

**EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET MEETING – March 17, 2010**

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CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on March 17, 2010. Present were Chairman Leonard Fiorenzi; Vice Chair Jim Ithurrealde; Member Mike Page; Deputy District Attorney Kelly Brown; and Clerk & Treasurer Jackie Berg. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The interactive video conference was connected and utilized between Crescent Valley and Eureka during the entire meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Fiorenzi stated that he would not discuss or vote on any Public Guardian budget items because of a close family relationship with the Deputy Public Guardian. Commissioner Ithurrealde made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Fiorenzi called for public comments. The Board welcomed Eureka County's new Deputy District Attorney, Kelly Brown. There were no other public comments.

FINANCE

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented to the Board for approval by Mike Rebaleati, County Auditor and Recorder. Mr. Rebaleati explained that payments were due for several invoices. Commissioner Ithurrealde made a motion to approve County expenditures in the amount of \$12,153.71. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Essential Management Training: Jerry Larson, Human Resources Analyst, explained that POOL/PACT offers a management training course which can be completed by attending one session per month for five months. POOL/PACT has offered to come to Eureka County to conduct the course at no cost to the County. Mr. Larson has already attended the course and found it beneficial. Commissioner Page made a motion to approve a mandatory Essential Management Training course for Eureka County supervisors, to be held in Eureka. Commissioner Ithurrealde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NDEP Grant: Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager, reported that a Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) grant was applied for on behalf of a local rancher. The local rancher sought the grant to help pay for fencing around riparian areas adjacent to a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) grazing allotment. The grant will be administered through the County because NDEP will not sub-grant with a private individual. The NDEP water quality grant was awarded in the amount of \$57,000.00 and includes funding for fencing of riparian areas and monitoring. The grant is a matching grant, with funds being matched by the rancher. Mr. Tibbitts added that using the fenced off areas for controlled monitoring of impacts from the proposed Mount Hope Mine could prove useful. Discussion was had on the responsibilities of the rancher using the grant funds. Commissioner Ithurrealde made a motion to approve the NDEP grant providing that no expenditures are required of the County. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Human Resource Analyst: Mr. Rebaleati provided the Board with a proposed job description for the Human Resource Analyst, changing the position from non-exempt to exempt.

The exempt designation would not change the salary for the position, but the employee would not be eligible for overtime. Mr. Rebaleati added that the Human Resource Analyst currently receives the same benefit package as other supervisors directly reporting to the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Page made a motion to approve the change of the Human Resource Analyst job description status from non-exempt to exempt. Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Digital Processing: Mr. Rebaleati explained that County staff is in the process of digitally processing County contracts, minutes, and resolutions. Once digitized and indexed, the documents will be available to County personnel and to the public on designated County computers. Discussion was had on the age of the documents to enter into the digital system. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to approve the digital processing of County contracts, minutes, and resolutions from the year 2006 forward. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET TRANSFERS

FY 2010 Budget Transfers: There was no discussion or action on this agenda item.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Priority List: The Board reviewed a revised synopsis of proposed capital improvement projects and purchases to be included in Eureka County's Five Year Capital Improvement Plan from 2011 to 2015. Mr. Rebaleati described items and projects including: computer network upgrades; fire equipment; mosquito fogger; EMS rescue vehicle; Road Department equipment replacement; Road Maintenance Program; Crescent Valley Road Shop; County car pool; landscape trailer; bleachers for the Fairgrounds; Sheriff's Office vehicle replacements; bucket truck; cleaning and inspection of water tanks; Spring Rehabilitation Project; Main Street Water and Sewer Project; and a water and sewer truck.

Tentative Budget for Capital Improvement Projects: The Board reviewed estimated costs for capital improvement projects from 2011 to 2015.

ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY

Salary Scale: Mr. Rebaleati provided the Board with a breakdown of current employee wages and also a breakdown with a cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase of 4%. Sheriff's Office employees are on a separate scale because there is a difference in retirement benefits for police and fire personnel. Mr. Rebaleati noted that a 4% COLA would result in a rough estimated increase in payroll of \$250,000.

