

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 16, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF NEVADA)
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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

1. Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item.
Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda, in the direction of the Chair. (For Possible Action)
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on December 16, 2025. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, District Attorney Ted Beutel and Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. Commissioner Mike Schoenwald was absent. The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. The interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the agenda with the change to move the Greenlink North item to after the 10am public hearing, Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public comment and discussion. *Notice: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public comments may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Public comment may be allowed on "Action" items, in addition to the two times specified on the agenda. (Discussion)*

Chairman McKay called for public comment in both Crescent Valley and Eureka, hearing none he proceeded to the next item.

2. Consider items requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. *Notice: The public is welcome to request agenda items for future meetings during the Public Comment period or may consult with one or more of the Board of Commissioners to request agenda items for future meetings. (Discussion)*

None considered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes of November 4, 2025 and November 18, 2025 Commission meetings. (For Possible Action)
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Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Commission meeting minutes from November 4, 2025 and November 18, 2025. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

COUNTY COMPTROLLER – Kim Todd, Comptroller

1. Payment of expenditures. <i>Notice: Expenditures received after action has been taken under this Comptroller section may be presented and acted upon throughout the day.</i> (For Possible Action)
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The board along with Comptroller Kim Todd reviewed expenditures.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,450,255.43 with passthroughs of \$786.00 to Nevada Department Taxation room tax, \$177,438.76 to Nevada State Controller school taxes, \$9,898.76 to Nevada State Controller, \$1,280.00 to Nevada Division of Minerals and \$135.00 to Washoe County Crime Lab. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

2. Review Fund Balance Report. (Discussion)
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The board reviewed the current fund balance report.

SENIOR CENTERS - Linda Gordon, Senior Center Program Director

1. Report on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. (Discussion)
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Senior Center Program Director Linda Gordon reported for the month of November that they deposited \$2,929.50, Crescent Valley served 635 meals and Eureka served 647. The Pan Mine ordered around 90 meals within 3 days adding to Eureka's meal count.

IT-Misty Rowley, CIO

1. Discuss, approve or deny Quote #021713 from Quest in the amount of \$7,885.02 for a three-year term (January 31, 2026 – January 31, 2029) for the S2 door-control software subscription and support renewal, utilizing funds budgeted in the Technology Support budget. Authorize the CIO to execute the quote outside of the meeting. (For Possible Action)
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S2 door-control software subscription and support is a three-year renewal, the amount of \$7,885.02 will be for another three-year term (January 31, 2026 – January 31, 2029).

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Quote #021713 from Quest in the amount of \$7,885.02 for a three-year term (January 31, 2026 – January 31, 2029) for the S2 door-control software subscription and support renewal, utilizing funds budgeted in the Technology Support budget and authorize CIO Rowley to execute the quote outside of the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

- 2. Discuss, approve or deny Quote #115555 from Smarsh in the amount of \$6,193.35 to renew the County's current text-message and Facebook archiving platform, and to add LinkedIn archiving with a one-time setup fee of \$525. Authorize the CIO to execute the quote outside of the meeting. (For Possible Action)**

The county currently uses Smarch to archive text messages of county issued cell phones and Facebook, CIO Rowley wants to start archiving LinkedIn messages as well.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Quote #115555 from Smarsh in the amount of \$6,193.35 to renew the County's current text-message and Facebook archiving platform, and to add LinkedIn archiving with a one-time setup fee of \$525 and to authorize CIO Rowley to execute the quote outside of the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

- 3. Discuss, approve or deny Quote #25-11-21 - 9200L-24P from Quest in the amount of \$6,197.39 for networking equipment at the Crescent Valley Substation utilizing funds budgeted in the Technology Support budget. Authorize the CIO to execute the quote outside of the meeting. (For Possible Action)**

The quote in the amount of \$6,197.39 will cover networking equipment replacements at the Crescent Valley Substation.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Quote #25-11-21 - 9200L-24P from Quest in the amount of \$6,197.39 for networking equipment at the Crescent Valley Substation utilizing funds budgeted in the Technology Support budget and authorize CIO Rowley to execute the quote outside of the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY –

