

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 6, 2010

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CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on August 6, 2010. Present were Chairman Leonard Fiorenzi, Vice Chair Jim Ithurralde, Member Mike Page, District Attorney Theodore Beutel, 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 system was connected and utilized between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chairman removed Eureka Medical Clinic and item #2 under the Fair Board section; the July 1st minutes will be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve the agenda with the changes indicated; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Fiorenzi called for public comments; there were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2010, Commissioner meeting; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. (The June 28th minutes were presented for approval later in the meeting). Commissioner Page motioned to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2010, special meeting; Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010, Commissioner meeting; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

FINANCE

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Mike Rebaleati, County Recorder & Auditor. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve payroll and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 in the amount of \$1,082,181.34, which included two vouchers (Latir Energy Consultants and Code 3 Uniforms) requiring special approval due to late submittal; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Page motioned to approve Yucca Mountain expenditures in the amount of \$14,392.02; Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Auditor's Report: The Board reviewed the Auditor's Report. Chairman Fiorenzi requested electronic copies of the report for future meetings.

Internal Control Policy: Mr. Rebaleati reported there were no further changes to the Internal Control Policy than those already proposed for consideration at a public hearing on August 20th.

Network Server Replacement: Mr. Rebaleati explained that this is a budgeted item for replacement of the main network server; another server for the GIS program is scheduled for replacement later in the year. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve purchasing the replacement file server for network applications not to exceed \$16,095.00; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

FatPipe Network Platinum Service Agreement: Mr. Rebaleati explained that the FatPipe allows for combining of all internet circuits, T-1 lines, and bandwidth. This maintenance

agreement will cover a three-year period. Commissioner Page motioned to approve the three-year FatPipe Network Platinum Service Agreement in the amount of \$4,800,000; Commissioner Ithurrealde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Page attended the annual Cops & Kids event in Crescent Valley and a meeting with Cortez Mine regarding a possible Memorandum of Understanding for emergency ambulance response. Commissioner Ithurrealde attended the Open House with Nevada Rural Housing Authority on July 21st at the Eureka Opera House; had a teleconference with the NACO Public Lands Committee on July 26th; met with the District Attorney, Mike Sullivan, Dr. Carl Heard, and Duke Gibson on July 29th; met with concerned Diamond Valley farmers regarding water issues on July 29th; and gave testimony along with the Natural Resources Manager on July 30th at the Legislative Committee on Public Lands meeting in Ely. Chairman Fiorenzi attended the NEPA Committee meeting on July 21st; attended the Open House with Nevada Rural Housing Authority on July 21st; and attended the Natural Resources Advisory Commission meeting on July 28th.

Central Nevada Regional Water Authority Member Assessment: Commissioner Ithurrealde motioned to approve Eureka County's annual member assessment fee for Central Nevada Regional Water Authority for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$7,500.00; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

School Board Letter Regarding Advisory Question No. 1: John Brown, President of the Eureka County School District Board of Trustees, attended the meeting as follow-up to a letter sent to the Commissioners by the School Board in order to clarify that consideration of gifting the old elementary school building and possibly some adjacent property would be negotiated with the County following results of the advisory question on the 2010 General Election ballot. School representatives were concerned that the proposed language for the advisory question could imply to the public that the property had already been given to the County.

Chairman Fiorenzi suggested clarifying the wording or dropping the question altogether. After discussion amongst the Board, Mr. Brown, Ted Beutel, and Mike Rebaleati, it was agreed that the language would be amended and it was reiterated that the advisory question is not legally binding on any parties. Commissioner Ithurrealde motioned to amend Advisory Question No. 1 by changing the word "gift" to "consider" in relation to the old elementary school; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Meeting with Barrick Cortez Mine: On August 5th, Commissioner Page; EMS Coordinator, Mike Sullivan; and Human Resources Analyst, Jerry Larson, met with representatives of Cortez Mine to discuss the possibility of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding related to emergency medical services. This item was discussed in more detail under the Human Resources portion of the meeting.

