

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 20, 2020

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CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on May 20, 2020. The meeting was conducted telephonically pursuant to Governor Sisolak’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 006, extended through May 15th by Emergency Directive 016, and further extended through May 30th by Emergency Directive 018. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea; Vice Chairman Michael Sharkozy (via interactive video); Commissioner Rich McKay; District Attorney Ted Beutel (via telephone); and Deputy Commissioner Clerk Jackie Berg. 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 9:40 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were removed from the agenda: approval of the May 6th minutes, approval of the Consumer Direct Care Network contract, and update on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program. The item to consider a request from the Nevada State Engineer regarding water application #89660 was amended to include application #89662.

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; there were none.

COMPTROLLER

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Comptroller Kim Todd. One invoice exceeded the six-month limit and required special approval by the Board. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve payment of \$227.32 to The Center For Change; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. *Note: The amount of this invoice is included in the expenditure totals.*

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$418,285.61 for accounts payable; \$195,168.89 for payroll and benefit related expenses (including employee paid deductions); and \$92.01 in Yucca Mountain expenditures for a grand total of \$613,546.51. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

BUDGET REVIEW

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget: Ms. Todd reported that all changes made during the May 6th meeting were incorporated into the budget, but revenue estimates have changed drastically since that time. She explained that NACO hired an analyst to examine the tax impacts that counties will face from COVID-19. The original forecast showed that Eureka County could expect a \$500,000.00 shortfall in consolidated tax, but the analyst now feels the unrealized revenue will be closer to \$1.5 million. Ms. Todd has reflected this in the revenue portion of the budget.

Based on the updated information, this was placed on the agenda for the Commissioners to consider how to address the additional \$1 million shortfall prior to the budget hearing scheduled later in the day.

Commissioner McKay asked if it would be feasible to freeze some of the projects and capital purchases, allowing them to remain in the budget, rather than cutting the entire \$1 million. He felt this would offer more flexibility in the upcoming year.

During the earlier meeting, numerous items were cut from the budget. The Board now conducted a thorough review of the remaining capital projects and capital purchases. This included some heavy equipment for the Road Department and Landfill; vehicles for the Sheriff's Office, EMS, Fire District, and Public Works; a building for Cooperative Extension; equipment upgrades for District Court, Eureka Clinic, and Sheriff's Office; funds for the Child Advocacy Center; radio repeater upgrades; network and fiber projects; a paving maintenance project; Airport paving maintenance; a remodel project for the Crescent Valley Town Park; and the large sewer remediation project.

The Commissioners considered which purchases or projects could be eliminated, postponed, or possibly spread over two fiscal years. The Comptroller reminded everyone that all capital purchases must come before the Board for approval – just because something is included in the budget doesn't signify approval of the item or the project.

Ron Damele advised that it is the optimal time to do paving projects because the cost of oil and fuel is low, and doing the entire project in one year provides an additional cost advantage due to economy of scale. Mr. Damele further advised that some of the equipment are long-lead items, so decisions on those purchases should be made at least six months in advance.

Following a thorough discussion, Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to leave the budget 'as-is' and to freeze purchase of the loader and blade for the Road Department, to freeze purchase of the command vehicle for EMS, and the Board will reevaluate those purchases prior to January 1, 2021. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS

Resignation of County Health Officer: The Board of Health met prior to the Commission meeting and accepted the resignation of Tamisha Pena as County Health Officer. A new Health Officer will be appointed once someone is found who meets the criteria outlined in NRS 439. In the meantime, Kenny Sanders, who is Vice Chair of the Board of Health, will serve as an interim Chairperson.

Commissioner McKay motioned to accept the resignation of Tamisha Pena as County Health Officer; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Genesis Home Health Contract: The County contracts with Genesis Home Health to provide skilled nursing services to qualifying seniors and disabled persons. Genesis has proposed adding hospice care services in Eureka and Commissioner McKay worked with Dr. Jun Iguban to identify what services would best serve the citizens.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve moving forward with a contract with Genesis Home Health Services, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, for a not to exceed amount of \$40,000.00; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Appoint Public Works Director: Mr. Damele relayed that he and the Chairman met with Jeb Rowley on May 13th to negotiate a base salary and benefits for the Public Works Director position. The meeting produced the following recommendations: a base salary of \$94,442.40 and benefits outlined in Eureka County's Personnel Policy including longevity, annual leave, sick leave, insurance, and a vehicle for official use only.

Mr. Damele explained this is an at-will exempt salaried position and the recommended wage and benefits are the same as the current Director. This position serves as Director of a multi-tiered Department with a broad range of responsibilities, including supervision of 40 employees. Mr. Damele stated this recommendation is commensurate with the Board's past actions when appointing Department Heads and determining salaries.

