

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 16, 2020

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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on November 16, 2020. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea; Vice Chair Michael Sharkozy (via telephone); Commissioner Rich McKay; District Attorney Ted Beutel (via telephone); and Administrative Assistant Jackie Berg. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was conducted telephonically pursuant to Governor Sisolak’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 006, which was extended by subsequent Directives through duration of the current State of Emergency. In-person attendance was limited; other County staff and members of the public were able to attend the meeting via a toll-free conference call number.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Goicoechea removed the Natural Resources item from the agenda. Commissioner McKay motioned to approve the agenda as amended; Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 6, 2020: Chairman Goicoechea noted one minor correction to the minutes. Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve minutes of the November 6, 2020, meeting with the noted correction; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

COMPTROLLER

Payment of Expenditures: Expenditures were presented for approval by Comptroller Kim Todd. She explained that one invoice contained past due charges because the vendor was emailing statements to an employee who no longer works at the Sheriff’s Office. Once this was corrected, the vendor sent an updated invoice reflecting charges from July 2020 to present.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$190,013.25 for accounts payable and \$1,881.38 for payroll related expenses (including employee paid deductions), for a grand total of \$191,894.63. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

IT DEPARTMENT

IT Update: IT Director Misty Rowley reported on IT projects and activities.

Training: Ms. Rowley completed a 2016 Microsoft Server course and attended the Nevada POOL/PACT Cyber Summit 2020 Conference in Reno on November 5th.

Wireless & Fiber Projects: She has been working on obtaining and reviewing quotes for the various wireless and fiber projects to connect County buildings and facilities. After evaluating quotes, LV.NET was selected and has begun work on securing FCC license links to three locations in Diamond Valley.

Quest Media has been in Eureka finalizing the fiber connections from the Courthouse to the County buildings in Eureka, which include the Administrative Facility, Opera House, Eureka Fire Station, and Sheriff's Office.

Remote Work Equipment: IT has been configuring and installing software on the new PCs and laptops, which were purchased with the COVID expense funds. This equipment will provide flexibility and remote capabilities in the workplace.

GOED Meetings: Ms. Rowley and Commissioner McKay met with representatives from the Governor's Office of Economic Development to discuss ways the County may leverage grant or assistance funds to install fiber in Crescent Valley. Once the School District completes its E-Rate project, this may present an opportunity to connect fiber to the Crescent Valley Town Center. There may also be an opportunity to utilize the Rural Health Clinic Technical Assistance Program to install fiber to the Crescent Valley Clinic.

Word of Thanks from SO Communication Staff: Sheriff Watts commented that Ms. Rowley and Blaine Bacon worked tirelessly to relocate and install the new Communications Center, relaying that his dispatch staff was very happy and wanted to express deep gratitude to the IT Department.

COMMISSIONERS

Indoor Events Suspended in County Facilities: On November 6th, Chairman Goicoechea (acting as County Health Officer) distributed a memorandum to all County departments notifying that indoor social events in County facilities were suspended until further notice. With neighboring counties experiencing an upsurge in COVID cases, this precaution was intended to safeguard the health and safety of our communities and, at the same time, avoid additional restrictions from the State if Eureka County were to see a rise in active cases.

Emergency Management Director Jeb Rowley said the State Division of Emergency Management (DEM) is closely monitoring counties, with particular interest in rural counties recently. There are daily calls between DEM and counties to track trends and inquire about local actions to ensure that local officials are managing and responding effectively to COVID. Mr. Rowley commented that the notice from the County Health Officer on November 6th proved timely, with the Governor's November 10th announcement that Nevada had two weeks to contain spread of the virus or face stricter measures.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to ratify action by the County Health Officer to suspend all indoor social events at County facilities until further notice; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0. Chairman Goicoechea abstained.

Public Defender Workload Study: Nevada Department of Indigent Defense reached out to rural counties asking that Public Defenders participate in a work study of rural defense practices. To provide timely notice, Chairman Goicoechea signed a letter to Eureka County's Public Defender Kelly Brown.