General Updates Regarding Eureka Canyon Subdivision: Chairman Fiorenzi examined the property adjacent to Highway 50 across from the subdivision site and felt the County should begin the process of trying to acquire the property from the BLM. Fellow Board members agreed and requested that this be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

Eureka Downtown Business Area: Chairman Fiorenzi felt that decisions regarding the type of commercial businesses allowed at the Eureka Canyon Subdivision should be made with the intent of protecting existing businesses in the Town of Eureka. Existing business owners should have priority in developing a business at the subdivision site. A draft resolution was submitted in 2008 by the Economic Development Board, but the Commissioners declined to adopt it. Chairman Fiorenzi explained that the resolution's emphasis on preserving the historical aspect of the downtown area might have restricted property owners from going another direction with their property.

RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY THE CRESCENT VALLEY WATER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

A resolution was proposed to clarify sections of the Crescent Valley Water System Ordinance in relation to out-of-town customers. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to table action on the resolution until the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board had opportunity to review it; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

EUREKA COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Request for County Workers During Eureka County Fair: Fair Board member, Carrie Dubray, stated she approached Public Works Director, Ron Damele, about utilizing Pool, Parks & Recreation employees during the upcoming fair for grounds and garbage clean-up, as well as tractor and water truck operators, with wages being paid from the Fair Board's budget. Mr. Damele stated he was in favor of the proposal, as long as all parties were aware that this must be approved on a year-by-year basis, and that the employees report to a single Fair Board member rather than receiving direction by committee. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to authorize County employees to work during the 2010 Eureka County Fair with the restrictions outlined by the Public Works Director, not to exceed \$3,000.00 to be paid from the Fair Board's budget; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Draft Development Plan for Eureka Canyon Subdivision: Dave Craig, NRHA Real Estate Manager, and Jack White presented the Draft Development Plan, stating that no real changes were needed following the comments at the July 21st public meeting. However, there were a number of comments and several major items that will be considered during the feasibility study. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to accept the Draft Development Plan as presented by NRHA; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Summary of Comments from July 21st Community Housing Meeting: Mr. Craig reviewed topics that came up during the July 21st meeting, including: Homeowners' Associations and CC&Rs; schools and bussing; community support services; size and rent of the apartments; size and cost of duplexes; size and cost of new homes; playground area for apartment complex; indoor recreation area; sidewalks; bike paths; parking; sale of lots; monopoly of lots by private investors; impact of subdivision on existing property owners; commercial development; and traffic access to County Road 101. NRHA also met with Elaine Barkdull-Spencer, who is conducting an economic assessment and needs assessment for the community on behalf of Eureka Moly. They will continue to communicate in order to take advantage of each other's overlapping work and to review the studies for consistency.

Timeline for Studies and Final Development Plan: The feasibility study was kicked-off on August 2nd and should be complete in four to five weeks. NRHA has engaged Vogt, Santer & Insights from Ohio to complete the feasibility study. They have been used for similar studies and have proved to do high quality studies in rural areas at a reasonable price. The Final Development Plan can now be anticipated for the September 7th meeting, pending completion of the feasibility studies, and the agreement between the County and NRHA can be reviewed at the September 20th meeting.

Update on Financing Options: Mr. Craig and Mr. White had a lengthy meeting with Mike Pollock, Sr. Vice President of Commercial Financing with Nevada State Bank, in Reno earlier in the week. Based on this, they recommended a special meeting where the Commissioners, NRHA, and bank officials could explore financing options, the County's needs, and concerns of all parties in a face-to-face setting. NRHA would also like direction regarding securing the Guerdon townhouse units they have been negotiating on, discussion on bringing utilities to the site, and possible revision of timelines based on availability of financing. The Board agreed to schedule the special meeting for 10:00 a.m. on August 12th.

PUBLIC WORKS

Annual Operating Plans for Volunteer Fire Departments: Sam Hicks, Eureka County Battalion Chief, was currently on a fire in Pine Valley and unable to update the Board or deliver Annual Operating Plans for Pine Valley, Diamond Valley, and Beowawe. Mr. Hicks had provided the Dunphy AOP to the Clerk on his last trip to Eureka. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to accept and sign the Annual Operating Plan for the Dunphy Volunteer Fire Department; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Plans and Documents Related to Eureka Canyon Subdivision: Public Works Director, Ron Damele, reported that pursuant to the terms of the agreement terminating the lease with Eureka Moly, he believes the County has obtained all plans and documents produced by Eureka Moly, LLC, and Summit Engineering.