- 1. Discuss, approve or deny quote Q-778786-45996TF from Axon to provide and install dashboard cameras on up to twenty Eureka County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles using funds for contract services (010-024-53010-058) in the District Attorney's budget, at the rate of \$44,884.80 once a year for five years, beginning January 2026. (For Possible Action)**

The District Attorneys office worked with the Sheriff's office and the IT department to arrange the contract with Axon, the dashboard cameras are the same brand the Sheriffs office uses for body cameras. The dashboard cameras will offer another layer of safety for the deputies as the Sheriff and dispatch will have the ability to watch the footage live. Transferring the footage to the District Attorney's office will be electronically transferred doing away with SD cards.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve quote Q-778786-45996TF from Axon to provide and install dashboard cameras on up to twenty Eureka County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles using funds for contract services (010-024-53010-058) in the District Attorney's budget, at the rate of \$44,884.80 once a year for five years, beginning January 2026. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a stipend to secure the availability of one prosecutor on each Friday offices are closed beginning January 9, 2026. *Note: NRS 178.760 provides a stipend of \$450 for a prosecutor to be available on weekends and holidays; this action item will provide a stipend for each Friday Eureka County offices are closed. (For Possible Action)*

Item was tabled.

Chairman McKay recessed the regular meeting to open the Public hearing and called for public comment.

10:00 – PUBLIC HEARING – COUNTY ROOM TAX ORDINANCE

Notice was given that the Board of Eureka County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on December 16, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Eureka County Commission Chambers in the County Courthouse at 10 South Main Street, Eureka, Nevada. The reason for said hearing is to invite public comments and consider changes to the County Room Tax Ordinance, specifically Title 4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Taxes, Chapter 50, Section .010 Definitions, Subsection G.

1. Open public hearing and invite comments on the changes considered to the County Room Tax Ordinance, specifically Title 4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Taxes, Chapter 50, Section .010 Definitions, Subsection G. **(Discussion)**

Chairman McKay explained the Recreation Board proposed changing the wording of the County Room Tax Ordinance from 4 rooms to 1 room. Assessor Mears commented on section I, the County Assessor no longer collects the room tax for the County the Treasurer does, the wording in section I will also need to be changed. Co-Owner of the Colonnade Hotel Jamie Willis asked why the changes were being requested. Chairman McKay explained the changes have been discussed for many years that it felt unfair that AirBnB's and RV spots were not subject to the tax.

Chairman McKay closed the public hearing.

2. Discuss, approve or deny changes to the County Room Tax Ordinance, specifically Title 4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Taxes, Chapter 50, Section .010 Definitions, Subsection G. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve changing County Assessor to County Treasurer in Subsection I and 4 rooms to 1 in subsection G in the County Room Tax Ordinance Title 4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Taxes, Chapter 50, Section .010 Definitions. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

GREENLINK NORTH TRANMISSION LINE PROJECT - Charles Hutchinson, Senior Planner for POWER Engineers/WSP (consultant to NV Energy on the Greenlink North Project)

1. Receive update on, discuss and consider responses regarding the Greenlink North Project including overview of ongoing activities, project progress and timelines, next steps, opportunities for continued coordination with the County, and address any questions and/or concerns. **(For Possible Action)**

Charles Hutchinson, Senior Planner for POWER Engineers/WSP and consultant to NV Energy on the Greenlink North Project and Chloe Chism Government Relations Advisor for NV Energy presented to the Board. The presentation included the many different permits acquired ranging from NEPA, NDOT, waterway permits and stormwater discharges. They showed the route that the Greenlink North Transmission line will follow and its involvement in Eureka County. Natural Resource Manager Jake Tibbitts asked if NV Energy plans on purchasing any land to use as a material yard. Charles Hutchinson commented they do plan to purchase or lease property. Public Works Director asked about public spectrum licenses. Natural Resource Manager Jake Tibbitts asked about housing what they planned to do for their potential 300 workers. Matt Johns, the VP for land and environment services answered they are still looking into suggestions for housing.

