

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE
ESMERALDA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 7, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Esmeralda County Courthouse
Commission Chambers
233 Crook Ave., 2nd Floor
Goldfield, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.
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.)
3. *RECESS TO ESMERALDA COUNTY BOARD OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION:
4. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR AND/OR SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE ESMERALDA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
5. *APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.
6. *DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL: REJECTED VENDOR BILLS FROM AUDITOR'S OFFICE.
7. *FINANCIAL REPORTS:
 - a. Clerk
 - b. Ambulance billing
 - c. Taxes
 - d. GFU
 - e. SPU
 - f. Auditor/Recorder
 - g. Justice Court
 - h. Sheriff
 - i. Assessor
 - j. Transfer(s)

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

Robert Glennen – District Attorney
Ken Elgan – Sheriff
LaCinda Elgan – Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Lee – Assessor
Karen Scott – Auditor/Recorder
Mike Anderson – Goldfield Utilities/Es. Co. Public Works Supervisor
Amanda Daeseleer – Administrative Assistant
Danielle Johnson – Public Guardian
Sylvia Rich – Public Administrator
Public Lands Committee
Kenneth Elgan – DEM Coordinator
Fish Lake Valley Park Board

9. UPDATE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSIONER'S BOLAND, KEYES AND BATES. (This is only an update. No decisions will be made.)

10. ***CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – These are items that Staff recommends for approval. The Board reserves the right to move any consent agenda item to the regular segment of the agenda should issues arise that need to be address.

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR / GENERAL PUBLIC ACTION ITEMS:

11. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Creation of Health and Wellness program and Medical Director Position. (Sam Wise, MD)
12. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION and possible approval of applying to State of Nevada Department of Transportation for a Transportation and Multimodal Planning/Transit Section Federal Grant under Section 5311 in the amount of \$19,699 for Operating Expenses for the Esmeralda County Transportation Program. (Susan Dudley)
13. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION and possible approval of applying to State of Nevada Department of Transportation for a Transportation and Multimodal Planning/Transit Section Federal Grant under Section 5310 in the amount of \$40,000 for the purchase of a Senior Van for the Esmeralda County Transportation Program. (Susan Dudley)
14. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Revoking Resolution 09-R-1 to put in place new resolution for mapping. (Ruth Lee / Shawna Dawson)

15. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Public Guardian's request for payment for reasonable services rendered in case no CV-09-4995, pursuant to NRS 253.240 and the Court Order. (Danielle Johnson / Lora Myles / Robert Glennen)

COMMISSIONER'S ACTION ITEMS

16. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Response to the inquiry made by the State Water Engineer from the Nevada Division of Water Resources regarding water rights in basin #117. (Commissioner Keyes)
17. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Select Susan Dudley as grant writer and consultant to county staff on administrative issues associated with same on any future submissions required for the Federal Land Access Program Grant, increase monthly compensation in her existing contract by \$550.00 per month to cover FLAP duties as above and other additional grant of administrative professional work as requested by the County Commission, and amend the scope of work in her contract to reflect same. (Commissioner Boland)
18. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: To propose an Ordinance regulating animals running at large, wild and exotic animals in the towns of Goldfield and Silver Peak, Esmeralda County; Establishing Administrative Civil and Criminal penalties and other matters properly related thereto. (Commissioners)
19. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – EMERGENCY ITEMS**
20. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Recess meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation.
21. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** - Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on conference with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation presented in closed meeting.
22. ***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.
23. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in closed meeting.
24. CORRESPONDENCE

25. 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.)
26. *ADJOURNMENT:

NOTE: The asterisk "*" denotes action agenda items.