County Networks: The Board reviewed charts describing the County's AT&T phone system, computer network, and fiber line. Mr. Rebaleati described the connections of each system for the Board. Discussion was had on: the Sheriff's Office 911 circuits and cost; interconnection of County services; the circuits between the courts; circuits for the elections; and voice over internet protocol (VOIP) system. The Board requested that representatives from AT&T attend the April 6th meeting to explain the measures being taken to resolve the unknown caller identifications issue with the County's phone system. Mr. Rebaleati also explained that the School District has a large bandwidth fiber line that the County cannot use because of State regulations.

Proposals for Tentative Budgets: Chairman Fiorenzi stated that the Board will review and consider budget proposals from each County department and will decide which items to keep and cut once the County's total revenues and expenditures are determined.

Nevada Health Centers: Jackie Berg, Clerk and Treasurer, explained that representatives from Nevada Health Centers indicated that a letter would be sent to the Board regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011 contract with the County; however, a letter was not

received prior to the budget meeting. The Commissioners requested that a representative from Nevada Health Centers attend the March 29th budget meeting to negotiate the next FY's contract.

Elko-Lander-Eureka Library Contract: Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to approve the Elko-Lander-Eureka Library contract for FY 2010-2011 in the amount of \$103,051.00. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

AT&T Contract: This agenda item was not discussed.

DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

Eureka Justice Court: Judge John Schweble and Cindy Garcia, Eureka Justice Court Manager, provided the Board with the proposed budget for the Eureka Justice Court. An increase for service and supplies was requested for the maintenance of the Jefferson Audio Video System (JAVS) contract. Ms. Garcia explained that a \$2,000 increase for services and supplies would help to cover the cost for JAVS maintenance and will include the connection between the Eureka Justice Court and the Justice Facility. After discussion, the additional \$2,000 was moved under the line item of machine maintenance. The JAVS is used by both justice courts, the White Pine Justice Court, District Court, and will soon be used by the Justice Facility. Once connected with the Justice Facility, individuals in custody will be able to be seen and arraigned by a judge via JAVS. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to tentatively approve the Eureka Justice Court budget as proposed, in the amount of \$238,200. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Beowawe Justice Court: Mr. Rebaleati explained that the Beowawe Justice Court had a small increase in expenditures for service and supplies, but remained under budget. Judge Susan Fye added that the JAVS will be very beneficial, especially for individuals in custody at the Eureka Justice Facility who need to be seen by the judge in Crescent Valley. The system will eliminate the need for transport from Eureka to Crescent Valley for certain court proceedings and save a great deal of time. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to tentatively approve the budget for the Beowawe Justice Court in the amount of \$168,500.00. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Town of Crescent Valley: Mr. Rebaleati explained that the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board (CVTAB) submitted a proposed budget, and many of the requested capital outlay items have been moved under the Public Works budget. The operating budget for the CVTAB includes secretary support, services and supplies, and an Activity Committee grant. Commissioner Page made a motion to tentatively approve the Town of Crescent Valley budget as proposed in the amount of \$69,695.00. Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Crescent Valley Fire: Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to tentatively approve the Crescent Valley Fire Department budget in the amount of \$51,700.00. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Later in the day, Phil Schmitz, Crescent Valley Fire Chief, explained that the Crescent Valley Fire Department is requesting an increase in the budget for training, as well as a replacement for the department's structure truck within the next two years. Additional items requested by the Crescent Valley Fire Department include a laptop for training purposes, a secure storage room, and a backup generator. The Board agreed to consider the requests.

Public Works: Ron Damele, Public Works Director, described capital improvement projects that are currently being planned or are being considered for the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan. The majority of the projects will be funded through the General Fund, Eureka Town Fund, Crescent Valley Town Fund, and Devil's Gate Water Fund. Mr. Damele explained that \$75,000 is being budgeted for a preliminary engineering report for a sewer system in Crescent Valley. In the future, a sewer system and sewer treatment plant will be needed in

Crescent Valley, which should be considered prior to additional street improvements to avoid duplicating work and expenses.

