

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 06, 2022

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on September 06, 2022. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea, Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy, Commissioner Rich McKay, District Attorney Ted Beutel, and Administrative Assistant Jackie Berg. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The interactive video conferencing system was connected and utilized between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item #3 (discussion of a ¾-inch commercial water service application to service APN 001-221-08), item #4 (discussion of a capital outlay purchase for one (1) new 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Crew Cab pickup from Findlay Chevrolet), and item #5 (discussion of a capital outlay purchase for one (1) new 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Crew Cab pickup from Findlay Chevrolet) were removed from the agenda. Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the agenda with the stated changes; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Chairman Goicoechea began the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments.

Sherriff Jesse Watts stated that the Eureka County Sherriff’s Office/Eureka County Clinic has several resources available a long with national resources available for suicidal awareness month.

Sherriff Jesse Watt’s asked for a moment of silence for Stephen Pearce and Carla Ross.

There were no further comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 21, 2022: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

IT DEPARTMENT:

Jessica Santoyo, IT Support/Helpdesk Technician I and Kim Todd with the Eureka County Comptroller presented to the Board a software program through ClearGov for the Comptroller’s Office to support personnel budgeting and capital project budgeting for a not to exceed amount of \$19,360.00, utilizing funds budgeted for data software contracts (010-012-53010-112) in the annual Audit/Budget account. Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the ClearGov software program. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

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Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Comptroller Kim Todd. Chairman Goicoechea stated that there were several property tax over payments from the Treasurers Office. Ms. Todd responded that there is a law that the Treasurer's Office will not carry those taxes from year to year because then they wouldn't know where to allocate those funds. After review, Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$2,399,683.26 accounts payable, Nevada Department of Taxation of Room Tax \$845.52. Nevada State Controllers School Taxes \$1,317,268.62. Nevada State Controller \$14.85. Division of Minerals \$128,210.00 and total pass-throughs at \$ 1,446,338.99. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Fund Balance Report: The Board reviewed the current fund balance report. Commissioner McKay asked Ms. Todd if Eureka County was still paying William Bee Ririe a couple invoices out of the indigent account. Ms. Todd responded with yes, they are still paying for four months.

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Opioid Settlement Funds: The Board discussed and reviewed funding for opioid recovery systems with counselling, outreach and education. Chairman Goicoechea mentioned that this recovery system is modeled after what other Counties are doing. Commissioner McKay motioned to approve funding. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

District Court, Reno Nevada: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve Chairman Goicoechea to represent Eureka County in a confidential settlement negotiation pertaining to Civil Action 3:22-cv-00190-ART-CLB before the Federal District Court in Reno, Nevada. Ted Buetel commented that it is a requirement that the Federal District Court is setting up to try and weed out all of the cases that shouldn't go forward. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Nevada Gold Energy LLC Tax Abatement Application: Chairman Goicoechea noted that there were emails back and forth from Nevada Gold Mine regarding the new plant plans. The Board discussed to entertain setting up a hearing for further information and concerns they have with these plans. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a public hearing to obtain further information from Nevada Gold Mine on September, 20th at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Volunteer Work Experience Program: Heidi Whimple with the Eureka County Human Resources presented to the board a program for high school students (11th and 12th grade) for a volunteer position to learn dispatch duties. Sherriff Jesse Watts mentioned that the position description will be considered an internship program. Chairman Goicoechea motioned to move forward after receiving a written position description from Sherriff Jesse Watts.

Hiring and Promotional Policies: Sherriff Jesse Watts questioned the board and asked for clarification on recent hiring and promotional policies. Jesse Watts stated that the policies that are set, are not transparent. Chairman Goicoechea and Heidi Whimple with Human Resources resoned with how the hiring process is handled with the Human