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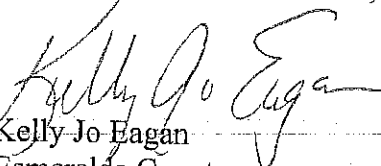
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Kelly Jo Eagan
Esmeralda County
Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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March 3, 2015
Esmeralda County Courthouse
Commission Chambers
233 Crook Ave., 2nd Floor
Goldfield, Nevada 89013

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Nancy Boland	-	Chairman
Michelle Bates	-	Vice Chairman
Ralph Keyes	-	Commissioner
Robert Glennen	-	District Attorney
LaCinda Elgan	-	Clerk

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

3. RECESS TO ESMERALDA COUNTY BOARD OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION:

Commissioner Bates made the motion to recess. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

BACK TO ORDER

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR AND/OR SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE ESMERALDA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bates made the motion to approve the minutes of 2/3/15 and 2/17/15. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Commissioner Bates made the motion to approve the expenditures. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

6. DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL: Rejected Vendor Bills from Auditor's office:

None

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Commissioner Bates made the motion to take a brief recess to sign expenditures. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

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11. DISCUSSION ONLY: Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain District Oil and Gas Lease Sale for July 2015.

Tim Coward, Field Manager from Tonopah. He presented a copy of a map showing the Oil and Gas Sale offered and deferred parcels and grazing allotments. We started out with 197 nominations; there are about 124 that the Battle Mountain District did not defer, we are recommending to go through with the sale. The Oil and Gas leases are for 10 years, within that 10 years they have the right to explore.

There were discussions regarding the EA (Environmental Assessment).

There were discussions regarding the parcels available for lease.

Commissioner Keyes asked about any other potential areas in Esmeralda County for lease that were not nominated?

Tim Coward stated the way this works is the companies go out and they are the ones that come in with a nomination.

Ed Rannells asked if there are any financial impacts related to the sales for the County.

Commissioner Boland stated it will depend on if there is an excess, it might be like the Geothermal Leases.

18. DISCUSSION/DECISION: To accept Albermarle Rockwood Lithium's offer to provide materials and labor to paint the Silver Peak Community Center and Library and or providing their assistance to accomplish upgrades/or repairs to these buildings or other needs in and of the Town of Silver Peak:

Ken Guthridge from Rockwood Lithium, he has been in the area since 1981, he was in Law Enforcement for 20 years, and is currently employed by Albermarle Rockwood Lithium Mine. He has put together a community volunteers, these people are going to volunteer their own time to paint the library. There are three things that they have identified as of now; the Library, Community Center and some empty lot cleanup. They want to present Silver Peak as something nicer and dressier. He also thinks the Sheriff and Commissioners could help with the nuisances. They would also install the county's spare water well with their equipment, if the county would purchase the parts.

There were discussions regarding air conditioning for the library.

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Commissioner Boland stated there are plans to replace the doors on the community center, she needs to find out when that is going to happen.

Mike Anderson stated the weather is a factor and also having the time.

Ken Guthridge stated they want to help the community and of course we would like to see some involvement from the Board too.

Commissioner Keyes stated the speed of government can drive you nuts, sometimes it is better to ask your neighbor if you can give a hand cleaning this mess. Before you go on any property make sure you have proper permission.

Ken Guthridge asked about having Tonopah Conservation Camp clean Main Street.

There were discussions regarding having Community Service Volunteers to clean up.

Commissioner Boland stated there will be a USDA meeting on March 24th to discuss community needs and economic development.

Ken Guthridge stated he would like approval to paint the Library and Community Center; they would also put the new doors in. He stated they could discuss doing the Water Well.

Mike Anderson stated that is being done today.

Ken Guthridge stated they would look at the Solar Lights.

There were discussions regarding the non running vehicles in the streets.

Commissioner Boland asked Sheriff Elgan if there is something we can do about the cars.

Sheriff Elgan stated they need to survey the roads and find out where the right of ways is and make sure they are on the roads other than that we can't do anything.

Ed Rannells stated he would take any car that someone wants to get rid of because it can be turned to money for the County Solid Waste Department.

There were discussions regarding what is needed to be done to get the cars moved.