Release of \$100,000.00 Security Deposit for Lease: Based on receipt of all documents, Mr. Damele recommended that the security deposit required in the Lease Agreement be refunded to Eureka Moly. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to accept into the record the list of plans and documents concerning the Eureka Canyon Subdivision as collected from Eureka Moly, LLC, and Summit Engineering, and to release the security deposit of \$100,000.00; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Contract with Day Engineering for Crescent Valley Water Projects: Mr. Damele notified the Board that Dean Day had been in a serious motorcycle accident, but he was recovering and with his partner, Marty Ugalde, there will be no issues with fulfilling contract obligations. Commissioner Ithurralde moved to approve the contract with Day Engineering for the Crescent Valley Municipal Well Design and Waste Water Treatment Facility Preliminary Engineering Report in the amount of \$195,000.00, including authorization for the Chairman to sign the contract outside of the meeting; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Central Contractor Registration Program: Registration with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) Program is required for ARRA grant projects and Mr. Damele recommended updating the point of contacts, adding himself and the Chairman through the Clerk's office. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to submit a letter authorizing Ron Damele and Chairman Fiorenzi to be the points of contact for the CCR Program; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Change Order for Installation of Sewer Main Line to Little League Park: Mr. Damele stated that after several discussions, extension of the sewer line to the Little League Park was approved in this year's budget. It makes more sense to utilize the contractor already in town than to bid this as a separate project, so a proposal was requested from Sierra Nevada Construction. Their original proposal of \$173,227.71 has been negotiated down to \$170,000.00. Chairman Fiorenzi stated for the record that he still disagreed with spending \$170,000.00 to fix a system that is working perfectly fine. Commissioner Page noted that he was in favor of the project because it eradicates septic systems within the Eureka townsite, and he motioned to approve the non-force account change order in the amount of \$170,000.00, to construct approximately 1,415 lineal feet of 8-inch sewer main line extension and appurtenances from South Monroe Street to the Little League Park; Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion; motion carried 2-1 with Chairman Fiorenzi voting against the motion.

Appointment of Selection Committee to Review and Recommend Architect: August 6th at close of business is the deadline for architect proposals for the ARRA Energy Grant Project at the Eureka Road Shop. Mr. Damele recommended appointing a Selection Committee to expedite the selection process. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to appoint Ron Damele, Raymond Hodson, Todd Hubbard, and Chairman Fiorenzi as the Selection Committee for review of architect proposals for the Eureka Road Shop ARRA Energy Grant Project; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Addendum to Lumos & Associates Proposal: A proposal was previously approved for inspection and testing on the 2010 Street Maintenance Project from Lumos & Associates, but Mr. Damele explained that a cement treated base with asphalt cement overlay will be needed on

a portion of Keg Street and this requires additional and specialized testing. Lumos & Associates proposed to complete the additional work for \$2,750.00. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve an addendum to the existing Lumos & Associates proposal for testing and inspection on the 2010 Street Maintenance Project for an amended total cost of \$29,900.00; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Installation of Power Line to New Devil's Gate Water Storage Tank: Mt. Wheeler Power submitted a proposal to install approximately 1,900 feet of single-phase power line to the new Devil's Gate water storage tank located near the junction of US Highway 50 and State Route 278. Mr. Damele explained this power extension is required to operate the valves, telemetry system, and security lighting. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to accept the proposal from Mt. Wheeler Power for installation of a power line to the new Devil's Gate water storage tank in the amount of \$20,298.00, and to authorize the Public Works Director to sign the agreement; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Environmental Review for Digital X-Ray Machine Upgrade: Any Community Development Block Grant project requires some level of environmental review. Mr. Damele presented the environmental review determination and support letter for the CDBG with a finding of categorical exclusion not subject to 24 CFR Part 58.5. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to sign the environmental review determination and support letter to the CDBG for findings related to the Digital X-Ray Machine Upgrade Project; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Department Activities: Road Superintendent, Raymond Hodson, reported on Road Department activities and maintenance over the past month. The Beowawe/Crescent Valley crew was short-handed due to an absence and some personnel changes. Interviews for the vacant position will take place on August 17th. Three new replacement pickups were obtained, one for Eureka and two for the northern crews. One will replace the old service truck which will then be equipped with a small sander and plow and located in Crescent Valley.