Chairman McKay recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing, calling for public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING - THE DECEMBER 2025 PURCHASING PROCEDURES ORDINANCE

Notice was given that a public hearing would be held on December 16, 2025, beginning at 11:00 a.m. (local time) in the Eureka Commission Chambers in the County Courthouse at 10 S. Main Street in Eureka, Nevada. The reason for said hearing is to invite public comments and take action on an ordinance amending the 2018 EUREKA COUNTY CODE, TITLE 3, INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY, CHAPTER 20, PURCHASING PROCEDURES. This ordinance was proposed by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners, and a copy of said ordinance is on file in the office of the County Clerk for public examination.

1. Open public hearing and invite comments on proposed ordinance, described herein, to amend Eureka County Code. **(Discussion)**

Chairman McKay explained the changes to the 2018 EUREKA COUNTY CODE, TITLE 3, INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY, CHAPTER 20, PURCHASING PROCEDURES includes vendor requirements for a purchase order from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and in subsection G changing the, for less than bid, from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Chairman McKay closed the public hearing.

2. Close public hearing and consider adopting as presented, adopting with further revisions, or denying an ordinance amending the 2018 Eureka County Code by modifying purchasing policies in Title 3, Chapter 20. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the presented ordinance amending the 2018 Eureka County Code by modifying purchasing policies in Title 3, Chapter 20. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

Chairman McKay called the meeting back to order at 11:15 am.

UNR EXTENSION – JJ Hendrickson

1. Presentation of the Eureka County Annual Extension Report. **(Discussion)**

Item was tabled.

2. Discuss, approve or deny adopting a Proclamation declaring January 2026 as “National Radon Action Month” **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve adopting a Proclamation declaring January 2026 as “National Radon Action Month”. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 2026 AS
"NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH IN NEVADA"**

WHEREAS, the state of Nevada, known for its natural beauty, is also home to abundant uranium deposits that, while beneficial in certain applications, naturally break down into radon gas—a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that can pose serious health risks to residents; and

WHEREAS, radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and the second leading cause among smokers, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimating that 21,000 Americans lose their lives each year due to lung cancer caused by radon; and

WHEREAS, *in addition to lung cancer*, emerging research has connected radon exposure to an increased risk of stroke in post-menopausal women as well as a potential link to childhood leukemia, underscoring the broader public health implications of radon exposure; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer tragically claims the lives of more women than breast cancer and all other cancers combined, emphasizing the significant risk posed to Nevadans, who face an even higher likelihood of radon-related lung cancer compared to the national average; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one in four homes in Nevada has elevated radon levels, and radon concentrations can vary widely between neighboring homes, making community awareness and individual testing essential; and

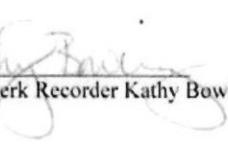
WHEREAS, testing is the only reliable method to detect elevated radon levels in homes, and this simple, low-cost process can lead to effective mitigation efforts that significantly reduce health risks and improve the safety of Nevada households; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nevada, Reno Extension's Nevada Radon Education Program, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, continues to support statewide initiatives to educate Nevadans about radon risks, promote mitigation, and encourage radon-resistant new construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Eureka Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims **January 2026** as "**National Radon Action Month in Nevada**" and urges all residents to protect their health and the health of their families by testing their homes for radon. Free radon test kits will be available throughout January and February at numerous pick-up locations, including Extension offices statewide, to help Nevadans ensure a safe and healthy home environment.

Adopted this 16th day of December, 2025.


Rich McKay, Chairman of the Board of
Eureka County Commissioners

ATTEST 
County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES – Amy Hyne-Sutherland, Health & Human Services Manager

<p>1. Presentation on previously conducted Eureka County Community Needs Survey together with a discussion of opioid data and options. (Discussion)</p>
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NACO Health & Human Services Manager Amy Hyne-Sutherland presented to the board the results from the Eureka County Community needs survey, 188 residents across the county participated in the survey.