Commissioner Boland made the motion to allow Albermarle Rockwood Lithium to paint the Silver Peak Library, paint the Silver Peak Community Center and replace the entrance doors and that we will not bill them for any water used in the pool this year.

Ken Guthridge asked "this year".

Commissioner Boland asked if they wanted this forever?

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Ken Guthridge stated that is what he would like; in return we are giving up the \$1,500 forever.

Commissioner Boland made the motion to give Albermarle Rockwood Lithium permission to paint the Silver Peak Library to paint and replace the doors on the Silver Peak Community Center and that we not bill them for any water used in the Pool operations until further notice and that they will not request the \$1,500.00 that the County generally contributes to the pool operations until further notice. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

12. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Regarding the safe containment and proper housing of livestock including but not limited to swine (porcine/pigs) and chickens (poultry), within the town limits of Goldfield:

Linda Enlund stated we have had a problem with a neighbor that has two pigs that run loose. We have small children that live on this street, and if the kids are outside the pigs scare them and if the kids are eating and the pigs try to eat their food. She is asking that the animals be contained in their yard, which also includes the chicken running around the neighborhood pooping in everyone's yard. She knows that there is a leash law for dogs, but we need something regarding swine and chickens.

Commissioner Keyes asked if there is any ordinance for livestock.

Commissioner Boland stated no.

Matthew Kirkland stated they did go and talk to both parties about the pigs and chickens running all over the place; he took statements and told the people to keep them in their yard. The Judge also sent a letter telling them to keep their animals penned up and if there were any other incidents with the animals running loose then the District Attorney's office was going to get involved, this all we can do because there is no Ordinance in place.

Commissioner Boland stated she was reading the Nevada Livestock Law NRS 568.300; we would need to do an Ordinance to keep them from running at large on the highways and streets.

There were discussions regarding the definition of livestock.

There were discussions regarding the State of Nevada being a "Fence out State" and doing an Ordinance for the Town.

Commissioner Boland stated somebody is going to need to write an ordinance.

District Attorney Glennen stated he would need direction on how broad or narrow they want this Ordinance.

Commissioner Boland stated she thinks we should just keep it for the towns.

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Sheriff Elgan stated they could mirror the Dog Ordinance and just make it farm animals.

Commissioner Boland suggested Bob Glennen also include something regarding wild animals not being allowed in the towns.

District Attorney Glennen stated he will get the Ordinance done.

Commissioner Bates made the motion to recess. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

BACK TO ORDER

7. Financial Reports:

Monthly Financial Reports for February 2015

Clerk	-	\$ 522.40
Ambulance	-	\$ 2,208.69
Taxes	-	\$ 79,820.24
GFU	-	\$ 10,007.46
SPU	-	\$ 5,515.50
Auditor/Recorder	-	\$ 8,991.05
Justice Court	-	\$ 64,947.52
Sheriff Dept	-	\$ 780.00
Assessor	-	\$ 708.06
Transfer	-	-

At the request of Ken Elgan Sheriff, and with your approval, I will make the following transfer of funds on the 2014-2015 budgets.

General Fund

Transfer from: Sheriff's service & supplies	\$20,000
Transfer to: Sheriff's SD/overtime/holiday	\$20,000

Commissioner Bates made the motion that we approve the requested transfer and the financial reports. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

8. Update of current and future meetings and activities of:

Robert Glennen – District Attorney: Will talk about legal matters later.

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Ken Elgan – Sheriff: We have received a Grant for Electronic Ticketing. We just received another bill from Nevada Department of Prisons for housing Coleman Ward, it is costing a little of \$6,000 a month to house him there, we are still waiting for a bed at Lake Crossing. He will be leaving to go to Vegas for a meeting tomorrow.

LaCinda Elgan – Clerk/Treasurer: Waiting for someone to apply for the part time position in her office, no applications yet. We are starting our year end procedures for taxes.

Ruth Lee – Assessor: not present

Karen Scott – Auditor/Recorder: Karen Scott stated her office is busy; she does have the budgets copied for the Commissioners. She also has not received any applications yet, she did received a call about the position but she was not interested when she learned what was involved in the job.