COUNTY ENGINEER

Main Street Water and Sewer Project: Tom Young, Lumos & Associates, reported that the contractor, Sierra Nevada Construction, was currently working on services and cross lines on Main Street and should be wrapping up the water portion of the project in another week. They will begin sewer work on County Road 101 and work their way up through town. Demolition of the box culvert on McCoy Street has begun; the new box culvert will be poured into place. Costs related to unforeseen items through July total \$66,000.00 from the \$400,000.00 force account. The contractor has been informed that the temporary patches on Main Street are inadequate.

2010 Street Maintenance Project: The pre-construction conference for the 2010 Street Maintenance Project was held and the Notice to Proceed will be issued on August 11th. Work will begin on August 23rd with patching in Crescent Valley the first week, slurry seal in Crescent Valley the second week, and then work will start on Keg Street in Diamond Valley.

2010 ARRA Street Maintenance/11th Street Project: The contractor finished slurry seal on 11th Street on August 5th. A final walk-through with the Federal Highway Administration and Nevada Department of Transportation is tentatively scheduled for August 19th. While in Eureka, the FHA will provide training on ARRA paperwork because Eureka County has been selected for a project audit which will be conducted in September.

Miscellaneous Updates: Sierra Nevada Construction completed a double slurry seal on the road around the elementary school, which was mitigation work for the 2009 Street Maintenance Project due to less than desirable thickness on that paving. A warranty walk-through was conducted at the Eureka Town Fire Station and a short list of minor warranty work

was provided to Raymond Brothers. A warranty walk-through will be scheduled for the 2009 Water System Improvements within the next month.

HOME HEALTH SERVICES OF NEVADA

Update on Services in Eureka County: William Guisti, Administrator and CEO of Home Health Services of Nevada, with nurse, Judy Covarrubias, provided an update on services available in Eureka County and discussed the possibility of expanding those services. In addition to nursing services, HHS provides personal care aid, and there is an ever increasing demand for those services. Since HHS monies and the supplemental funding from Eureka County is maxed out for the current level of services, Mr. Guisti proposed implementing a cost-share program, based on the patient's ability to pay, with the County picking up the remaining fee for services. Nursing services will be charged at \$17.00 to \$20.00 an hour and personal care services will be around \$14.00 an hour. Insurance typically covers the skilled nursing care, but personal care isn't considered a medical necessity. The sliding scale would be fashioned after Medicaid general guidelines on income levels. Mr. Guisti proposed increasing the County's subsidy from the current level (approximately \$24,000.00 annually) to a maximum of \$40,000.00 annually to fund the expanded services. The Board asked Mr. Guisti to submit a formal proposal for the Board's consideration, and Mr. Guisti agreed to provide that sometime in September.

NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Resignation of Jerry Todd: Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to regretfully accept the resignation of Jerry Todd from the Natural Resources Advisory Council, which he has served on for several years; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Report on Activities: Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, reported that he attended the following meetings: NEPA Committee meeting on July 21st; NRHA housing meeting on July 21st; met with the USDA Rural Development on July 22nd regarding the Pinion Juniper Utilization Partnership; met with US Geological Survey in Eureka on July 27th; met with Mariah Cummings, the new Environmental Specialist for Ruby Hill Mine; Natural Resources Advisory Commission meeting on July 27th; Crescent Valley Fire Wise meeting on July 28th; the Legislative Committee on Public Lands meeting in Ely on July 30th; the Mt. Hope conference call on August 3rd; and a NEPA Committee meeting on August 4th.