2. Discuss, approve or deny hiring a contractor to complete assessment and choose contractor based on the 3 bids received. **(For Possible Action)**

Amy Hyne-Sutherland presented 3 bids received from contractors to complete the assessment 2 bids were for \$40,000 and 1 for \$8,000.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve hiring Impact Evaluation for \$8,000 to complete the Community Needs Assessment. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

JUVENILE PROBATION– Steve Zimmerman, JPO

1. Discuss, approve or deny a temporary credit limit increase on the County purchasing card issued to Irma Davila, in the amount of \$1,500 (\$2,000 total), for the months of January, February, and March for the purchases of Dance Program supplies. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a temporary credit limit increase on the County purchasing card issued to Irma Davila, in the amount of \$1,500 (\$2,000 total), for the months of January, February, and March for the purchase of Dance Program supplies. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny a temporary credit limit increase on the County purchasing card issued to Steve Zimmerman, in the amount of \$1,000 (\$2,500 total), for the months of January, February, and March for the purchases of Dance Program supplies. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a temporary credit limit increase on the County purchasing card issued to Steve Zimmerman, in the amount of \$1,000 (\$2,500 total), for the months of January, February, and March for the purchase of Dance Program supplies. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny out-of-state travel on February 28th to March 4th, 2026, for Stephen Zimmerman and Irma Davila to attend the IVAT's (Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma) 23rd Annual Hawaii International Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii. *Note: Funds for this conference will be paid for by a PACE Coalition grant.* **(For Possible Action)**

Juvenile Probation Officer Zimmerman explained that the IVAT conference teaches them how to help children and their families deal with traumatic events. Funds for the conference will be paid for by a PACE Coalition grant same as the previous years trip.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve out-of-state travel on February 28th to March 4th, 2026, for Stephen Zimmerman and Irma Davila to attend the IVAT's (Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma) 23rd Annual Hawaii International Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

TREASURER-Pernicia Johnson, Treasurer

1. Review list of tax delinquent properties held in trust by the Treasurer and consider proceeding to sale pursuant to 2019 Order of the Board and NRS Chapter 361. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to instruct the Treasurer to proceed to sale on the delinquent properties pursuant to 2019 Order of the Board and NRS Chapter 361. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

2. Review and approve Eureka County's acquisition of any of the tax delinquent parcels pursuant to NRS 361.603. **(For Possible Action)**

Treasurer Johnson proposed the county purchase several Nevelco properties that have gone delinquent, Public Works Director Rowley explained he may have more suggestions at a later meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Eureka County's acquisition of the Nevelco properties on the tax delinquent parcels list pursuant to NRS 361.603. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Russell Conley, Chair

1. Per recommendation of the Planning Commission, review and consider approval of a parcel map submitted by Josh Lowe for division of property in Diamond Valley (a portion of APN 007-260-01). **(For Possible Action)**

Public Works Director Rowley presented to the Board in place of Planning Commission Chair Russell Conley, Josh Lowe submitted a piece of property located in Diamond Valley to be divided in half, he is the buyer of one of the halves. The Planning Commission met and approved of the parcel division.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the parcel map submitted by Josh Lowe for division of property in Diamond Valley (a portion of APN 007-260-01). Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

NORTHEASTERN NEVADA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NNRDA) –

Sheldon Mudd, Executive Director NNRDA

1. Discuss, approve or deny renewing the interlocal cooperative agreement with Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority for January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2030, and allow the Chair to sign outside of the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

NNRDA Executive Director Sheldon Mudd presented via Webex, the interlocal cooperative agreement with Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority will be extended for another 5 years. Chairman McKay commented the NNRDA is a valuable organization for Eureka County to participate in, working with developers and different mining interests and how they contribute to the community.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve renewing the interlocal cooperative agreement with Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority for January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2030. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES-Cristina Lopez, Human Resources Director

1. Report on Human Resources projects and activities. (Discussion)

Human Resources Director Cristina Lopez reported the county has 94 benefited employees and 4 open positions. Director Lopez helped interview for the Sheriff and Clerk Recorder offices. She continues to work on the NeoGov implementation for the new HR system, she is working closely with the Comptroller and other supervisory employees. December 11th was the county Christmas party and there were approximately 130 attendees.