Commissioner Boland asked if they had contacted Man Power to help temporarily.

LaCinda Elgan stated for just routine things yes she would be comfortable with that but the problem is finding someone who is willing to travel and if they are willing to travel then they have to justify the cost to travel versus the amount we pay.

Karen Scott stated that and the experience we require.

Mike Anderson – Goldfield Utilities / Es. Co. Public Works Supervisor: Submitted the following the report:

2/10 – Met with Michelle Stamates from State to tour wells, booster stations and WTP.
2/11 – MSHA training class for dept. and EIS phone conf. with Metallic Goldfield and BLM.
2/6 -2/26 – step test and discharge test on Klondike 1 well.
2/18 – NSSAB meeting in Beatty.
2/23 – Went to Reno to meet with Metallic Goldfield to discuss providing water and infrastructure.
2/25 – EIS phone conf. with Metallic Goldfield

Finished up outstanding estimates.

Getting Silver Peak well building ready for new pump which starting 3/3/15.

We are down an employee due to on job accident. He will be off at least another 3 weeks.

Working on installs.

Finished up my budget and fixed assets

Got David Peterson from Central Nevada AC/DC Electric to work on transformer in FLV well.

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Amanda Daeseleer – Administrative Assistant: Amanda stated we received our USDA Grant this morning, so we should be getting our first Senior Bus soon. Commissioner Boland asked her to find the mailing receipts for the comments we sent in on the Greater Sage Grouse By State Distinct Population segment Forest Plan Amendment.

Danielle Johnson – Public Administrator / Public Guardian: not present

Public Lands Committee: Ed Rannells asked in regards to the Sage Grouse situation if there is something they need from the Committee. Commissioner Boland at this point no.

Kenneth Elgan - DEM Coordinator: He was informed that in the job description of the Ambulance Coordinators and Fire Chiefs it is part of their job description to show up, hopefully we can get that done. Willy Bailes has successfully completed his entry level examine for the Category 3 in Carson City yesterday.

Fish Lake Valley Park Board: no report

9. UPDATE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSIONER'S BOLAND, KEYES AND BATES:

Commissioner Keyes submitted the following report:

On February 18th I attended the NSSAB Groundwater Open House in Beatty. There were many representatives there from DOE, Nye County and the NSSAB. There were kiosks with various scientists, hydrogeologists, and other experts to answer questions from the public. During the NSSAB meeting that followed there were updates from the members and discussions of the Environmental Management activities such as cleanup and closures of some of the historic testing sites and the NNSS.

On February 19th the new Fish Lake Valley Park Board was installed. All of the retiring members were thanked for their service and new and existing members were welcomed. Gary Fedor is the Chair.

I attended the USDA Energy Grant Workshop on February 26th at the FLV Library. Mark Williams from the USDA explained the various grant and loan programs for their Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). There were several local farmers, ranchers and businesses represented in attendance. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2015. For more information call Mark at (775) 887-1222 Ext. 116.

I will be attending the CNRWA Meeting on March 6th in Carson City. This will be very interesting, it is during Legislative Sessions.

The Fish Lake Valley Park Board will be meeting on March 11th at 7:00 pm, that I will attend.

There is a VEA District meeting in FLV on March 19th at 5:00 pm at the FLV Community Center that I will also attend.

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The USDA will be hosting the Tourism Workshop here in FLV on March 24th from 9:00 to 12:00 noon at the Community Center. There are Grants available for nonprofits and municipalities through the Nevada Commission on Tourism.

He also attended the LEPC meeting as a voting member and we do need to make sure we can get every member to show up so we have a quorum.

Commissioner Bates stated she has been attending all the Goldfield Projects telephone conferences. She attended the NACO Board of Commissioners on the 27th, discussed what Bills we want to support. On March 30th there will be another NACO meeting and the meeting with the Governor later that evening.