Commissioner McKay motioned to ratify a letter to Kelly Brown, Eureka County Public Defender, asking for his participation in a weighted workload study of defense practices in rural counties. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Set Public Hearing: The County wishes to consider short-term lease of tower space in Crescent Valley to Above All Communications, dba Express Internet, to allow continued residential and commercial wireless internet service in the area. A public hearing must be scheduled before the Board can consider this action.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to set a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on December 7, 2020, pursuant to NRS 244.2833 to consider adopting a resolution to lease County property to Above All Communications, dba Express Internet, for a determined period of time. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN

Update on Yucca Mountain Project: Nuclear Waste Advisor Abby Johnson joined the meeting by telephone. She reported that, following the national election, US Senators representing Nevada reiterated the request to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy & Water Development that zero funds be appropriated in Fiscal Year 2021 to support licensing activities for the Yucca Mountain Repository. The House Appropriations Committee included \$27.5 million in its energy appropriations bill for a phased, consent-based approach to management and storage of spent nuclear fuel, to include planning and outreach for a pilot interim storage facility. State officials in both Texas and New Mexico are strongly objecting to proposed consolidated interim storage sites in their states, which are under consideration by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Certificate of Expenditure of Funds: Each year, Eureka County must show that monies received from the Department of Energy were expended in accordance with Public Law 111-85 and the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. Ms. Johnson explained that this will be the last expenditure report since monies from the US Department of Energy, distributed to affected counties over a decade earlier, have now been exhausted. Eureka County was the last county to expend all of its Yucca Mountain funding, which Ms. Johnson felt was a direct result of Ron Damele's conservative management of the program, as well as a tribute to the careful approach taken by the Boards of Commissioners over the years.

Commissioner McKay motioned to sign the Certificate of Expenditure of Funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 related to the direct payment grant from US Department of Energy for the Yucca Mountain Project. Commissioner Sharkozy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

AMBULANCE & EMS

Report on Activities: EMS Director Kenny Sanders reported there were a total of 21 ambulance calls in October, seven on the northern end of the County and 14 on the southern end. Of those, nine were transferred to MedX AirOne and two were transported to hospitals.

Gurney Load System: The new gurney power load system, approved at the last meeting, is scheduled for delivery and installation later in the week.

Flu PODs: Mr. Sanders reported that 41 vaccines were issued at the Eureka flu shot POD (point of dispensing) held at the Eureka Fairgrounds on October 29th. Health care workers from Ely traveled to Eureka to assist with immunizations and paperwork.

The flu shot POD in Crescent Valley is currently taking place (10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on November 16th), with the assistance of health care workers from Winnemucca. Mr. Sanders thanked the Emergency Management Director and Public Works for help and support in putting on these two events.

ASSESSOR

DMV Field Office: Assessor Michael Mears gave an update on DMV activities in his office. With primary DMV offices across the State struggling to keep up after extended COVID closures, the Field Office in Eureka has seen a tremendous increase in phone and foot traffic. People from as far away as Las Vegas have driven to Eureka to conduct DMV business.

Early in the COVID pandemic, Mr. Mears and his staff had the foresight to implement controls to avoid spread of the virus. These measures include keeping the access door locked, allowing only one customer at a time, and requiring appointments for DVM transactions. Although he has heard some negative feedback from the community, Mr. Mears stated these precautions have allowed his office to safely remain open.

DMV Technician Job Description: Mr. Mears explained that a senior employee in his office plans to retire in January 2021. This will leave three certified appraisers in the office. Mr. Mears and his staff agree that having a clerical employee assigned primarily to DMV would result in a

two-fold benefit: (1) it will reduce interruptions and time drains on certified staff, and (2) it will save the County money since this position will be assigned a lower range on the salary scale.

Mr. Mears thanked the HR Director for her assistance in creating the job description, which has also been vetted by POOL/PACT.

Chairman Goicoechea stated he supports Mr. Mears in this move to manage the DMV workload in his office, adding that he stands "110% behind" the health and safety measures he has put in place to protect employees, citizens, and visitors to Eureka County.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt the DMV Technician/Department Assistant job description as presented by the Assessor; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Resolution to Publish Tax Roll: As required by NRS 361.300, Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt a resolution directing the County Assessor to prepare and publish a list of all taxpayers and property valuations on the secured tax roll of Eureka County. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In addition to a published notice in the newspaper, Assessor Michael Mears will post the tax roll on the County website and a copy will be available in his office for review by the public.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO PREPARE AND PUBLISH A LIST OF ALL TAXPAYERS ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL IN THE COUNTY, AND THE TOTAL VALUATION OF PROPERTY ON WHICH THEY WILL SEVERALLY PAY TAXES PURSUANT TO N.R.S. 361.300

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statute requires that the County Assessor be directed by Board Resolution to prepare and publish the secured tax roll annually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eureka County Board of Commissioners does hereby direct the County Assessor prepare and publish a list of all taxpayers on the 2021-22 secured tax roll in the County, and the total valuation of property on which they will severally pay taxes, pursuant to N.R.S. 361.300;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eureka County Board of Commissioners does hereby direct the County Assessor to cause such list and valuations to be published on the Eureka County website on or before January 1st of the fiscal year in which assessments are made and a public notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County that said list will also be printed and made publicly available at the Eureka County Assessor's Office and available via the County website.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2020.