2. Discuss, approve or deny reestablishing and implementing Eureka County's Mission, Vision and Values previously approved by the Board on June 3, 2023. (For Possible Action)

Eureka Counties mission, vision and values has not been updated since 2023, Director Lopez believes reaffirming the values can help with prevention and accountability. Setting standards helps to guide employees and their supervisors.

Item was tabled until all Commissioners were in attendance.

The board recessed for lunch break.

Chairman McKay called the meeting back to order at 12:39pm.

AMBULANCE AND EMS – Nichole Cooley, EMS Director/Coordinator

1. Report on EMS projects and activities. (Discussion)

EMS Director/Coordinator Nichole Cooley reported Crescent Valley recently had multiple calls in the same hour, and Cortez sent their ambulance and paramedics to help cover a call. For November Eureka had 8 calls, MedEx in Eureka had 3, Crescent Valley had 7 and Medex in Crescent Valley had 3, they brought in \$14,000.

2. Report on contract services. (Discussion)

The Eureka clinic had 198 patients, Pena saw 103, Laurel saw 78, Harper saw 4, Rocky saw 13 and the Crescent Valley clinic had 21 patients.

- 3. Discuss and consider updating the name only on the former contract to house EMS contracted service providers, with D&D rentals for the contract to reflect the new owners company name, C&R Hills RV Park. (For Possible Action)**

C&R Hills RV Park purchased D&D Rentals, they are on board to continue housing the contracted EMS providers, all that is changing in the agreement is the name.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve updating the name only on the former contract to house EMS contracted service providers to reflect the new owners' company name, C&R Hills RV Park. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

- 4. Discuss, approve or deny recommendation from Eureka County Emergency Medical Services regarding the top-ranked proposals/candidate for the Crescent Valley Emergency Ambulance Services and provide specific direction to the EMS Director in proceeding with the next steps, including contract negotiations to start outside of meeting. (For Possible Action)**

EMS Director/Coordinator Nichole Cooley put together a committee to go through the submitted proposals, they also held a meeting for the Crescent Valley public to come, ask questions and share their concerns. EMS Director Cooley is recommending Medex for the contracted Crescent Valley Emergency Ambulance Services for a total of \$300,000.00.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve entering into contract negotiations with Medex for Crescent Valley Emergency Ambulance Services. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

- 5. Discuss, approve or deny a quote for CAD/HIH integration for Sun Ridge Systems for integration with RIMS for an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00. for IT capital outlay (010-018-55010-000) previously approved by the BOCC. (For Possible Action)**

Item was tabled.

SHERIFF- Miles Umina, Sheriff

- 1. Report on Sheriff's Office projects and activities.**

Sheriff Miles Umina reported for the month of November there were 144 traffic stops with 54 citations written, no arrests but there are still 4 in custody. In Crescent Valley a deputy was bitten by a dog which led them to reevaluate the dog ordinance and some changes that will need to be made.

2. Discuss, approve or deny the purchasing of two new vehicles for the replacement of two patrol vehicles from Champion Chevrolet utilizing State Purchasing Bid #99SWC-S3138 Fleet Vehicle. Both vehicles will need to be upfitted for patrol after purchase. 1st Vehicle Item #5.3 - Chevy Tahoe for the amount of \$70,300 2nd Vehicle Item #2.13 - 2500 Chevy crew cab pickup for the amount of \$69,700. Both are to be paid with money budgeted for Sheriff's Vehicles Capital Outlay (010-034-55010-092). **(For Possible Action)**

Undersheriff Cobb presented to the Board 2 new vehicles to replace 2 trucks in the Sheriff fleet, they are choosing diesel trucks to help pull the equipment trailers they have. The Sheriff's office rotates out 2 trucks a year and they are choosing to replace Ford with Chevy. The amount needed for upfitting the trucks will be on a later agenda.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the purchase of two new vehicles for the replacement of two patrol vehicles from Champion Chevrolet utilizing State Purchasing Bid #99SWC-S3138 Fleet Vehicle. 1st Vehicle Item #5.3 - Chevy Tahoe for the amount of \$70,300 2nd Vehicle Item #2.13 - 2500 Chevy crew cab pickup for the amount of \$69,700. Both are to be paid with money budgeted for Sheriff's Vehicles Capital Outlay (010-034-55010-092). Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve, deny contracting services with Lexipol for Policy writing and implementation for \$5,180.00 and policy management platform for 2025 in the amount of \$3,764.53. The yearly contract for the platform in the amount of \$11,293.60 and final portion of full implementation will be \$5,180.00 after fiscal year 2026. **(For Possible Action)**