Descriptions of Public Works capital improvement projects and outlay purchases included: a mosquito fogger for Crescent Valley; bleacher upgrade for the Eureka Fairgrounds; preliminary design for the relocation of the Crescent Valley Road Shop; redesign of the Crescent Valley Park; Snotel site at Vacarro Spring; truck plow and sander for Crescent Valley; clean and inspect water storage tanks throughout the County; landscape trailer for Buildings and Grounds; water and sewer truck for Eureka; well replacement in Crescent Valley; backup well generator for Crescent Valley; a used bucket truck for Public Works; Road Department equipment; repainting of the Courthouse; South Main Street light upgrades; County Car Pool vehicle replacement; and a climbing wall for the Pool. Paving on Caplan Street was discussed and the Board agreed to design the paving for the street along with culvert replacements in the area for drainage. Larger scale capital improvement projects that were discussed included: the Main Street Water and Sewer Project budgeted at \$6.5 million; the Road Maintenance Program budgeted at \$1,250,000; arsenic remediation in Crescent Valley budgeted at \$1.5 million; Phase 2 of the Devil's Gate Inter-Tie Project budgeted at \$2,070,000; and the Spring Rehabilitation Project budgeted for \$350,000. Mr. Damele explained that an independent contractor will be hired for inspection of the Main Street Water and Sewer Project. Mike Sullivan, EMS Director, and Mr. Damele explained that once a new Crescent Valley Road Shop is constructed, the old Beowawe Road Shop could easily be converted into an ambulance bay. A larger ambulance bay would ensure that emergency vehicles are properly stored and would benefit the health and safety of County citizens.

Discussion was had on extending the Town of Eureka's sewer line to the end of the town near the ball fields. Commissioner Ithurralde explained that the Recreation Board is interested in funding a restroom facility at the ball fields if the sewer line could be extended to that area of town. Cindy Adams, Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Director, added that a sewer line extending to the ball fields would benefit the health and safety of the community by providing proper drainage for the cook shack and bathrooms. Currently, the bathrooms and cook shack are on a septic tank system and are frequently used during functions and during the tourist season. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to extend the Town of Eureka's sewer line to the upper ball park. Commissioner Page seconded the motion contingent on a cost estimate for the sewer extension. Motion carried 2-1. Chairman Fiorenzi voted no and stated that he was opposed to the extension because the cost should be carried by those using the sewer system.

Mr. Damele reported that filling the advertised weed technician position has been difficult and it may have to be addressed soon. The Weed District and budget was previously moved under the Natural Resources Department. The County is obligated to provide Weed District services because a tax rate is dedicated to the district.

Mr. Damele proposed that the Emergency Management Budget be used for: maintaining the County's fire vehicles; emergency responder equipment; protective clothing; travel and training; fuel for the fire vehicle mechanic; salary for the fire vehicle mechanic; and fire station maintenance. Discussion was had on evaluating the various fire stations in the County for repairs and other maintenance. Some of the fire stations will have automatic doors installed and heating upgrades if approved by the Board. Mr. Damele further explained that there are no significant changes to any other Public Works budget items for the upcoming FY. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to tentatively approve the Public Works budget as presented. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Natural Resources: Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager, explained that the budget for Natural Resources did not need any increases, but some adjustments should be considered. The Natural Resources Manager was an independent contractor position until February 2010, when the Commissioners approved it as a salaried position. This status change should result in

a decrease in contract services and an increase in salaries and wages, as well as employee benefits. Mr. Tibbitts explained that the Natural Resources Department will be conducting biological monitoring, but an increase in the budget was unnecessary at this time for that action. Other line items for the department are proposed to remain the same. Mr. Tibbitts explained that the budget for the Natural Resource Advisory Commission (NRAC) is proposed to remain the same, and added that the FY 2009-2010 funding for contract services has yet to be used. Mr. Tibbitts also noted that he will be working with Mr. Damele on the transition of the newly relocated Weed District budget. Mr. Damele added that the Weed District Budget has been reduced due to the weed technician being a part-time position compared to the previous full-time position, and a reduction in associated chemical costs would be reflected. A \$5,000 line item for equipment upgrades was also reflected in the proposed Weed District Budget.