THOSE VOTING AYE: Commissioner J.J. Goicoechea, DVM
Commissioner Michael Sharkozy
Commissioner Rich McKay

THOSE VOTING NAY: None
THOSE ABSENT: None

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea, DVM
J.J. GOICOECHEA, DVM, CHAIRMAN
EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest: /s/ Jackie Berg
JACKIE BERG, COMM. ADMIN. ASST.

TREASURER

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s Report for October was submitted by Treasurer Pernecia Johnson, showing an ending General Fund balance of \$34,974,616.11.

CLERK RECORDER

Canvass Returns of the 2020 General Election: Clerk Recorder Lisa Hoehne reported on results of the 2020 General Election held on November 3rd and provided the Board with an abstract of the vote. Ms. Hoehne began by thanking County staff from other departments who stepped in and kept early vote open when she and her staff had to be away for a few days. Ms. Hoehne noted that a polling location was established in Crescent Valley for the first time in many years. It was open on Election Day and for most of the early voting period.

The Clerk reported that Eureka County has 1,114 registered voters and 1,017 voted in the General Election (for a 91.29% turnout), as follows: 422 voted during the early vote period, 177 voted on Election Day, and 418 voted by mailed ballots.

Chairman Goicoechea added his thanks to County staff who worked alongside pollworkers during a time when Clerk staff was absent due to circumstances beyond their control. Chairman Goicoechea commended Ms. Hoehne, stating she did a good job on this election with the tools that were handed to her by the Nevada Legislature. He felt AB345 in the 2019 Legislative Session and AB4 in the Special Session were cumbersome and lacking in what should have been provided to the Clerks. He hopes the State will rectify this before the next election.

He reminded everyone that the task before the Board was to certify the election based on numbers provided by the Clerk and is not an examination of who should or should not have voted, as those records fall under authority of local and State election officials.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the canvass and abstract of the vote for the 2020 General Election held November 3, 2020; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

ELECTION SUMMARY REPORT						
GENERAL ELECTION, EUREKA COUNTY – NOVEMBER 3, 2020						
		Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
Times Cast (PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT)		418	422	177	1017 / 1114	91.29%
Times Cast (NON-PRESIDENTIAL)		409	422	177	1008 / 1114	90.48%
UNITED STATES PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT (Vote for 1)						
CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
BIDEN, JOSEPH R. / HARRIS, KAMALA D.	DEM	69	32	4	105	
BLANKENSHIP, DON / MOHR, WILLIAM	IAP	2	1	0	3	
JORGENSEN, JO / COHEN, JEREMY “SPIKE”	LPN	2	2	2	6	
TRUMP, DONALD J. / PENCE, MICHAEL R.	REP	340	384	171	895	
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES	NP	5	3	0	8	
<i>Total Votes</i>		<i>418</i>	<i>422</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>1017</i>	
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 2 (Vote for 1)						
CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
ACKERMAN, PATRICIA	DEM	66	22	5	93	
AMODEI, MARK E.	REP	311	374	164	849	
HANSEN, JANINE	IAP	15	20	7	42	
<i>Total Votes</i>		<i>392</i>	<i>416</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>984</i>	
STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 19 (Vote for 1)						
CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
GOICOECHEA, PETE	REP	333	375	167	875	
SEEBACK, TIFFANY “GHOLSON”	IAP	54	33	7	94	
<i>Total Votes</i>		<i>387</i>	<i>408</i>	<i>174</i>	<i>969</i>	

STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 33 (Vote for 1)

CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
ELLISON, JOHN C.	REP	322	385	172	879	
<i>Total Votes</i>		322	385	172	879	

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (Vote for 1)

CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
GOICOECHEA, JJ	REP	333	369	165	867	
<i>Total Votes</i>		333	369	165	867	

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (Vote for 1)

CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
BLEDSON, CHARLES	NP	81	71	20	172	
SHARKOZY, MIKE	REP	285	331	151	767	
<i>Total Votes</i>		366	402	171	939	

COUNTY TREASURER (Vote for 1)

CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
JOHNSON, PERNECIA "NECIE"	REP	325	379	165	869	
<i>Total Votes</i>		325	379	165	869	

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT B (Vote for 1)

CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
PICKERING, KRISTINA	NP	238	276	117	631	
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES	NP	99	111	46	256	
<i>Total Votes</i>		337	387	163	887	

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT D (Vote for 1)

CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
FUMO, OZZIE	NP	69	54	16	139	
HERNDON, DOUGLAS	NP	162	208	104	474	
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES	NP	113	130	45	288	
<i>Total Votes</i>		344	392	165	901	