Mr. Tibbitts provided updates on the agreement entered into by El Paso Corporation and Western Watersheds regarding the Ruby Pipeline Project. The Association of Public Land Permittees & Cattlemen have been meeting with El Paso Corporation regarding an agreement to resolve the energy companies' conflicts with the ranching industry, and negotiations are leading to a favorable outcome in relation to grazing.

A letter signed by a multitude of senators and congressmen on the national level (including Nevada Representatives Dina Titus and Shelley Berkley) was sent to Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, regarding the recent Tuscarora wild horse gather in Elko County, requesting that all pending gathers be immediately halted. The uproar is in response to horse deaths that occurred with that gather, but the veterinarian has determined that the majority of deaths would have occurred regardless. A response letter was drafted supporting the gathers and has been signed by many different interests. Mr. Tibbitts has forwarded notice that Eureka County supports the response letter and would be willing to sign.

Upcoming Meetings: Upcoming meetings include a Natural Resource Advisory Commission meeting on August 18th; a NEPA Committee meeting on August 19th; the Ruby Hill Community Advisory meeting tentatively set for August 27th; and Mr. Tibbitts has been invited to participate on the panel for the upcoming annual Wildland Urban Interface Summit.

Letter Supporting Sale of Land to Homestake Mining Company: The Board reviewed a letter to the BLM supporting sale of 150 acres of public land to Homestake Mining Company

(Ruby Hill Mine). Mr. Tibbitts questioned the BLM's analysis of a loss of 14 AUMs commensurate with this transfer since there is no current grazing in that area, but Ruby Hill has worked directly with the permittee. Commissioner Page motioned to send the letter to the BLM supporting the sale of 150 acres of public land to Homestake Mining Company; Chairman Fiorenzi seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

State Engineer Hearing to Review Cancellation of BLM Stockwater Permits: Mr. Tibbitts reviewed the State's history in relation to whether the BLM can hold stockwater permits. The permits in question were recently cancelled for failure to prove beneficial use. The BLM requested a hearing, which was scheduled for September 17, 2010. Mr. Tibbitts felt the County should provide comment and have someone in attendance at the hearing. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned that Eureka County go forward with comments and have a representative in attendance at the September 17th State Engineer hearing in Carson City on September 17th; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Protests on Recent Water Rights Applications: At the previous meeting Mr. Tibbitts reported on 32 change applications filed by Kobeh Valley Ranch in association with the Mt. Hope Project, and was directed by the Board to proceed with protesting these applications. Staff worked with water attorney, Karen Peterson, and the original protest forms were prepared for signature. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign protest forms outside of the meeting related to 32 change applications filed with the State Engineer by Kobeh Valley Ranch; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Bill Draft Request: Mr. Tibbitts and District Attorney, Ted Beutel, prepared the County's bill draft request (BDR) for the 2011 Legislative Session. It proposes to amend language in NRS 532.170 allowing for local government participation in State Engineer water resources monitoring, management, and mitigation plans. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve the bill draft request for Eureka County for the 2011 Legislative Session as presented; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

NEPA COMMITTEE

Update Report: Mr. Tibbitts provided details from the Mt. Hope conference call earlier in the week: the BLM sent a letter of adequacy for the regional hydrology model and pit lake geochemistry report; the screening level ecological risk assessment letter is expected shortly; Enviroscientists, Inc., sent notification to the BLM that the air quality report, which is still under review by the BLM, is adequate; changes are anticipated from the time the administrative draft EIS is released and the time the final EIS is released due to changes in EPA regulation standards; the BLM is conducting a review of the plan of operations and the biological assessment; and Enviroscientists, Inc., is reviewing the water quantity portion of the administrative draft EIS. Comment was received from Tri-Sage Consulting on the Roberts Mountain springs survey. Abby Johnson did not feel they were substantive enough to forward to the BLM; however, the comments will provide good background related to surface water resources of Roberts Mountain.

Review of Mt. Hope Project Administrative Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Release of the administrative draft EIS was expected sometime the following week and will be hand-delivered to Eureka County. Delivery will trigger onset of the 25-day review period, currently scheduled to end September 16th.