Mr. Tibbitts explained that the County has a fund that has been used for water mitigation purposes. The fund was primarily supported by Barrick water mitigation money, and approval for the expenditure of the fund had to be approved by the State Engineer. The remaining money in the fund has been designated for study of water resources in Eureka County, specifically the Diamond Valley Flow System Study by the US Geological Survey (USGS). The Board previously discussed allocating a portion of the County tax rate to the water mitigation fund in order to continue providing funding for water resource matters within the County. The fund could be used for all water related issues such as County water resources planning, new municipal wells, ongoing water studies, proper water management, additional Snotel sites, potential cloud seeding, and possible contracts with hydrology experts. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to re-allocate two cents of the County tax rate to fund a water planning fund, separate from the Water Mitigation Fund which has an encumbrance on the current balance, and that the Budget Officer draft a resolution re-designating the fund. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Page made a motion to tentatively approve the Natural Resources Budget, NRAC budget, and Weed District Budget as presented. Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Eureka County Sheriff: Sheriff Ken Jones described the proposed budget for the Sheriff's Office, Justice Facility, and Animal Control. The Sheriff explained that an overall decrease in services and supplies is proposed. Descriptions of line items for the Sheriff's Office included: coroner's expenses; Drug Task Force fees; public relations; investigations; automated fingerprint system; legal advertising; machine maintenance; medical; postage; telephone and fax; 911 system; travel and training; uniforms; fuel; vehicle maintenance; vehicle repairs; and services and supplies for animal control. Sheriff Jones described a proposal to reduce the current fleet of Sheriff's Office vehicles and replace some of the fleet with new vehicles over the course of the next several years. The cost of four replacement vehicles requested would total approximately \$155,000. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to tentatively approve the budget for the Eureka County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

The Board recessed for lunch from 11:55 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT BUDGETS CONTINUED

Clerk and Treasurer: Ms. Berg explained that the budgets for the Clerk/Treasurer, District Court, and Elections will remain status quo, though there will be some internal adjustments where needed. These budgets routinely come in under budget at the end of the fiscal year; therefore, no increases are necessary.

Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to tentatively approve the budgets for the Clerk/Treasurer, District Court, and Elections as submitted. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Assessor and Assessor Technology Fund: This was discussed at a previous budget meeting.

District Attorney: This agenda item was discussed at a previous budget meeting.

Juvenile Probation: Joyce Jeppesen, Juvenile Probation Department Assistant, reported that Juvenile Probation lost grant funding for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board was asked to consider providing funding to replace the grants for Juvenile Probation's prevention programs including Life Skills, tutoring, Girls Circle, and Boys Council. Ms. Jeppesen explained that funding for the programs could be reduced by cutting unnecessary spending. The estimated cost to continue the programs is \$17,000.00. Ms. Jeppesen also explained that Juvenile Probation is anticipating funding more recreation programs and an increase in funding was requested. Recreation programs include little league baseball, youth football, and the Pitch, Hit, and Run Contest. Many of these programs were partly funded by the 21st Century Program, but that program has lost its funding as well. The County has always funded activities such as the ski trip, dance, youth basketball, and youth wrestling. Discussion was had on the possibility of the School District contributing to the prevention and recreation program funding. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to tentatively approve the Juvenile Probation budget, but requested that County staff approach the School District about participating in the funding of the prevention and recreation programs. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners: This agenda item was not discussed.

Planning Commission: Mr. Rebaleati explained that the Master Plan revision is nearly done; therefore, additional funding for that line item would not be necessary. Some funding will be provided for contract services and travel expenses for the Planning Commission budget.

Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services: Mike Sullivan, EMS Coordinator, described the proposed budget for Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). For calendar year 2009, \$36,897.56 was collected in payments for these services. Mr. Sullivan requested that a casual position for the Eureka area ambulance service be budgeted to assist in day to day operations and provide relief for day-time volunteers. An increase for medical supplies, communication supplies and repairs, travel and training, and fuel was proposed. Under capital outlay, Mr. Sullivan requested that the EMS Coordinator vehicle be replaced due to the number of miles on the 2008 Expedition. The proposed replacement vehicle is a GMC 4x4 pickup truck that would allow towing of the mass casualty trailer and would be equipped with basic life support equipment. Mr. Sullivan explained that replacing the EMS Coordinator's vehicle during FY 2010-2011, would avoid purchasing the replacement vehicle the same year as the scheduled replacement of an ambulance in FY 2012. An additional request was made for an off-road response vehicle that would allow safe response and removal of patients from areas that other emergency vehicles cannot access. Mr. Sullivan explained the capabilities of an off-road response vehicle. Chairman Fiorenzi suggested that volunteers receive training on such a vehicle if one were to be purchased by the County. Mr. Sullivan also requested that the previously approved purchase of a nitrous oxide system be carried over into FY 2011, as the manufacturer of the system is not in production at this time. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to tentatively approve the Ambulance and Emergency Medical Service budget as submitted. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Opera House, Economic Development, and Sentinel Museum: Wally Cuchine, Cultural, Tourism, and Economic Development Director, explained that there are no proposed changes for the Opera House budget for FY 2010-2011. Mr. Cuchine stated that it is unclear whether the County will receive the grants typically awarded for Economic Development. The Economic Development budget remains unchanged for this FY unless there are no grants available. Mr.