Chairman Goicoechea added that he has watched this Director position take on more and more duties over the past eight years, and the proposed salary aligns with County policy that upon promotion a person receives a 5% increase in wage.

Commissioner McKay noted that he first felt the salary was high for a starting wage, but upon closer examination of the position, and after visiting with Mr. Rowley, he now supports the recommended salary. Commissioner Sharkozy said he recognized the responsibilities tied to this position and voiced his support as well.

Commissioner McKay motioned to appoint Jeb Rowley to the position of Public Works Director, effective June 14, 2020, with the salary and benefit package negotiated for a base salary of \$94,442.40 and benefits including longevity, annual leave, sick leave, insurance, and a vehicle for official use. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Appeal in Case No. CV-1902-348: Chairman Goicoechea reminded everyone that public comment was heard at the May 6th meeting, including a request that the Board consider action related to this case. The Chairman noted there are some outstanding questions related to the Judge's ruling in this case and, in accordance with past actions of the Board, he supported filing an appeal.

Commissioner McKay agreed that the Board has voiced support of the Diamond Valley Groundwater Management Plan and he is in favor of an appeal.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned that staff, the District Attorney, and outside legal counsel move forward with an appeal and associated legal strategies in response to the Seventh Judicial District Court Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order Granting Petitions for Judicial Review regarding the Diamond Valley Groundwater Management Plan, Case No. CV-1902-348 (consolidated with CV-1902-349 and CV-1902-350 concerning Nevada State Engineer Order 1302). Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Water Applications 89660 & 89662: Notice was received from the Nevada State Engineer that Nevada Gold Mines has filed two applications with the Division of Water Resources proposing changes in points of diversion, and place and manner of use, on certain existing permits. Notice to the involved counties is required when an application proposes to move water from one county to another. These two applications propose to move water from Eureka County to Lander County.

Jake Tibbitts explained that the County has the option of holding a public hearing regarding these applications, and may also consider levying a fee against the water rights holder. These particular rights are tied to the Dann Ranch and represent approximately 1,500 acre feet of water. Mr. Tibbitts recommended that the Board forego a formal hearing and instead communicate with Nevada Gold Mines about what its intent is related to these waters.

Chairman Goicoechea asked Mr. Tibbitts to speak with mine representatives and to work with them to lessen any potential impacts to Eureka County.

Office Furniture: To meet growing needs within County offices, some of the staff will be moving into different locations. Chairman Goicoechea thanked Ted Beutel and Misty Rowley for working together to find a frugal solution to accommodate some of this movement.

Commissioner McKay motioned to allocate a desk and other office furniture currently in use at the District Attorney's office to the IT Department, and to authorize purchase of replacement furniture at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HUMAN RESOURCE OPTIONS

HR Options: The County has been looking into Human Resource options and recently had Human Resources Assessment completed by Pray & Company, which was presented to the Board on May 6th. In discussing HR options, each Commissioner commented that contracting these services was preferable to creating an HR position in the County at this time.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve utilizing a contractor for Human Resource services; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Pray & Company: HR Services Manager Tori Martinez, Principal Dana Pray (via phone), and Principal Rhonda Zuraff (via phone) were in attendance to discuss a proposed Human Resources Assessment Services Agreement.

County's Needs & Goals: The County has recognized the need to take a different approach with Human Resources. A lengthy discussion ensued about what the County wants to achieve by utilizing an HR contractor. A contractor can deal with the more significant issues and take that burden off the Comptroller's office. But, on the other hand, the County does not want to pay a contractor to do the day-to-day administrative tasks. This blended approach will require that duties, assignments, and levels of authority are clearly defined between the contractor and the Comptroller's office. Further, County Code and Personnel Policies will have to be updated to reflect and support the new HR strategy.

Chairman Goicoechea stressed that Nevada POOL/PACT needs to remain involved, and he felt it was important to clearly outline exactly how the transition will work. If possible, he would like to see something in place by the start of the new fiscal year.

Next Steps: Commissioner McKay has been communicating with Pray & Company and he agreed to continue working with the ladies and the Comptroller to clarify and define details. Rhonda Zuraff offered to work with Commissioner McKay to create a process map, which she felt would alleviate some of the County's concerns.