Commissioner Boland there was a bit of a dispute, the people that have their cattle out at Lida Jackson Flats has been experiencing some communication problems with the BLM Field Office. There sounds like there are some conflicts in stories between BLM and the Cattlemen. The meeting on the Zero One Odyssey Tours that she had at the BLM office earlier, Earl told her he never received the MOU that we had talked about in our meeting to detail what our understanding was. Ed Rannells stated he did not think we did that. Ira Hansen added some verbiage to one of his speaker Bills to address an issue having to do with Counties getting land from the Federal Government. She will be going to Las Vegas after the meeting today.

Commissioner Bates stated that at the NACO meeting, Clark County is now doing away with their Blue Cards, Gun registration cards.

Commissioner Boland stated she is reviewing the final version of the Grater Sage Grouse and she will meet with Skip and the Forest Service to asked where are comments are.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

13. DISCUSSION/DECISION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Programs has been supporting seniors and some disabled for many years. In order to keep these programs going we are requesting the county to pitch in their fair share. Refer to letters sent to the Commissioners dated 28 January 2015 (and 29 January 2014). The referenced letters may already be in your files and they provide additional info. I would also propose creating a fund to support those that may be in need of an Emergency Response System. We support the Phillips Life Line PERS. I suggest a fund which would provide financing for three annual systems. The amount suggested for the fund is \$2,000.00. The details can be worked out if the Board thinks this is a feasible act:

Commissioner Boland asked Sheriff Elgan if the Phillips Life Line PERS is functional for a lot of the Fish Lake Valley residents.

Sheriff Elgan stated he does not know how the system works; he does know they have one individual out there that abuses the system.

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There were discussions regarding what RSVP does.

Commissioner Bates stated she would need more information before she could make a decision.

Commissioner Keyes stated maybe we could request a more detailed report on what Roland has actually done, and find out how many people are using this system.

Sheriff Elgan stated he thinks we need more information before we donate money.

Commissioner Boland stated we are supporting the Legal Aid and doing the Senior Transportation right now.

NO ACTION TAKEN

14. DISCUSSION/DECISION: To purchase parcels 001-166-07, 001-382-02 and 001-383-02 that the County decided to keep for possible future development or put up for Auction on August 1, 2015:

Commissioner Boland stated the amount owed is \$1,243.16, in the motion they need to say they are waiving the penalties and special assessments on the parcels.

LaCinda Elgan stated part of the discussions is if they want to keep them, last year Commissioner Pappalardo took them off the land sale list for the purpose of potential housing development. She wanted to know if they still want to hold on to them or put them on the land sale.

Commissioner Boland asked if anybody has been following up with the Nevada Rural Housing Authority.

There were discussions regarding what the properties are and what Commissioner Pappalardo intentions were.

Commissioner Bates made the motion to purchase parcels 001-166-07, 001-382-02 and 001-383-02 for the County and money to come out of Miscellaneous Miscellaneous and we pay only the Ad valorem. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

15. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Approval to transfer funds into Ambulance Admin line item or split the cost of the Transworld Collection Service fee between the Goldfield, Silver Peak and Fish Lake Valley Ambulance Service and Supplies:

LaCinda Elgan stated due to Transworld Collection cost she will need an additional \$720.00. She will need to know where to get the funds from.

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Commissioner Boland stated she thinks we should take it out of Miscellaneous Overhead Miscellaneous.

Commissioner Bates made the motion we take \$720.00 out of Miscellaneous Overhead Miscellaneous and transfer it to Treasurer's ambulance fund 52213. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

16. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Approval for Doug Kile, Fish Lake Valley Fire Chief to have a credit card issued for Fish Lake Valley Fire Department:

Commissioner Keyes stated they have been buying certain items for the Fire Department with their own credit cards then get reimburse, so he suggested they get a county credit card and this way they don't have to pay the tax.

Commissioner Boland asked if he wanted to put a limit on the card.

Commissioner Keyes stated they could put a cap on it.

