

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 20, 2022

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on September 20, 2022. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea, 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 items were removed from the agenda: Commissioners #2 (appointment to a vacant seat on the Recreation Board). Chairman Goicoechea noted that the Sheriff would be taken earlier than the time listed on the agenda. Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the agenda with the stated changes. Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Goicoechea began the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments.

Michael Mears encouraged the public to observe the new art exhibit at the Courthouse in honor of Mr. Cuchine.

Chairman Goicoechea recognized the passing of Eureka County's well-known artist, Wally Cuchine, last week at the age of 75.

Chairman Goicoechea wished Commissioner McKay a Happy Birthday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 07, 2022: Commissioner McKay motioned to approve minutes of the July 07, 2022 meeting; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

SHERIFF

Dispatcher Intern: Undersheriff Tyler Thomas presented to the Board starting a Dispatcher Intern Program for 11th and 12th graders for future recruitment. Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the program. Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

Out-of-State Travel: Undersheriff Thomas requested to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, between January 8th – March 17th, from which Eureka County Sheriff's Office was selected by the FBI National Academy. Some of the travel will be reimbursed. FBI will pay for lodging, airlines and mandatory trainings. The only non-reimbursement is the bus travel to the airport after graduation. He informs the Board he may be traveling from Virginia to Washington D.C. for mandatory training and possibly Philadelphia for non-mandatory training, pending approval from Sheriff Jesse Watts.

Sheriff Watts and Undersheriff Thomas will review training funds prior to presenting to the Board. Chairman Goicoechea recommended that Deputy Thomas get the Philadelphia trip on the next agenda with a dollar amount. Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the out-of-state travel to Quantico, Virginia. Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

IT DEPARTMENT:

Update Report: IT Director Misty Rowley and IT Support/Helpdesk Technician I Jessica Santos reported on IT projects and activities.

Crescent Valley Projects: Quest is working on the cameras at the Crescent Valley Substation, the Firehouse and the Park.

Eureka Projects: Syber Networking switched to a new state router and IT has been working with Quest on the incident response plan. IT has been working on licensing issues with Cisco and developed a migration plan for the cloud phones. They continue to work on issues with PSAP. Five new work stations have been set up for Natural Resources, Justice Court and Public Works. New cell boosters were set up at the Annex and more are being set up at the Road Department Shop, Opera House and the Courthouse. Met with Sheriff's Office, Public Works, AT&T and the Radio Engineer's to discuss upgrades to dispatch. After IT researched requirements for the NCGIS modification, they contacted the State to check the status of the project plan. Ms. Rowley met with Undersheriff Thomas to discuss what app they would like to deploy for public communication.

Quest Technology Management: IT Director Misty Rowley presented that Quest Technology Management for engineering and design services for a fiber-to-home project design to assist with the broadband grant application, in an amount not to exceed \$31,200.00. Quest is offering 100% funding for the grant if IT can prove 90% of residents do not have access to 100meg down/ 20meg up service. Ms. Rowley asked Quest to help Market Research and provide that information when the grant is submitted. Quest would reimburse all new fiber, pole leasing cost (up to five years), trenching for roadways to cover Eureka, Crescent Valley, and Pine Valley. Commissioner McKay motioned to approve fiber-to-home to Crescent Valley, Eureka County and Pine Valley. Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

COMPTROLLER

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Comptroller Kim Todd. After review, Commissioner McKay motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$623,784.58. \$6,226.19 to the NV State Controller and \$171.00 to the Washoe County Crime Lab for a grand total of \$6,397.19. Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

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

Fiscal Year Expenditures for 2022: Treasurer's Office went over budget \$425.00 in employee benefits. Human Resources went over budget \$4,335.00 in employee benefits, which left them with a budget of \$8,164.00. Juvenile Probation went over budget by \$4,369.87 in services and supplies, which was covered by grants. \$7,000 is left in their budget. Justice Court was over \$990.00 in salaries, wages and pro-temp salaries due to a new position and overtime. \$27,000 is left in their benefits budget. Public Works went