Response to BLM's Position Toward Eureka County as a Cooperating Agency: Mr. Tibbitts recognized Vice Chair of the NEPA Committee, Christine Smith, who was in attendance for this discussion. A letter from the BLM, as well as Doug Furtado's comments at the last NEPA Committee meeting, made it clear that the BLM feels it has coordinated and cooperated with Eureka County to the maximum extent that they feel is necessary by regulation and policy. After discussion among Mr. Tibbitts, the NEPA Committee, and County staff, it was apparent that the letter writing campaign was not gaining any ground and it is time to have a face-to-face meeting with Ron Wenker, State Director for the BLM, or possibly at even a higher level. Mr. Tibbitts

recommended involving David Nawi as well, who is a Senior Advisor to Secretary Salazar. The Mt. Hope Project isn't the only development at issue, since Eureka County may have multiple cooperative ventures on the horizon, such as the Three Bars Landscape Restoration Project and the vanadium mine, among others.

Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to send a letter to State Director of the BLM, Bob Abbey, requesting a meeting, that it be copied to the local BLM office, and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the letter outside of the meeting; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

NEVADA HEALTH CENTERS, INC.

Monthly Report on Crescent Valley Clinic: The written report was not received, but the Board briefly discussed the report given by Tom Chase, CEO of Nevada Health Centers, at the quarterly meeting in Crescent Valley on July 15th.

Housing/Rental Subsidy for Additional Physician's Assistant: Nevada Health Centers submitted a letter requesting a housing subsidy of \$500.00 a month for the additional Physician's Assistant who is scheduled to begin on September 1st. They have located a rental available October 15th, but requested alternative housing until that date. After some discussion, Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to send a letter to Nevada Health Centers advising them to contact Eureka Moly regarding availability of temporary housing for the period of September 1st to October 15th; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve the requested housing subsidy of \$500.00 per month for the period of October 15, 2010, through September 30, 2011; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES

Report on Reference Calls: EMS Coordinator, Mike Sullivan, and Commissioner Page were directed to make reference calls on the two air ambulance services, American Medflight and Summit Air Ambulance. Mr. Sullivan provided a written report with the responses received, noting that there really hadn't been negative remarks regarding either company. Commissioner Page spoke with Robert Stokes and John Ellison who had favorable comments for Summit Air Ambulance and weren't as familiar with American Medflight.

First-Call Agreement with American Medflight: The Board discussed the pending First-Call Agreement and requested additional changes. John Burrue, Chief Pilot for American Medflight, noted that since this agreement was first negotiated, American Medflight has entered into an agreement with another entity and the aircraft is now only available four days per month. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the First-Call Agreement with American Medflight outside of the meeting once the additional changes are made; changes included availability of an airplane four days per month, removal of the confidentiality clause, inclusion of the commitment to honor Summit Air's benefit for non-insured members, and changing it to a one-year agreement with an option to renew; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

SENIOR CENTERS

Activity Report: Senior Center Site Director, Millie Oram, reported on activities over the past month. Site Director, Adell Panning, was away teaching a service aide class in Fallon. For the month of July, the Eureka Senior Center served 1,337 meals (251 were ARRA funded); the Fannie Komp Senior Center served 911 meals (119 were ARRA funded). July deposits totaled \$7,743.62. Both directors received training on electronic paperwork for the Energy Assistance Program which will speed up processing of payments. There were no indigent applications, but

Ms. Oram did authorize one indigent cremation. Maintenance was done on the wheel-chair accessible van in Crescent Valley and that is back in service.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Monthly Report: Human Resources Analyst, Jerry Larson, along with Mike Sullivan and Commissioner Page, reported on the August 5th meeting with Barrick Cortez Mine. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding outlining protocol for a joint effort between the mine and Eureka County for emergency medical services. Cortez Mine stated that operation of the mine and necessary staffing levels would remain their first priority, but they would be willing to allow employees who are EMTs to respond to emergency medical calls on a backup basis only. Cortez recently received licensing for an industrial ambulance, so are now able to respond to incidents on the minesite. Commissioner Page motioned to proceed with a Memorandum of Understanding between Eureka County and Cortez Mine for emergency medical services; Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. A draft MOU will be prepared and reviewed by both parties.