Commissioner Boland stated she didn't mind as long as they are not abused.

LaCinda Elgan stated as the Treasurer of the County we have had several incidents where the bills are not paid and this particular entity has had issues. What happens is she get phone calls and then she needs to work with the people to get the issues straighten out. She suggested that possibly they could use the Commissioners credit card.

Commissioner Boland stated that the credit cards use has been more widely distributed in the county since she started. We have had problems in the past when the people were using their county card to buy things that were not county things. She stated if they do need to purchase something with a credit card then we could use one somebody already has.

Commissioner Keyes stated that the FLV Fire Department does minutes and post them, they vote on what to spend money on. He said when somebody buys with their personal credit card they are paying taxes.

LaCinda Elgan stated that they would pay sales tax even with a county card unless you do the proper work to exempt you.

Commissioner Keyes thought this would tidy things up if we do this.

Commissioner Bates stated whatever they decide the next item is the same issue.

There were discussions regarding the Emergency Services setting up accounts with whoever they want to do business with.

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Commissioner Boland suggested because this isn't something done all the time they could use Amanda's credit card when they need something.

Commissioner Boland read in item 17 to include in the motion

17. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Approval for Valerie Trucksa, Ambulance Coordinator to have a credit card issued for Fish Lake Valley Ambulance Services:

Commissioner Bates made the motion that we right a letter to Doug Kile and Valerie Trucksa with the avenues to pursue on purchasing items for the Fire Department and Ambulance Services, she would to direct our Administrator Assistant to write the letter. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to take a short break. Commissioner Bates gave the second.

Motion carried.

BACK TO ORDER

19. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Regarding updating the existing contract/agreement between Chris Arabia, Public Defender and Esmeralda County that expires on June 30, 2015 or putting the Public Defender contract/agreement out for bid:

Commissioner Bates if there are any problems with Chris.

Commissioner Boland said no.

Commissioner Keyes asked if there is an extension period in the existing contract.

Commissioner Boland said no. She said this may be a mute point depending on what happens with the Legislature. She suggested we put this off until later and find out what is going on there.

District Attorney Glennen asked what they were talking about.

Commissioner Boland stated for the State to start assuming their responsibility. Depending on how this comes about we may have to make some changes in our budget.

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20. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Appoint from letter of Interest Esmeralda County Public Administrator:

LaCinda Elgan stated they received letter from Sylvia Rich, and explained why we have to appoint someone to this position.

Commissioner Bates made the motion to accept the letter of interest for the County Public Administrator to appoint Sylvia Rich. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

23. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Nominate one individual submit to the Governor to fill vacant Esmeralda seat on the State Land Use Planning Advisory Committee:

Commissioner Boland stated she would like to move that we nominate Commissioner Bates to submit her name as one of the possible applicants to fill the vacant Esmeralda seat on the State Land Use Planning Advisory Committee. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

24. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Select Commissioner(s) to be main and alternate if desired contacts for Esmeralda County with Southwest Rural Brownfields Coalition:

Commissioner Boland stated this is what we have going on with White Pine, Inyo etc. She stated Dominic was on this and she would do it if the Board wants.

Commissioner Keyes stated yes he would like that.

Commissioner Bates made the motion that we select Commissioner Boland to be the main contact for Esmeralda County with Southwest Rural Brownfields Coalition and Commissioner Bates be the alternate. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

25. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Change scheduled Special Meeting on May 19, 2015 to May 18, 2015 to coincide with mandatory Budget Hearing Date:

Commissioner Bates made the motion to change the meeting from May 19th to May 18th, 2015 to coincide with mandatory budget hearing. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

26. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Set dates for remaining Budget Workshops:

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Commissioner Boland stated we are going to have one on the 10th of March, she suggested we have one more workshop to review the department budgets and call anyone we have questions for. She suggested sometime during the week of the 16th – 20th.

Commissioner Bates stated she doesn't have anything scheduled for that week.

There were discussions regarding having the second meeting on the 16th.

