

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 7, 2022

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on November 7, 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. 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

Sheriff Jesse Watts stated that item #4 does not comply with the Open Meeting Law. Commissioner's item #4 was modified on the agenda to remove the phrase "all matters properly relating thereto". Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the agenda as amended; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments.

Sergeant Miles Umina with the Eureka County Sheriff's Office believes that there is currently a divide and lack of communication between the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office. Sergeant Umina believes that this is a disservice to the citizens of Eureka County and he would like the County to bring in an outside mediator to help come up with a resolution.

Sheriff Jesse Watts wanted to remind the Board that he brought in a written complaint about the District Attorney on June 19th, 2020 regarding the problem that Sergeant Umina discussed.

There were no further comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 5, 2022: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve minutes of the August 5, 2022 meeting; Commissioner McKay 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 \$831,790.88 for accounts payable, \$542,455.69 for payroll and benefit related expenses and pass-through payments of \$153.85 to the Nevada Department of Taxation for room taxes; \$214,149.56 to the Nevada State Controller for School Taxes; \$7,248.36 to the Nevada State Controller for General Taxes; \$47,300.00 to the Nevada Division of Minerals; and \$132.80 to the Washoe County Crime Lab; For a total pass-through amount of \$268,975.30; for a grand total of \$1,374,246.57. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

COMMISSIONERS

K9: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve adopting a resolution to donate and retire Gara, K9 Unit police dog, to former Eureka County Deputy Sheriff Nicholas Collins upon the Deputy's resignation. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Department of Motor Vehicles: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned that any money received by the Animal Appreciation license plate would go to the Commissioners budget for use in the spay and neuter program. The fund was created by the Commission. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Licensing Board Ordinance: Commissioner McKay motioned to propose an ordinance to make The Board of County Commissioners the licensing Board for all purposes in Eureka County pursuant to NRS 244.335 and NRS 244.352. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.

Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds: Discussion with Treasurer Pernecia Johnson, Public Works Director Jeb Rowley, and the Board on how best to allocate the first portion of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. Commissioner McKay motioned to put the \$570,900.00, the first portion of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, into budget 042 for use on the water system. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IT DEPARTMENT

IT Update: IT Director Misty Rowley reported on IT projects and activities. IT staff has been gathering information and requirements to meet the deadline for the grant submission for the USDA Grant. IT replaced UPS at the airport and attended a FirstNet NetCloud training.

Quest Technologies: Quest is working on completing the installation of the conduit in the annex.

Starlink: IT installed a new Starlink in Crescent Valley and speed test showed improved connectivity. IT also updated firmware on the WebEx bars.

County Equipment: IT set up a new printer and scanner in Crescent Valley Townhall, a new printer in dispatch, and a new workstation for the Clerk Recorders Office.

Affirming Net Neutrality and USDA Reconnect Program: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the resolution affirming Net Neutrality and the USDA Reconnect Program funding opportunity, a required step as part of Eureka County's application for the grant. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Credit Limit Increase: IT requested Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a onetime credit limit increase in the amount of \$6,649.33 on the County credit card issued to Jessica Santoyo in order to pay the annual Monday.com subscription fee. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Credit Limit Increase: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve a onetime credit limit increase on the County credit card issued to Heidi Whimple in the amount of \$3,800 to purchase holiday appreciation items for employees. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF

Dooley Enterprises: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve payment to Dooley Enterprises, Inc. for ammunition for a total amount not to exceed \$7,092.54 to be paid utilizing monies budgeted for range expenses from the Sheriff's budget. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Out-of-State Travel: Commissioner McKay motioned to approve ratifying out-of-state travel for Sheriff Jesse Watts. Sheriff Watts traveled from Las Vegas to Utah and passed through Arizona on October 26th in order to have WSE program the radio in a patrol vehicle. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.