Cuchine noted that past grant funds paid for a portion of an employee's wages for Economic Development, and any grants received for tourism were used for marketing purposes. The Sentinel Museum budget will be changed to reflect the deletion of a previously planned Museum building that is now being donated. Mr. Cuchine requested an increase in casual hours for the Museum. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to tentatively approve the budgets for the Opera House, Economic Development, and Sentinel Museum as presented. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Senior Centers: Millie Oram, Eureka Senior Center Site Director, and Adell Panning, Fannie Komp Senior Center Site Director, explained that an increase under service and supplies for raw food was being requested. Mr. Rebaleati compared the budgeted amounts and the actual costs for raw food and suggested that the budget be set for realistic numbers. Ms. Panning explained that the cost for raw food has increased due to higher fuel charges and because the centers are serving more meals. A request was made to decrease casual labor hours at the Fannie Komp Senior Center and re-designate one casual worker as a part-time worker with benefits, equaling an overall increase in employee hours. Ms. Panning explained that the Fannie Komp Senior Center is an older building that needs extra attention, there is an increase in meals served, and she felt that her employees should be compensated. Ms. Panning added that the Fannie Komp Senior Center may need to replace the cooking stove and requested that a line item be included to account for the potential replacement. Mr. Rebaleati explained that funds are available through the Building Maintenance Fund if needed. Commissioner Page made a motion to tentatively approve the budgets for the senior centers. Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Agricultural Extension: Mr. Rebaleati reported that there has previously been two cents of the County tax rate applied to Agricultural Extension, and the allocation has routinely provided more than sufficient funding. Reducing the rate allocation from two cents to one cent will still sufficiently fund the Agricultural Extension budget. The 4-H Coordinator's salary is also paid through the Agricultural Extension budget. Gary McCuin, Extension Educator, asked that the tax rate be re-evaluated in the future if needed. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to tentatively approve the Agricultural Extension budget for \$184,000.00. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Agriculture District #15: Mr. Rebaleati reported that the Agriculture District #15 budget will remain the same as the last fiscal year.

Television District: The Television District's budget was previously augmented by the Board. Mr. Rebaleati explained that because of the augmentation, the Television District budget will be less for FY 2010-2011.

Wildlife Advisory Board: Chris Torres, Wildlife Advisory Board Chairman, and member Chad Bliss, described the Wildlife Advisory Board budget. Mr. Bliss explained that the Wildlife Advisory Board (WAB) would like to improve the condition of some of the County's springs for wildlife, including sage grouse, and livestock uses by mitigating pinion and juniper tree encroachment. The BLM informed the WAB that an environmental assessment (EA) would have to be conducted prior to any encroachment reduction taking place. Asking the BLM to conduct the EA for the springs could take many years. The WAB would like to expedite the process by privately hiring a contractor to conduct the EA. Mr. Bliss explained that matching funds are available once the spring encroachment projects are initialized; however, an EA is the first step. Mr. Bliss also added that the Master Plan addresses wildlife support which in turn positively benefits the County by increasing revenue. The WAB requested that the Board approve a \$40,000 wildlife enhancement line item to be used for hiring a contractor to conduct an EA for the springs. Mr. Tibbitts explained that the number of springs included in the cost of the EA is dependent on the necessary surveys and potential issues that may arise. Discussion was had on creating a wildlife enhancement line item under the Natural Resources Department budget.

