

Minutes from the February 05, 2019 Commission Meeting

February 05, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Esmeralda County Courthouse
Commission Chambers
233 Crook Ave., 2nd Floor
Goldfield, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

Delon “De” Winsor -	Chairman
Timothy Hipp -	Vice-Chairman
Ralph Keyes -	Commissioner
Robert Glennen -	District Attorney – In Court
LaCinda Elgan -	Clerk of the Board

2. PUBLIC COMMENT. (Discussion only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item. It must be placed on an agenda, at a later meeting for action.)
None.

3. *RECESS TO ESMERALDA COUNTY BOARD OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION:

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to recess to the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commission.
Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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4. *APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.

Commissioner Hipp has a question on an expenditure for the Visitor Center for \$4,689 to NDOT. Mike Anderson said it is county match money for a grant that was never paid for District 1. It was a one-time-only payment.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the expenditures.
Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

5. *DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL: Rejected Vendor Bills from Auditor’s Office.

January 23, 2019

TO: The Honorable County Commissioners

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RE: Partial Rejected Bill

I have been presented with a bill from Sherry Huffman, for Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$1,369.26. I have approved \$912.84 to be paid and have disallowed a portion of the bill in the amount of \$456.42 according to NRS 244.210, NRS 244.250 and NRS 244.215.

Reason for rejection: Invoice ESM 19-01 appears to be 6 months old.

This can be approved by the County Commissioners if they so order, by a unanimous vote of its members and certified by the Clerk of the Board that all voted for its passage.

Please review the bill and designate if the additional \$456.42 is approved or rejected for payment.

Sincerely,

Vera Boyer
Co. Auditor & Recorder

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the \$456.42 bill to the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

6. ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the 10/11 and 10/16 Meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the minutes from the 10/11 and 10/16 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

7. ***FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
None

8. **UPDATE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF:**

Robert Glennen – District Attorney – not present
Ken Elgan – Sheriff – not present
LaCinda Elgan – Clerk/Treasurer - nothing
Ruth Lee – Assessor – not present
Vera Boyer – Auditor/Recorder – not present
Mike Anderson – Goldfield Utilities/Es. Co. Public Works Supervisor

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Goldfield Utilities:

January 11th, 2019: Commissioner Timothy Hipp and I had meeting about how we could help Goldfield and work on any issues we had with the office or just anything, here is a list of discussions we had:

1. Discussed what equipment is up and running and what is down, possibly seeking another backhoe to ensure we have tools needed to do the job.
2. Discussed about the sidewalks along Crook Avenue, getting a general quote to see how much it cost to do a block, if possible, replace the sidewalk between Euclid and 5th avenue. If money is available, do the section between 5th avenue and Columbia where no sidewalks currently exist. Try to fix one or two sections each year until all has been improved.
3. Discussed putting on paper the process of obtaining utilities, doing a step by step process with estimate time periods given, example: Step #1 go to the treasurer office and pay \$50 to get a quote. Step #2, the utility department will provide a reasonable amount of time of when the estimate would be done.
4. Discussed the visitor center, trying to make it sustainable, possibly having a food vendor to help defer cost.
5. Discussed about putting signs up at the Visitor Center to allow for weary travelers to rest for a few hours, but no long-term stays.

January 23rd, 2019

William Bailes, Bradley Johnson and Lori Anderson had a class in Tonopah at the Tonopah Convention Center for Water Distribution Grade 1 & 2 and Basic Water Operations Math, they all said it was a good training class and learned a lot from the class. Everyone got to meet new people there at the class as well the Tonopah Public Water employees that work for the Tonopah Public Water.

General Maintenance

Bradley, Rodney, Willy and Chris helped take down all the Christmas lights along with the decorations that were put up.

Bradley, Rodney, Willy and Chris are working the fence project over at the Utility yard, getting the fence up and it's looking good over there.

After letting the commissioners know about the restrooms at the Visitor Center last meeting, they restrooms are looking better and not having complaints about them being dirty or our appliances not getting destroyed.

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Update Information:

We did switch Rodney Watkins and William Bailes, William Bailes is currently working for the Goldfield Water Department and Rodney Watkins is currently working for the Goldfield Maintenance Department now.