IT / NETWORK

Data Storage: IT Director Misty Rowley explained that more data storage is required for backup of the County's servers and data. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve purchase of a new 24 TB DATTO Box for an amount not to exceed \$15,811.00, to be paid with monies budgeted for capital outlay in the Assessor's Technology Fund. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IT Support Job Description: Ms. Rowley worked with the Comptroller to create a job description for the IT support person budgeted in the upcoming fiscal year. Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the job description for the IT Support/Helpdesk Technician I and the corresponding Range 117 on the Wage & Salary Scale; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Hiring Freeze Waiver – IT Support: Commissioner McKay motioned to waive the hiring freeze and authorize the IT Director to hire an IT Support/Helpdesk Technician; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

AMBULANCE & EMS

Report on Activities: EMS Director Kenny Sanders reported there were a total of 12 ambulance runs in March, with seven transferred to MedX AirOne, one transferred to REACH Air, and three ground transports to Elko or Ely. In April, there were a total of 12 ambulance runs, with four transferred to MedX AirOne, one transferred to REACH Air, and four ground transports to Elko.

Quarterly Report: The quarterly report on federally mandated write-offs of Medicaid and Medicare account balances showed \$334.00 written off for January, zero write-offs for February, and zero write-offs for March.

TREASURER

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for April was presented by Treasurer Pernecia Johnson, showing an ending General Fund balance of \$31,056,341.65.

Update on Delinquent Tax Auction: Due to the shutdown in April, Ms. Johnson decided to do a "sealed-bid" auction on August 20th. There are only 15 parcels eligible for sale. Information on the parcels and the official sealed bid form are available on the County website.

SHERIFF

Advanced Step Hires: Pursuant to Personnel Policy 5.7.3., Sheriff Watts requested authorization to make two advanced step hires. He explained this is a husband and wife who both have extensive law enforcement experience, including patrol experience. The first candidate, who will fill the position of Deputy Sheriff III, has extensive certifications, a Master's degree, will soon attain her PhD, and is training as a licensed clinical social worker.

The second candidate, who will fill the position of Deputy Sheriff II, is currently a Corporal Supervisor, a SWAT member, and has advanced tactics training. Both will be assigned to Eureka.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to authorize advanced step hires pursuant to Personnel Policy 5.7.3. for a Deputy Sheriff III at a Range 124 Step 7, and a Deputy Sheriff II at a Range 121 Step 8 on the Wage & Salary Scale. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Encartele Agreement: Sheriff Watts explained that the agreement with Securus for inmate telephone services has expired. In researching vendors and what neighboring jurisdictions are using, the Sheriff found that the industry is pleased with the services provided by Encartele. This is a no-cost agreement for the County, and the County will collect a 10% commission on all calls made. The initial contract term is for five years with the option to renew annually for an additional two years.

Commissioner McKay motioned to authorize Sheriff Watts to sign an agreement with Encartele for provision of telephone services and installation of hardware and software at the Eureka County Detention Center, at no cost to Eureka County. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

SERC Grant Application: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to ratify the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 grant application to the State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission, which was submitted on May 15, 2020, and requires no matching funds. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

JUVENILE PROBATION

Update on Grad Nite Celebration: Juvenile Probation Officer Steve Zimmerman provided an update on plans for the 2020 Grad Nite Celebration. To observe social distancing requirements, the event will be held outdoors at the ball fields in Eureka on June 6th from 4:00 p.m. to midnight.

EUREKA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Annual Scholarship Drive: Winnona Eversgerd, Eureka County High School Guidance Counselor, sent a letter and appeared before the Board to request a donation for the annual scholarship drive. Ms. Eversgerd informed that there are 10 graduating Seniors in the Class of 2020. She explained that students whose parents work for Eureka County are given preference when awarding monies donated by the County.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to contribute \$1,500.00 to Eureka County High School for the annual scholarship drive for the Class of 2020, to be paid from the miscellaneous grants account in the Commissioners' budget. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET & TAX RATES

Notice of Public Hearing: Notice was given that the Board of County Commissioners would hold a public hearing on May 20, 2020, to finalize the budget and adopt tax rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

Joint Meeting: It was noticed that this public hearing was a joint meeting with the Television District. In attendance were President Bill Leppala, and members Jim Breitrick and Randy Klatt.

Open Public Hearing: Chairman Goicoechea read the tax rates into the record. No changes were proposed from the previous year. Comptroller Kim Todd reviewed tax revenues and expenditures as proposed and prepared for each budget under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners: Eureka County, Eureka Town, Crescent Valley Town, Devil's Gate GID, Diamond Valley Weed District, Diamond Valley Rodent District, and the Television District.