Karen Scott stated she was trying to get Dan McArthur's dates set. She asked if the Board wanted the departments there on the 16th or just call them if they have questions.

Commissioner Boland stated she prefer we just call the department heads as needed.

Karen Scott stated on April 15th she has to have the tentative to State. She did talk to Dan, the dates he has available are April 2nd and the 6th. She stated he also has 7th, 8th and tentatively the 9th.

There were discussions regarding having meetings with Dan on the 2nd and the 9th.

Commissioner Boland made the motion to recess. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

BACK TO ORDER

30. **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:

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to close the meeting. Commissioner Bates gave the second.

Motion carried.

31. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in closed meeting.

Commissioner Boland asked that item 30 and 31 be put on the second meeting of the month.

26. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Set dates for remaining Budget Workshops:

Commissioner Boland stated Dan McArthur informed Karen Scott that he can be here on April 2nd and April 9th.

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Commissioner Boland made the motion that we have a budget workshop on March 16th to continue our discussions on the departmental budgets, and that we have a budget workshop with our outside Auditor present on April 2nd and April 9th. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

27. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – EMERGENCY ITEMS

None

21. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Conduct employee evaluation of Mike Anderson, Public Works/Goldfield Utilities Supervisor, determine performance rating and take any follow up action needed as a result of the evaluation including recommendation for wage increase, or disciplinary action:

Commissioner Boland asked Mike if there are any problems he is having that he needs to talk to them about to help him do his job better.

Mike Anderson stated not anything he can think of at this time.

Commissioner Boland stated first category is interactions and communications.

Commissioner Bates stated she hasn't had any problems with Mike and since becoming a Commissioner she has been enlightened to how Mike does. He has always been respectful and getting her e-mails keeping her informed.

LaCinda stated we are stuck between a rock and a hard place sometimes. We have people who given us money for an estimate over six months ago and there is still no estimate done. Then somebody comes in and pays for an estimate and they get it in a matter of days. Other than that we had some issues, Mike and I have worked that out between us.

Commissioner Keyes stated Mike has been very responsive to his request for help in Fish Lake Valley. He has done what he said he would do.

LaCinda stated Mike helps us with our commodities, and she does know sometimes that makes it hard on them because they have to drop whatever they are doing.

Commissioner Boland stated communications is very good.

Commissioner Boland asked about leadership and initiative.

Commissioner Bates stated she thinks he directs his men pretty well, she hasn't heard a complaint.

Commissioner Boland stated we do have Mike over stretched on some things.

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Commissioner Keyes stated he thinks Mike's more of a buddy than a boss, his guys think of him more of a buddy than boss and sometimes it might be more of a detriment to being the boss, but that is Mike's style. He lets them do their job and expects them to do their job, he doesn't have to baby sit them. He feels that Mike seems to be sometimes to easy going.

Leadership and initiative – satisfactory

Listening and responsiveness – excellent

Understanding and following instruction – excellent

Technical Knowledge – more than satisfactory

Planning and Organization – Commissioner Boland stated she thinks Mike does well on that but he just has too much to do.

Personal Behavior – Commissioner Bates feels this should be excellent. Commissioner Boland stated he has a good attendance record.

Safety – He just had one injury.

LaCinda Elgan asked to back up, she stated sometimes after Mike and his people are gone for the day we have situations that happen and we have a hard time finding somebody for help. She stated if Mike is gone who should we call, and if everyone is going to be gone to let her know so she can let the customer know. She asked that Mike communicate with her for when he isn't going to be available.

Safety – Commissioner Boland asked Mike if he could improve some safety meetings with the staff. Mike Anderson stated he believes we are the only department in this county that has safety meetings.

There were discussions regarding how the procedures worked with getting Bill Schultz treated.

There were discussions regarding having a workshop to go over the accident reporting procedures.