Lexipol will help the Sheriff's office with updating policies, Sheriff Umina explained the payment schedule for contracting services with Lexipol; for fiscal year 2025 the writing and implementation will be \$5,180.00 and the policy management platform will be in the amount of \$3,764.53. In July for fiscal year 2026 the contract will be in the amount of \$11,293.60 and the final portion for full implementation will be \$5,180.00.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve contracting services with Lexipol for Policy writing and implementation for \$5,180.00 and policy management platform in the amount of \$3,764.53 for fiscal year 2025. The yearly contract for the platform in the amount of \$11,293.60 and final portion of full implementation for \$5,180.00 for fiscal year 2026. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC WORKS/COUNTY FACILITIES – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

1. Update on Public Works projects and activities, including activities and events at County-managed facilities. **(Discussion)**

Public Works Director Jeb Rowley reported for the month of November; the Museum had 70 visitors, the Opera House had 614 visitors, for the holiday craft bazaar the Opera House had 21 booths and 282 visitors. The Eureka swimming pool had 107 visitors; they are preparing to get numbers for the deck and locker room floor resurfacing that was budgeted for 2026. The Eureka landfill had 526 customers for a total of 369 yards of municipal solid waste. The Crescent Valley transfer site had 19 customers with 181 yards of waste. Painting of the Senior center and Eureka clinic is finished and they will use the leftover paint in the well 2 building. Two road operators are scheduled for their CDL testing at the Elko Motor Carrier site, all the SCBA compressors are serviced at the Diamond Valley, Eureka and Crescent Valley fire stations.

2. Discuss, approve or deny an amendment for additional scope in the contract with Lumos & Associates for engineering, design, and related professional services for Eureka Town Phase 2C in the amount of \$293,950.00 utilizing monies budgeted for surveying and engineering in the Regional Transportation Commission Fund (025-110-55010-357) and the Eureka Water & Sewer Fund (045-177/178-55010-357) for a total contract price of \$376,710.00. *Note: This includes initial design approved in the amount of \$82,760.00, final design for Phase 2C in amount of \$173,950.00, and includes right of way dedications, abandonment, or easements in the amount of \$120,000.00.* **(For Possible Action)**

Public Works Assistant Director Jayme Halpin explained the final design in the Eureka Town Water and Sewer improvement project is Phase 2C. The amount of \$293,950.00 will utilize monies budgeted for surveying and engineering in the Regional Transportation Commission Fund (025-110-55010-357) and the Eureka Water & Sewer Fund (045-177/178-55010-357) for a total contract price of \$376,710.00.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve an amendment for additional scope in the contract with Lumos & Associates for engineering, design, and related professional services for Eureka Town Phase 2C in the amount of \$293,950.00 utilizing monies budgeted for surveying and engineering in the Regional Transportation Commission Fund (025-110-55010-357) and the Eureka Water & Sewer Fund (045-177/178-55010-357) for a total contract price of \$376,710.00. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss, approve or deny application for a 2-inch commercial water service for APN 002-032-22 (at 330 3rd Street, Crescent Valley). **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve an application for a 2-inch commercial water service for APN 002-032-22 (at 330 3rd Street, Crescent Valley). Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES – Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager

1. Report on current and emerging natural resource issues affecting Eureka County. **(Discussion)**

Natural Resources Manager Jake Tibbitts reported the Diamond Valley Groundwater Management Plan annual meeting reported the pumping last season was 55,000-acre feet of water which is almost exactly what it was the year prior. They believe the water rights that were retired helped with the water levels. The state has made it clear that they will enforce penalties if someone overuses their amount of water. The individual will have 30 days to replace the water in the account or they will be fined. The Humboldt River Basin Water Authority met and discussed the replacement for the State Engineer. The Mule Deer Enhancement Program will be applying aerial seeds on the Whistler Mountain range.