Chairman Goicoechea opened the public hearing and invited comments on the proposed tax rates and the proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

Adopt Tax Rates: Commissioner McKay motioned to adopt the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as presented; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

<u>TAX RATES</u>	<u>FY 2019-2020</u>	<u>FY 2020-2021</u>
EUREKA (GENERAL COUNTY)	\$0.9458	\$0.9458
EUREKA TOWN	\$0.2153	\$0.2153
CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN	\$0.2153	\$0.2153
EUREKA COUNTY TV DIST	\$0.0085	\$0.0085
DIAMOND VLY WEED DIST	\$0.0781	\$0.0781
DIAMOND VLY RODENT DIST	\$0.0400	\$0.0400
STATE OF NEVADA	\$0.1700	\$0.1700
EUREKA CO SCHOOL DIST	\$0.7500	\$0.7500

Adopt Budget: Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budgets and sign the top sheets for submission to the Nevada Department of Taxation; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

By unanimous action, the Television District Board adopted and signed their budget.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Snowden Parcel Map: Ron Damele presented a parcel map for the Board's consideration. The map was approved by the Planning Commission on May 15th, and authorization given to Chair Russell Conley to sign the map outside of the meeting pending recordation of a document in the chain of title. Mr. Damele explained that the parcel map is technically correct and clean title exists, but the parties failed to record one of the documents. They are presently working with a title company to remedy this. The water rights are in good standing and deed for the required water rights dedication will be recorded with the map.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the parcel map for Al & Joy Snowden for division of property in Diamond Valley, and authorized the Chairman to sign the map outside of the meeting. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Cady Parcel Map: Mr. Damele explained that this parcel map is for property in Crescent Valley, the map is technically correct, and was approved by the Planning Commission on May 15th. Since this parcel is within the townsite of Crescent Valley, it is exempt from the water rights dedication requirement.

Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the parcel map for Jay Cady for division of property in Crescent Valley; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Update: Public Works Director, Ron Damele, reported on Public Works projects and activities.

Utilities: All utility systems are in good working order. One of the Eureka wells was down for a few days due to a small hole in the casing and some splits in the column pipe. Outside watering at County facilities and School District facilities was shut down during this period and the

backup well was able to meet consumption demand with no issues. The well has been repaired and is fully functional.

The Arsenic Treatment Plant in Crescent Valley is scheduled for a media change in July at a cost of \$56,950.00. All permitting is in place and work on the Devil's Gate GID mainline extension will begin on June 1st. Baseline meter readings will be done the last week in May for all three water systems.

Free Dump Days: Free Dump Days were delayed and will be offered every Saturday in June (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th) at the Eureka Landfill and the Crescent Valley Laydown Yard.

The following items will be accepted: yard waste, furniture, white goods, tires, construction debris, and car bodies. Excluded items are hazardous materials, household garbage, and dead animals. All items must be separated and disposed of according to each waste classification.

Kobeh Valley Test Well: The permit for the pumping test was just received and Parsons Drilling is on site at the Kobeh Valley Test Well preparing to begin the pumping test. The pumping test is expected to take three to four days.

Sewer Pond Upgrades: Public Works is working with Lumos & Associates on documentation for prequalification of bidders for the sewer pond remediation. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on July 6th. Notice to Proceed will be issued in August and there will be an eight-week construction period. An excavator has been rented and will be used to speed drying of the sludge in order to move the project along. Once the sludge is dry it can be shipped directly to the Landfill.

Fires: There were two fires on May 17th. The first was west of Eureka at the County line. There were no control issues and the cause is under investigation. Volunteers from the Eureka VFD and Diamond Valley VFD responded, as well as the Sheriff's Office.

Shortly after that, there was a wildland fire in Crescent Valley that quickly turned into a structure fire, burning two mobile homes and approximately eight acres. Response included four engines from Crescent Valley, two engines from Beowawe, one engine from Carlin, two engines from NDF, two engines from BLM, and a water tender from Truckin' Water. Everyone worked until about 9:00 p.m. to bring the fire under control.

Wildland Fire Season: Mr. Damele and Mr. Rowley participated in a conference call with the BLM a couple of weeks ago. The BLM is anticipating a long and intense fire season. The federal government has determined to catch fires quickly to avoid calling in Type 1 and Type 2 Teams. The intent is to dispatch all available equipment and personnel while the fires are still small. This has unofficially been Eureka County's approach for over 20 years since the bad fire season in 1999, but Mr. Damele felt it would be beneficial for the Commission to declare this as an official plan of attack for this fire season.

Mr. Damele relayed several other preparations being made by Public Works and the Road Department, and he plans even closer coordination with the BLM to avoid what has the potential of being one of the worst fire seasons the County has seen in years.

Chairman Goicoechea commended Mr. Damele and others who have contributed to the excellent fire program that Eureka County has. He asked for formal action to give the direction requested by Mr. Damele.