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, DEPARTMENT 3 (Vote for 1)

CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
BULLA, BONNIE	NP	79	86	45	210	
BUSH, SUSAN	NP	120	146	65	331	
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES	NP	133	159	54	346	
<i>Total Votes</i>		332	391	164	887	

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, DISTRICT 7, DEPARTMENT 1 (Vote for 1)

CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
DOBRESCU, STEVEN L.	NP	288	341	146	775	
<i>Total Votes</i>		288	341	146	775	

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, DISTRICT 7, DEPARTMENT 2 (Vote for 1)

CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
FAIRMAN, GARY D.	NP	274	328	144	746	
<i>Total Votes</i>		274	328	144	746	

EUREKA COUNTY TELEVISION DISTRICT SEAT 4B (Vote for 1)

CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
KLATT, RANDY	NP	277	337	142	756	
<i>Total Votes</i>		277	337	142	756	

EUREKA COUNTY TELEVISION DISTRICT SEAT 4E (Vote for 1)

CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
LEPPALA, BILL	NP	277	329	146	752	
<i>Total Votes</i>		277	329	146	752	

SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE, SEAT 1A (Vote for 1)						
CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
FILIPPINI, MINDY	NP	305	349	159	813	
<i>Total Votes</i>		305	349	159	813	
SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE, SEAT 1B (Vote for 1)						
CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
CONLEY, LYNN	NP	286	350	150	786	
<i>Total Votes</i>		286	350	150	786	
SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE, SEAT 1C (Vote for 1)						
CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
FIORENZI, LEONARD "LENNY"	NP	293	342	150	785	
<i>Total Votes</i>		293	342	150	785	
STATE QUESTION NO. 1 (Vote for 1)						
CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
YES	NP	86	95	40	221	
NO	NP	272	306	127	705	
<i>Total Votes</i>		358	401	167	926	
STATE QUESTION NO. 2 (Vote for 1)						
CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
YES	NP	128	125	50	303	
NO	NP	248	286	123	657	
<i>Total Votes</i>		376	411	173	960	
STATE QUESTION NO. 3 (Vote for 1)						
CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
YES	NP	182	175	75	432	
NO	NP	185	227	93	505	
<i>Total Votes</i>		367	402	168	937	
STATE QUESTION NO. 4 (Vote for 1)						
CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
YES	NP	148	148	52	348	
NO	NP	219	258	117	594	
<i>Total Votes</i>		367	406	169	942	
STATE QUESTION NO. 6 (Vote for 1)						
CANDIDATE	PARTY	Mail	Early Vote	Election Day	Total	%
YES	NP	113	50	24	217	
NO	NP	260	331	149	740	
<i>Total Votes</i>		373	411	173	957	

HUMAN RESOURCES

Employee Appreciation: HR Director Heidi Whimple said she has been approached by the Commissioners and agrees it is the season for employee appreciation. She showed a 16 oz. tumbler as a sample of what will be given to each employee this year. The black tumblers, with the Eureka County logo etched in silver, cost \$16.00 each and are being ordered from a Nevada-based company.

Updated Job Descriptions: Ms. Whimple is working to update job descriptions for appointed positions in the County and will continue to convert all job descriptions to the new and consistent format. She briefly reviewed each of the three job descriptions presented for approval, remarking on the primary changes, and noting that the format and content have been reviewed by Nevada POOL/PACT and the respective managers/directors.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adopt updated job descriptions for the appointed positions of Emergency Medical Services Director, Senior Center Program Director, and Natural Resources Manager. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

Community Christmas: At the November 6th meeting, the Board tabled a request for funds to support the Community Christmas events in Crescent Valley, which typically involve a House Decorating Contest and a Community Christmas Dinner. This allowed the CVTAB to adjust its plans since all social events in County facilities are suspended until further notice.

Nona Kellerman, CVTAB Chair, requested \$3,000.00, noting that an alternate location has been worked out and activities have been adjusted so all COVID mandates will be followed.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the request for \$3,000.00 from the North End Activities Fund to be used for prizes and supplies for Community Christmas events in Crescent Valley, with the check issued to Nona Kellerman. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY FACILITIES

Facilities Update: Joyce Jeppesen, Public Works Assistant Director-Administration, gave an update on activities at County managed facilities.

Eureka Opera House: In October, the Opera House had 56 tourist visitors and 99 attendees at various events including Eureka Business Network meetings, MSHA training, and a lunch/rest break for tour bus travelers. Upcoming events include an EBN meeting, a Nevada Division of Water Resources meeting, and juror selection by District Court (multiple facilities will be used to adhere to social distancing). All other events have been cancelled due to suspension of indoor social events in County facilities.