2. Discuss and consider responses to current efforts by US Fish and Wildlife Service to revise various regulations to implement the Endangered Species Act (ESA) including FWS-HQ-ES-2025-0029 (ESA Section 4(d) – “Blanket rule” / threatened species protections); FWS-HQ-ES-2025-0048 (ESA Section 4(b)(2) – Critical habitat exclusion framework); FWS-HQ-ES-2025-0044 (ESA Section 7 – Interagency consultation); and FWS-HQ-ES-2025-0039 (ESA Section 4 – Listing/delisting & critical habitat determinations). **(For Possible Action)**

The letter to the US Fish and Wildlife Service comments in support of the 4 rules “Blanket rule”/threatened species protections, Critical habitat exclusion framework, Interagency consultation, and Listing/delisting & critical habitat determinations. The changes will restore back to the regulations that existed before the Biden administration. NRAC will meet following the BOCC meeting to discuss and approve the letter.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve responses to current efforts by US Fish and Wildlife Service to revise various regulations to implement the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and allow NRAC to add anything deemed necessary. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

3. Discuss and consider response to proposed rule by US Environmental Protection Agency and US Department of the Army that would clarify the definition of "waters of the United States" and fully implement the US Supreme Court decision, Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency. **(For Possible Action)**

Eureka County has always supported the rules by US Environmental Protection Agency and US Department of the Army due to the Humboldt River being determined a “Waters of the United States”. NRAC will also discuss the item and comment on the effects of roads and culverts the proposed rules will have.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve responding to the proposed rule by US Environmental Protection Agency and US Department of the Army that would clarify the definition of "waters of the United States" and fully implement the US Supreme Court decision, Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

4. Discuss and consider sending letter expressing support with certain amended language of the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act (SPEED Act). **(For Possible Action)**

The Utah “7 Counties Decision” states that the BLM failed to properly implement NEPA by considering impacts far removed. NRAC will discuss commenting on removing language to not “box in” the impacts rail projects could have.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve NRAC sending a letter expressing support with certain amended language of the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act (SPEED Act) and allowing the Chair to sign outside of the meeting. Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence. **(Discussion)**

Nevada State Grazing Board, District N-6 notice of public meeting on January 15, 2026 at the Eureka County Administrative Facility, Division of Water Resources submitted 2026/2027 budget, NDEP Response to the Third Quarter 2025 Groundwater monitoring report for Sams Corner Store, Prospector Pipeline Company letter and update, TV Board approved budget, Eureka Needs Assessment flyer from UNR Extension office, December 17, 2025 NRAC Agenda. Notice of NRAC’s meeting date change from the 10th to the 17th, NACO Board of Directors December 12th meeting summary, Mybrary Christmas card, Allison Makenzie Christmas gift.

2. Commissioner reports on pertinent correspondence or other matters. **(Discussion)**

None reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public comment and discussion. *Notice: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public comments may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Public comment may be allowed on “Action” items, in addition to the two times specified on the agenda.* **(Discussion)**

Chairman McKay called for public comment in both Crescent Valley and Eureka, hearing none he proceeded to the next item.

2. Consider items requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. *Notice: The public is welcome to request agenda items for future meetings during the Public Comment period or may consult with one or more of the Board of Commissioners to request agenda items for future meetings.* **(Discussion)**

County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling passed out copies of the County Boards list and asked all the department heads to go through and help organize who is up for reelection or reappointment.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment of meeting.

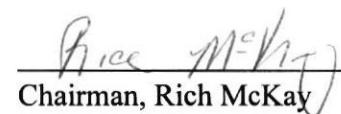
Commissioner Plaskett motioned to adjourn the meeting, Chairman McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk Recorder Katelyn Ziemann.

Approved this 6th day of January 2026 by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.

ATTEST:

County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling



Chairman, Rich McKay