The new policy manuals were being printed and should be delivered sometime the following week. They will be delivered to all employees, who will sign a statement upon receipt of the manual.

Essential Management Skills Training: The management training class will begin in Eureka on September 21st. There are 20 employees enrolled in the four-part course and if there is any more interest, a second set of classes will be scheduled.

AMBULANCE & EMS

New Job Descriptions: EMS Coordinator, Mike Sullivan, reported he has been working with Jerry Larson to upgrade the job descriptions in his department. This will not create any new positions, but will allow for advancement and better placement for the existing positions. The Board reviewed the job descriptions and requested that the weekly hours be changed from 20 to 19 to comply with the County definition for casual employees. Commissioner Page motioned to approve the EMT-1, EMT-2, and EMT-3 job descriptions with the requested change designating 19 hours per week; Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Set Wage Range for New Job Descriptions: Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Larson requested that the EMT-1 be set at range 110, EMT-2 be set at range 111, and EMT-3 be set at range 114. Commissioner Ithurralde noted that the County wage scale jumps from 108 to 111. After some discussion, Commissioner Page motioned to set the wage for the EMT-1 at range 108, EMT-2 at range 114, and EMT-3 at range 115; Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Advertise for Vacant Casual Positions: Commissioner Page motioned to authorize the EMS Coordinator to begin advertising for the EMT-1 casual position in Crescent Valley and the EMT-2 casual position in Eureka; Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Mr. Sullivan submitted job requisition forms for the Board's signature.

EUREKA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION

Status of Grants to Juvenile Probation: Senior Department Assistant, Joyce Jeppesen, reminded the Board that Juvenile Probation had approached them during the budget process for financial support because it was uncertain if they would receive their annual grants. Juvenile Probation has since been realigned with the PACE Coalition (Partners for Allied Community Excellence) out of Elko County. PACE has received federal stimulus funds and decided to grant \$28,198.00 to Eureka County, which will fully fund the four juvenile programs.

Out-of-State Travel: Along with the grant funds is a requirement to attend a minimum number of prevention training hours and the Utah Fall Substance Abuse Conference will fulfill that requirement. Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve out-of-state travel for the Juvenile

Probation Officer and the Senior Department Assistant to attend the Utah Fall Substance Abuse Conference in St. George, Utah, September 22-24, 2010; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: Sandra Larson; Jerry Todd; Connie Hicks (2); Eureka High School Rodeo Club; District Attorney, Ted Beutel (2); Recorder/Auditor, Mike Rebaleati; Clerk & Treasurer, Jackie Berg (3); Public Works Director, Ron Damele; Eureka County Planning Commission; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board (3); Eureka County School District (3); Eureka Moly Bits newsletter; Mount Wheeler Power; Central Nevada Regional Water Authority; Lumos & Associates; Nevada Health Centers, Inc.; Home Health Services of Nevada; Allison MacKenzie et al; University of Nevada Cooperative Extension; Nevada State Public Defender; Nevada’s Promise; Nevada Div. of Environmental Protection; Nevada Dept. of Motor Vehicles; Nevada Dept. of Taxation (2); Nevada Small Business Development Center; TaxTopics newsletter; Nevada Department of Agriculture newsletter; Economy in Brief newsletter; Nevada Economic Update newsletter; The Juice newsletter; Congresswoman Dina Titus; National Forest Counties & School Coalition; and US Dept. of the Interior-BLM (3).

EUREKA COUNTY SHERIFF

Annual Certification Report to Department of Justice: Commissioner Ithurralde motioned to approve signing the Annual Certification Report to the Department of Justice for money and assets seized in relation to illegal drug offenses and arrests; Commissioner Page seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Fiorenzi opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Ithurralde requested that several items be placed on future agendas: a resolution for Charley Harper on August 20th; Wes Henderson, NACO Government Affairs Coordinator, requested time on the September 20th agenda; and an item to change the regular Commissioners’ meeting date from November 19th to November 22nd to accommodate the annual NACO Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Page motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m.; Commissioner Ithurralde seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 7th day of September, 2010.

/s/ Leonard Fiorenzi
Leonard Fiorenzi, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Jackie Berg
Jackie Berg, Clerk