Commissioner McKay motioned to direct Eureka County staff (Public Works, Road Department) and the Volunteer Fire Departments to aggressively dispatch available equipment and personnel to all fires and to closely coordinate with the BLM (Battle Mountain, Elko, & Ely Districts) in an attempt to stave off a catastrophic fire season. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

2020 Road & Airport Maintenance Project: A proposal was received from Lumos & Associates for design, construction assistance, materials testing, and inspection for a County-wide pavement maintenance project. Mr. Damele explained that the proposal will be funded with monies previously encumbered for the Multi-Year Road & Utility Maintenance Project, which has been postponed due to revenue shortfalls.

Commissioner McKay motioned to accept the proposal from Lumos & Associates for engineering and related work on the 2020 Road & Airport Maintenance Project, in the amount of \$134,000.00 with the option for weekly project inspections in the additional amount of \$12,700.00 per week. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

Drought: Mr. Tibbitts cautioned that he expects to see actions soon by the BLM under the various drought EAs and asked that people reach out to him if they are aware of any situations where a rancher might require some assistance.

Upcoming Meetings: The State Land Use Planning Advisory Council will meet on May 28th utilizing electronic means. The Legislative Committee on Public Lands will meet on May 29th.

Goldrush Project – Air Quality Analysis: Ramboll US Corporation completed its review of the air quality analysis for Nevada Gold Mines Goldrush Project. Mr. Tibbitts and Consulting Hydrogeologist Dale Bugenig have reviewed the findings with Nevada Gold Mines and the mine is working to address any issues. Nothing substantial was found and Ramboll's air quality model actually reduced some of the predicted impacts.

Mr. Tibbitts prepared a comment letter to Nevada Gold Mines regarding the Goldrush Project Air Quality Analysis. Since this has already been discussed with the mine, the purpose of the letter is to formally document this response. Mr. Tibbitts reiterated that the BLM has not begun the Cooperating Agency process on this project, so this response is not part of the formal NEPA process, but is coordination between Eureka County and the mine.

Chairman Goicoechea motioned to send the additional response letter to Nevada Gold Mines related to the Goldrush Project Air Quality Analysis; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Goldrush Project – Water Analysis: During the last meeting, the Board approved sending a letter to the BLM informing that Eureka County was satisfied with Nevada Gold Mines' response to the County's comments on the water reports for the Goldrush Project. Mr. Tibbitts wanted the Board to know that the letter was sent and a copy was included as backup for the day's meeting.

Targeted & Prescribed Grazing EA: Eureka County is a Cooperating Agency with the BLM on the Preliminary Draft Targeted & Prescribed Grazing of Annual Grasses Environmental Assessment. Mr. Tibbitts participated on a phone call related to this earlier in the morning and there will be another meeting on May 21st. Eureka County has submitted comments on this EA, and Mr. Tibbitts placed it on the agenda to apprise the Board that the process is moving along and the next review period and comment opportunity will be when the Draft is released to the public.

Wild Horse Issues: Mr. Tibbitts stated that, earlier this month, Congress received the long-awaited report from the BLM on achieving a sustainable Wild Horse & Burro Program. During appropriations last fall, the BLM was awarded increased funding for its Wild Horse & Burro Program, but \$21 million was held back to be made available 60 days after receipt of the report.

Much of the BLM's report is grounded in "*The Path Forward for Management of BLM's Wild Horses & Burros*," a plan that Chairman Goicoechea was highly involved in on behalf of Eureka County. Mr. Tibbitts prepared a letter to the Congressional Delegation in support of the BLM's latest report to Congress, asking for help in getting the \$21 million released, and asking for continued work to ensure that future years are funded.

Commissioner McKay motioned to send the response letter to the Congressional Delegation in support of the BLM's report to Congress on the Wild Horse & Burro Program and in support of continued and adequate funding. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: Public Works Director Ron Damele; Comptroller Kim Todd; Planning Commission; Juvenile Probation; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board; Eureka County High School; Genesis Home Health Services; Consumer Direct Care Network Nevada; Lumos & Assoc.; Nevada Operation Lifesaver; Nevada Div. of Water Resources (2); Nevada Dept. of Transportation; numerous updates on the 2020 US Census; and numerous updates on COVID-19 from the following groups: White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs; US Dept. of Homeland Security; FEMA; Nevada NACO; National NACo; and Governing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McKay motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 5th day of June, 2020.

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea

J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

I, Jackie Berg, Deputy Commissioner Clerk, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the May 20, 2020, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

/s/ Jackie Berg

Jackie Berg, Deputy Commissioner Clerk

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 Deputy Commissioner Clerk.

/s/ Lisa Hoehne

Lisa Hoehne, Clerk Recorder