Sentinel Museum: The Museum had 213 visitors in October. Ree Taylor is working on updating displays and continues receiving and processing donations.

Swimming Pool: The Pool had 186 swimmers in October. The decision was made to close the Pool on November 11th and it will remain closed through the end of the month. Clint Tognotti will use this time to work on a Procedures Manual for the Swimming Pool.

Eureka Airport: In October, 368 gallons of avgas were sold. LA Perks is working on a new design for the Jet A fueling system, which will include testing procedures required by the vendor.

Eureka Landfill: For the past month, which included free dump days each Saturday in October, the Landfill had 527 customers and received 135 tons of municipal waste, 195 tons of construction and demolition waste, and 581 tires.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Update: Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported on projects and activities.

County Roads: The recent moisture, although limited, was just what road crews needed to make substantial improvements on roads at both ends of the County. Crews continue screening material in the Green Pit for a gravel haul on Mustang Road this winter.

Commissioner Sharkozy thanked Mr. Rowley, Raymond Hodson, and the road crews for recent work, in particular on Cold Springs Point Road, stating he was contacted by residents who are very grateful for the work done on this road.

Road Maintenance MOUs: Mr. Rowley is working with Timberline Resources and McEwen Mining on refreshing the road maintenance Memorandums of Understanding. He appreciates that these companies are willing to partner with Eureka County when their projects impact County roads. He will meet with McEwen Mining on November 18th to review affected roads.

Chairman Goicoechea had an opportunity recently to tour gravel roads, in neighboring counties as well as at home, and he commented that Eureka County continues to have the best maintained rural roads. The partnership with the mines is a proven method in maintaining these high-traffic gravel roads and he commended Ron Damele for having the foresight to implement these partnerships and applauded Mr. Rowley for continuing the program.

Structure Fire: Mr. Rowley commented on the outstanding response by the Volunteer Fire Departments (Eureka and Diamond Valley) to a structure fire in Eureka on November 14th. By numerous accounts, water was on the fire within minutes of the tone-out alert, preventing more extensive damage and damage to other structures. Mr. Rowley stated it was great to see emergency services rally together, with responses from volunteers, EMS, the Sheriff's Office, and the Mt. Wheeler utility crew who arrived quickly to assess the damage.

Chairman Goicoechea received a lot of feedback from the community on the speed and professionalism of the response.

Sheriff Watts echoed praises for the volunteer firemen and other emergency responders, stating Saturday was a busy day starting with the truck rollover and ending with the structure fire. In response to numerous complaints about the fire siren, the Sheriff stated, "...it wasn't your emergency, but if it was, we'd be there." He added that difficulties in silencing the alarm were directly related to the fire, and he was very proud of the fire, EMS, and Sheriff's Office response.

Emergency Management: As mentioned earlier, Emergency Management is a huge focus in Eureka County. Mr. Rowley continues close contact with local, State, and federal agencies to ensure the County maintains a prudent and proactive approach in managing the pandemic. This includes regular communication with the State Division of Emergency Management, Nevada State Immunization Program, and the CEO at William Bee Ririe Hospital.

As COVID vaccines near the end of clinical trials, Mr. Rowley reached out to County employees to see who is interested in receiving the vaccine. These vaccines require rigorous handling practices, so an immense amount of coordination will be required in administering PODs (points of dispensing) once they become available, particularly in rural areas.

With the Governor's November 10th announcement of 'Stay at Home 2.0' and the prospect of further restrictions, Mr. Rowley reported that Eureka County has been able to operate successfully within COVID guidelines. The goal is to continue operating safely while providing uninterrupted services to the residents of the County, and this goal is advanced and accomplished with participation by County departments, such as limited access to the DMV Field Office, temporary closure of the Swimming Pool, and suspension of social events in County facilities.

Mr. Rowley will continue providing transparent updates as information becomes available.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from: County Health Officer J.J. Goicoechea; District Attorney Ted Beutel; Sheriff Jesse Watts; Emergency Management Director Jeb Rowley; Eureka County Television District; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board; Mt. Wheeler Power; Nevada Dept. of Transportation; David Allen; US Dept. of the Interior-BLM; Governing Daily newsletter (2); and White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Approved by vote of the Board this 7th day of December, 2020.

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea
J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

I, Jackie Berg, Commissioner Administrative Assistant, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the November 16, 2020, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

/s/ Jackie Berg
Jackie Berg, Commissioner Administrative Asst.

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 Commissioner Administrative Assistant.

/s/ Lisa Hoehne
Lisa Hoehne, Clerk Recorder