The remainder of the WAB budget will remain unchanged. Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to tentatively approve the \$40,000 wildlife enhancement line item for the Wildlife Advisory Board. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Recorder and Auditor: This agenda item was addressed at a previous budget meeting.

Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF): Sam Hicks, Battalion Chief, reported that the annual operating plans for the fire departments are being drafted, and the equipment for the Crescent Valley Fire Department is scheduled to be decalced on March 27th. The Board reviewed the FY 2010-2011 budget for the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF). Mr. Hicks explained that a request was being made to upgrade Ty Hanson, NDF firefighter, and Mr. Hicks to intermediate life support (ILS) and advanced life support (ALS) certified providers. The purpose of becoming ILS/ALS certified would be to provide life-saving procedures if needed. Mr. Hicks explained that ILS/ALS training would be used for providing on-site support only and no transport of victims would be involved. The requested funding for ILS/ASL capabilities is \$40,000 and includes training, equipment, medications, and other supplies. Mr. Hicks is already licensed as an ambulance service attendant. Discussion was had on NDF providing "all risk" services versus fire suppression services only.

Mr. Hicks also requested that fire shelters be provided for each available seat in each fire vehicle in the County. The fire shelters consist of reflective bags that can be used as protection from a wildland fire. The fire shelters cost approximately \$355 per unit. Mr. Hicks also provided the Board with specific budget requests from some of the fire departments, including equipment for Diamond Valley and Beowawe. Discussion was had on fitness testing for the volunteer firefighters and on providing new self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) masks and training. Mr. Hicks also noted that a replacement vehicle for the Battalion Chief was also being requested in the budget for capital outlay purchases. The salary and wages line item is also proposed to be increased due to the higher salary of Mr. Hicks compared to the previous Battalion Chief, and Ty Hanson is due to progress to Firefighter II. Mr. Rebaleati noted that heating fuel charges and other building maintenance costs for the fire stations will be moved under Public Works. Commissioner Page made a motion to tentatively approve the NDF budget. Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Human Resources: Mr. Rebaleati explained that a budget has been separated for the Human Resources Department, including services/supplies and salaries/wages.

Diagnosis & Treatment (D&T) Center: Mr. Rebaleati reported that the budget for the D&T Center is proposed to remain unchanged in the amount of \$800,000.00.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT BUDGET MEETING

The next budget meeting was scheduled for March 29, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Rebaleati reported that correspondence was received from Donna Peske, a contractor with General Moly, indicating that the company is in the process of constructing a 200 foot tower on the Mount Hope Project site. A request was made by Ms. Peske to place a microwave antenna on the County's tower located on Tank Hill in order to improve communication with the 200 foot tower on the Mount Hope Site. In exchange, the County would be allowed to place a radio repeater on the 200 foot tower on the Mount Hope Site. Mr. Rebaleati explained that there should be no interference with any of the County's frequencies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Fiorenzi called for public comments. Mike Sullivan, EMS Coordinator, explained the necessary measures needed to become ALS certified, regarding the NDF request. In order to be ALS certified, an individual must be licensed through the State of Nevada

and protocols must be followed. A medical director is needed for an ALS program. Mr. Sullivan explained that ALS certification will result in liability on the fire protection district and the public will have an expectation of service. Ongoing costs will also be incurred because medications will have to be replaced as they expire, narcotics will have to be secured, and the medications will also have to be climate controlled. Ongoing training will also be needed to maintain certification which will be an added cost. Mr. Sullivan also noted that, if approved, the ALS certified individuals will only be able to provide services to a portion of the fire protection district. Chairman Fiorenzi requested that the District Attorney research liability issues with NDF assuming the responsibility of ALS certification, especially as a contractor providing emergency medical services of this type.

Mr. Rebaleati added that the Board may want to address the Perdiz Shooting Range before the budget is finalized. Ms. Berg also noted that the High School Rodeo Club requested to be placed on a budget agenda. The Board agreed to discuss the High School Rodeo Club during the March 29th budget meeting. There were no other public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:59 p.m., Commissioner Ithurralde made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Page seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 6th day of April, 2010.

/s/ Leonard Fiorenzi

Leonard Fiorenzi, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Jackie Berg

Jackie Berg, Clerk