

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Quarterly Meeting – July 15, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law for their quarterly meeting on July 15, 2011, at the Crescent Valley Town Center. Present were Chairman Leonard Fiorenzi, Vice Chairman Mike Page, Member Jim Ithurralde, and Clerk & Treasurer Jackie Berg. Present for the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board were Chairwoman Dawn Gann and Member/Clerk Bryan Mason. The interactive video conference system was connected and utilized between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Page motioned to approve the agenda as posted; Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Fiorenzi called for public comments. Chuck Henry remarked on the cattle guard that was recently filled in by Nevada Department of Transportation. Instead of improving the situation, there is now a substantial dip in the roadway which is hazardous because it is difficult to see in advance.

Kevin Friday stated he owns a welding shop in Beowawe and there are some major problems with the electrical service there. This has had an effect on his business because he cannot run equipment simultaneously and his plans to expand the business are on hold because the present system will not support additional equipment. Representatives from NV Energy were out two weeks earlier and stated there was nothing they could do about it and they thought the voltage drop may be due to irrigation. Mr. Friday stated he would appreciate anything the Commissioners might be able to do to help the situation. The Commissioners felt they could write a letter to NV Energy and agreed to place this on their next agenda.

JOINT MEETING WITH CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

Crescent Valley Town Park Project: Public Works Director, Ron Damele, will provide an update on the Crescent Valley Town Park Project at a future Commissioner meeting. Benita Jones, School District Trustee, commented that since the park is adjacent to School District property, it would be nice to see the School District and the County work together on the park to further enhance the project.

Economic Development Study in Crescent Valley: Chairwoman Gann stated that the CVTAB has been discussing ways to encourage growth in the area and is contemplating ways to get the community involved. Commissioner Ithurralde stated that the Economic Development Study for Crescent Valley is on the July 20th agenda for action by the Commissioners.

Member Mason stated he has received several comments about older mobile homes and wondered if some sort of control could be implemented. Chairman Fiorenzi replied that this could not be controlled without zoning, which he is against based on citizen input he received during his campaign and also during the County re-write of the Master Plan. Commissioner Ithurralde informed everyone that he had proposed an ordinance to limit the age of mobile homes coming into the County (this would not affect those already in place) but had not received support to move forward with the ordinance. He plans to propose it again, because neighboring counties have restrictions in place which just increases the number of older homes

being moved to Eureka County. Member Mason thought that some of the citizens who were formerly against any type of zoning may be in favor of this restriction simply because of problems some of these older mobile homes are creating in the community.

Crescent Valley Fairgrounds: The CVTAB members inquired about the possibility of purchasing a bully barn for storage at the Crescent Valley Fairgrounds. The Commissioners stated there were two options – include it as a future budget request or check with Public Works to see if it could be covered under the budget for buildings and grounds. Member Mason relayed that there was interest in renovating the concession building at the fairgrounds to begin using it for activities as well as storage. This led to a discussion regarding types of activities that could be encouraged at the fairgrounds, including roping events, gymkhanas, etc.

COMMISSIONERS

Update Reports: The Commissioners reported on recent meetings and activities.

Quarterly Breakdown of Costs Related to Mt. Hope Project EIS & NEPA Process: The Board reviewed the quarterly report and breakdown of costs related to the Mt. Hope Project EIS and Kobeh Valley Ranch water applications. Expenses since the last report on April 15th totaled \$81,972.69, bringing total expenses to date to \$2,719,849.32.

FIRE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORTS

Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department: Phil Schmitz, Chief of the Crescent Valley VFD, provided a written report on quarterly activities for the period of April, May, and June 2011. No emergency calls were reported for the period. All training was conducted in-house. With the inclement weather, they have had problems with water leaking under the three large doors at the fire station.

Eureka Volunteer Fire Department: Dan Brown, Chief of the Eureka VFD, provided a written report on activities for the period covering April, May, and June 2011. There were eight emergency calls, most of them involving traffic accidents. There were four calls related to controlled burns in Eureka and Diamond Valley. Wildland, PPE/SCBA, and apparatus trainings were conducted throughout the quarter.

JUSTICE COURT QUARTERLY REPORTS

Beowawe Justice Court: Filing fees collected by Beowawe Justice Court totaled \$211.00 for the period covering April, May, and June 2011.

Eureka Justice Court: Eureka Justice Court collected a total of \$235.00 in filing fees for the quarter.

EUREKA COUNTY SHERIFF

Detention Facility Quarterly Report: Sheriff Ken Jones, in attendance via interactive video from Eureka, provided the quarterly report for the Eureka County Detention Facility. There were no outstanding issues related to the facility or inmates. There were 21 new bookings and a total of 25 inmates culminating in a total of 262 inmate days for the quarter.

CLERK & TREASURER

Clerk Quarterly Report: Clerk & Treasurer, Jackie Berg, reported on fees collected for April, May, and June 2011. A total of \$3,353.15 was collected for the quarter, representing \$505.65 in Clerk fees and \$2,847.50 in District Court filing fees.

Ms. Berg gave a quick update on the upcoming Special Election scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th. There are a total of four candidates on the ballot for the Congressional seat in the US House of Representatives. This seat was vacated by Congressman Dean Heller when he was appointed to the US Senate to replace resigning Senator John Ensign. Sample ballots

will be mailed the last week of July and will provide information on polling places, early voting, and how to request an absentee ballot.

EUREKA COUNTY TELEVISION DISTRICT

Quarterly Report: Dave Pastorino, President of the Television District, submitted a written report for the Board’s review. Work continues on the digital upgrade, including preparation of bid documents for additional equipment and professional services. Anne Kniefel was hired in April as the Television District Department Assistant. Members attended the National Translator Association Annual Convention in May.

REHAB SERVICES OF NEVADA

Quarterly Report: Greg Barker, PT, DPT, and Director of Rehab Services of Nevada, attended to provide the quarterly report of physical therapy services provided in Eureka and to request contract renewal. There were a total of 26 clinic days and 233 patient visits for the quarter. The increase in patient volume has resulted in a decrease in the County subsidy.

Contract Renewal for Fiscal Year 2011-2012: Mr. Barker stated that Rehab Services has been providing physical therapy in Eureka for over three years and he gave a brief overview of services and the benefits they afford the community. He publicly thanked Physician’s Assistant, Duke Gibson, for his support. Regarding renewal of the contract, only one change was requested, which was an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate in order to coincide with the current federal rate of 55.5 cents per mile. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve the adjustment to the mileage reimbursement rate and to place the amended contract on the next agenda for final approval; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: District Attorney, Ted Beutel (2); Eureka County Fair Board; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board (3); Nevada Association of Counties; Rehab Services of Nevada; Nevada Rural Housing Authority; Nevada Division of Water Resources; Nevada Attorney General; Nevada Department of Taxation; Nevada State Demographer, Jeff Hardcastle; Nevada Department of Transportation; Nevada Department of Health & Human Services; Nevada Taxpayer’s Association *Tax Topics* newsletter; Nevada Connections newsletter; National Association of Counties; USDA-Forest Service; and US Department of the Interior-BLM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Fiorenzi opened the floor for public comments. Chuck Henry offered his assistance to the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board in bringing roping events or gymkhanas to the local fairgrounds since he has been involved in these activities in the past.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Page motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.; Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 19th day of August, 2011.

/s/ Leonard Fiorenzi
Leonard Fiorenzi, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Jackie Berg
Jackie Berg, Clerk