in the Kobeh Valley hydrographic area, west of Devil's Gate, south of Highway 50, and near the mouth of Yahoo Canyon. The purpose of the project was to explore for water that would serve as a quality municipal source for the Town of Eureka and Devil's Gate well into the future, while developing a supply that was isolated from Diamond Valley where groundwater levels are declining.

Mr. Bugenig provided the Commissioners with a comprehensive written report and described the project in detail, explaining the specializing drilling methods utilized and the various geological formations both anticipated and encountered during the drilling process.

Promising water flow was encountered and, by the time the bore hole was at 638 feet, the drill rig was air lifting 250 gallons a minute. Field water tests were conducted at this time confirming water quality. Duplicate tests were sent to the State lab for testing. A formal pump test and constant discharge test were run and, although the well was producing artesian flow, the tests showed substantial drawdown which would not sustain needed water flow for a municipal source.

Considering drilling costs, and in consultation with Ron Damele, Mr. Bugenig decided to terminate the bore hole at 730 feet. A data logger was installed on the well and Public Works installed an insulated concrete manhole cover.

Mr. Bugenig relayed that the exploration project came in under budget due to the decision to suspend drilling, provided a lot of valuable information about the aquifer, and could still provide the County with future opportunities to explore this well further. He added that other wells in the area may be worth investigating as well.

Potential Next Steps: Chairman Goicoechea agreed to work with Mr. Bugenig, Mr. Tibbitts, and Mr. Rowley in considering and exploring other options and costs so the County can continue pursuing the goal of providing a long term reliable municipal water source.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence and considered items for the next agenda. A letter from Ronald Damele, officially resigning as Public Works Director, was read into the record. Mr. Damele commented in the letter that the transition of duties to Mr. Rowley has gone exceedingly well, and he thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to serve Eureka County as Public Works Director for the past 16 years.

Commissioner Reports: Chairman Goicoechea reported that he is working closely with the School District to ensure successful school openings for students in Eureka and Crescent Valley, including Crescent Valley students who attend High School in Battle Mountain.

The Chairman relayed that community-based testing (free antibody testing for COVID-19) has been secured for both the Crescent Valley and Eureka communities. Testing will be done at the Crescent Valley Clinic on August 18th and testing will be done at the Eureka Clinic on August 18th & 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 20th day of August, 2020.

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

I, Jackie Berg, Commissioner Administrative Assistant, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the August 14, 2020, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

/s/ Jackie Berg
Jackie Berg, Commissioner Administrative Asst.

I, Lisa Hoehne, Clerk Recorder of Eureka County, acknowledge and accept the attached minutes as approved by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners and attested to by the Commissioner Administrative Assistant.

/s/ Lisa Hoehne
Lisa Hoehne, Clerk Recorder