We will be seeking applications for employment for the Fish Lake Valley Maintenance Department – Part Time Position.

He wanted to know if there were any questions on the sewage leak in the basement. Commissioner Keyes asked if everything is handled. Mike said everything is good.

Commissioner Keyes asked about the visitor center. Mike said it made our sewage problem look like nothing. He said you have to use a hose to hose the place out.

Commissioner Keyes made a motion to incorporate it into the minutes. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

Sherry Huffman – Administrative Assistant

Sherry came up and said she got a new computer and not everything is put back on it. She also wanted to let everyone know she had a meeting with the people from Commodities. She asked for more fresh foods and is very encouraged.

Sylvia Rich – Public Administrator – not present
Robert Glennen – Public Guardian – not present
Public Lands Committee – hasn't met
Kenneth Elgan – DEM Coordinator – not present
Fish Lake Valley Park Board – did not meet last month.
Esmeralda County Library Board – not present

9. Update of Current and Future Meetings and Activities of Commissioner's Winsor, Hipp and Keyes. (This is only an update. No decisions will be made.)

Commissioner Keyes stated that he met with the new Valley Electric CEO, Angela Evans, in Fish Lake Valley last month.

He attended the NACO meeting last month and there is a resolution regarding the roads. SB48 would give us tax on diesel fuel. He will put this on the Road agenda.

NACO (National Association of Counties) will meet this year in July. He said he will also be attending the next Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting in March and attended the Conservation District meeting last month and they offer a small amount of money to help with

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noxious weed control and they also have a well camera that provide well owners that need to do a video of a well to see the condition of the well. The pump has to be pulled out to use this.

Commissioner Hipp stated that during his campaigning someone had mentioned that whoever won should sit down with each department head so he spent December and January meeting with each department head and it has been a really good experience and he got a lot of information. He has a work force meeting on 2/21/19.

Commissioner Winsor stated he attended a meeting down in Vegas on the Work Force Connection. They talked about putting trades back into school. Unions are behind it and there were a lot of good points to it. It was a good conference.

He is going to Laughlin later this week for an Inter Mountain Water Conference.

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR / GENERAL PUBLIC ACTION ITEMS:

10. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve updated agenda policy, schedule of due dates, and corresponding meetings, dates, and agenda request form. (LaCinda Elgan)

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the new policy and schedule of due dates. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

11. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss Esmeralda County requesting Las Vegas or Reno local TV channels when submitting a Market Modification to Federal Communication Commission. (Lynn Scott, Ron Payne, Tim Hipp)

Lynn Scott has been pioneering this since last September. She said it was a lot more involved then she thought. It's the Nielson Marketing Area. Sending a letter to the FCC is not going to be enough.

The first step is going to be sending a letter to Dish, DirecTV and the FCC asking for permission to do this and they can say yes or no. If they say yes, we would officially request it.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve of Esmeralda County requesting Las Vegas or Reno local TV channels when submitting a Market Modification to Federal Communication Commission.

Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion, decision and possible adoption of a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Esmeralda County supporting the advancement of the Gemfield Project, including the realignment of a certain portion of U.S. Highway 95. (Michael Anderson and Tim Hipp)

Mike came up and stated that when their permitting is signed off (which should be soon) one of the first things that will be done is to move the highway. Both the development of the mine and the movement of the highway will be done at the same time. The director of NDOT and the Governor's office of Economic Development suggested a resolution from the Commissioners to expedite the process of moving the highway.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve and adopt the resolution (number to be determined) of the Board of County Commissioners of Esmeralda County supporting the advancement of the Gemfield Project, including the realignment of a certain portion of U.S. Highway 95.

Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Revize has been put in place as our website representative. Both Logan at Devnet and Joe Nagrant have been given each other's information and there will not be any problems integrating the Tyler software. Accept proposal and proceed with signing sales agreement. (Sherry Huffman)

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to sign the agreement with Revize.

Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Asking the Honorable Commission to appoint a representative for the Nevada Regional Water Authority Board of Directors for Esmeralda County. (Sherry Huffman)

Sherry came up and stated that Chris Wagonseller applied for the position. Commissioner Keyes stated that the actual name is the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority. Mr. Wagonseller came up and said he just has an interest to serve the community. Commissioner Keyes asked if he had visited any of the people (farmers) in Fish Lake Valley as they are the biggest users, the agricultural users and that is an over-allocated basin. Mr. Wagonseller agreed that is over-allocated; one of the most in the state and said he had only been to Fish Lake Valley once. He also said he is willing to travel.

Commissioner Keyes stated he thought Chris would be a good fit.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to appoint Chris Wagonseller to the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority Board of Directors for Esmeralda County.

Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: (TIMED ITEM: 11:30AM):** Approve and sign Public Defender contract between Esmeralda County and Jason Earnest Law, LLC. (Jason L. Earnest, Esq.)

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve and sign Public Defender contract between Esmeralda County and Jason Earnest Law, LLC pending review by D.A. Robert Glennen. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to recess until 11:30.
Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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18. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: (TIMED ITEM: 11:30AM):** Rural Dental Health Program update. Presentation will include summary of services that have been provided, those that could or should, and next steps. (Dr. Joseph P. Iser)

Dr. Joseph P. Iser has been in Tonopah already. They started the outreach about 3 years ago in the rural parts of Clark County. They mostly do immunizations but they can do more. The state funded them for a 3-month project.

They want to know where to go in the County and to advertise that they will be here.

They have done a budget and are looking at doing 1-2 trips per month. They are also asking for a letter of support and he asked that our county participate in a survey.

16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Linda Skretta's medical insurance was cancelled as of 09/30/18 but her termination date was 11/09/18 so it should have been terminated as of 11/30/18. She called Vera Boyer several time to get it straightened out and Vera kept saying she was working on it but it still has not been resolved. Michelle Garcia also asked her about it and she has not received an answer from Vera either. Linda called the State Insurance Board and they are also looking in to it. Linda is also having trouble getting insurance from the Insurance Marketplace because of this issue. Something needs to be done. (Linda Skretta)

Vera Boyer on the phone. Vera stated this was resolved last week. She sent Sierra Health and Life a letter to reinstate.

Commissioner Keyes made a motion that Michelle Garcia and Vera Boyer work together to expedite the process to get Linda Skretta what she needs to get her medical insurance back on track as soon as possible.

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Commissioner Hipp asked Vera if she could get the letter done today. She said yes. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion with the addition that she would get it done today. All in favor: Motion carried.

Commissioner Hipp brought the subject up that there are two people doing the same job and maybe just one person should be doing it.

17. **FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION ONLY. NO DECISION WILL BE MADE:** Verano/Lone Mountain Partners, LLC will be presenting themselves and their intentions regarding a retail marijuana store in Esmeralda County. (Adam Diltz and Walt Turner)

Walt Turner is with Access Realty and is working with the seller of the Northern bar. Natasha Majewski with Pistal and Stigma, LLC is here with Adam Diltz of Lone Mountain Partners, LLC.

LaCinda stopped the conversation and stated that before they even get to this point, they are supposed to submit background checks to the Sheriff and start that way. She said she understands the intent and is not trying to diminish that but she believes they are putting the cart before the horse. Mr. Turner stated that his intention in coming here today was to introduce themselves. They are not trying to go full speed ahead yet. They really want to be a part of a community and let the community tell them what is needed.

Danielle Johnson came up and stated that the Northern is less than a block away from the only school here in Goldfield.

LaCinda stated that a: you have to submit a background check; b: you have to submit your security plans, before anything happens.

Natasha stated that Pistal Stigma's role is working with the regulations. Their CEO is the person who got the first rural Nevada dispensary open in Fallon.

Jeri Foust came up and wanted them to keep in mind that Goldfield likes historical buildings.

COMMISSIONER'S ACTION ITEMS

19. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Recess of meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to recess. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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20. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION** - Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on conference with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation presented in closed meeting.

The union issue and insurance for the County was discussed.

21. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** - Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conducting labor negotiations, conferring regarding labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters.

None.

22. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in closed meeting.

N/A

23. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

24. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** (Discussion only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item. It must be placed on an agenda, at a later meeting for action.)

None.

25. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.