Overall Performance – Commissioner Bates stated she thinks Mike's overall is excellent. Commissioner Keyes stated he had excellent for the most part, but the safety is satisfactory.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion that the conduct of employee Mike Anderson's evaluation would be Public Work / Goldfield Utility Supervisor is excellent and recommend we consider him for a possible wage increase on our budget workshops. Commissioner Bates gave the second.

Motion carried.

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22. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Conduct employee evaluation of Amanda Daeseleer, Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners, determine performance rating and take any follow up action needed as a result of the evaluation including recommendation for wage increase, or disciplinary action:

Commissioner Boland reminded everyone about when they went through this for Amanda's probationary review; the only thing there was an issue about was attendance.

Commissioner Bates stated she thinks Amanda's relationship with the public and the community is fine.

Commissioner Boland stated she thinks that is one Amanda's strength is that she is very clear in her communications.

Commissioner Keyes stated he doesn't really communicate with Amanda that much and he does know that she has been in training all over the place.

Commissioner Bates stated there is a little room for improvement in her communicating things to us.

There were discussions regarding Commissioners getting e-mails and having Carol knowing how to access her e-mails.

Commissioner Bates stated Amanda has been very helpful when she is there to help her do stuff.

Commissioner Keyes stated he had asked for help with some letters and she got it right out.

Commissioner Bates stated Amanda has been out of the office a lot lately and that has been a problem.

Technical knowledge – coming along

Planning and Organization - There were discussions regarding the Senior Van drivers. Commissioners asked that she let them know when she is going to take time off. – Satisfactory

Personal Behavior – Work attendance, already discussed.

Safety – excellent

Overall performance – Commissioner Boland stated Amanda is ranging from satisfactory to excellent.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion that the employee evaluation for Amanda Daeseleer our Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners ranges from satisfactory to excellent and any action needed for potential wage increase will be decided at our budget workshops. He would recommend consideration for wage increase. Commissioner Bates gave the second.

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Motion carried.

32. Correspondence.

None

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

Commissioner Bates made the motion to recess. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Boland asked for motion to approve that she can okay the payment of damages as advised by the POOL personnel. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

33. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

34. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Bates made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Boland gave the second.

Motion carried.

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Commission Chambers
233 Crook Ave., 2nd Floor
Goldfield, Nevada 89013

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Nancy Boland	-	Chairman
Michelle Bates	-	Vice-chairman
Ralph Keyes	-	Commissioner
Robert Glennen	-	District Attorney
Kelly Jo Eagan	-	Chief Deputy Clerk

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Mauer from Fish Lake Valley came before the Board to tell them about a situation that could be a future agenda item; this could also have budgetary implications that they are going to need to consider in their upcoming budget workshops for funds to set aside. He is referring to Division of Water Resources, they contacted Commissioner Keyes late last week and indicated they wanted to get together in a meeting with all the Principals in Fish Lake Valley, primarily the irrigators and discuss the water usage. This isn't anything new, Pahrump Valley is going through this, and Diamond Valley has been going through it. The State Water Engineer recently took 50% of supplemental rights away from Smith Valley in Yerington, crippling their agricultural abilities. When Ralph Keyes informed him of what was happening he called the Basin Division Engineer and talked to him for about an hour. John Mauer stated he believes the intentions aren't the Smith Valley / Mason Valley 50%, he feels it is more of a Diamond Valley approach. When we get together with a meeting we will frame the problem and look at potential solutions. The fact remains we do live in the desert, we are in a drought and we do have water issues. Commissioner Keyes and he both know we have a unique thing in Fish Lake where we have California involved, we really don't want California involved but he thinks they need to be at this table too. We have also reached out to Steve Bradhurst with Central Nevada Regional Water Authority, Jake Tibbitts from Eureka County, Oz Wichman with Pahrump Basin and also Dave Hall from Armargosa. He thinks we can put together a good team that can make a solid plan going forward.

Commissioner Boland reminded John Mauer that we still need one more Director on the Water Authority.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR AND/OR SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE ESMERALDA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

None

4. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the expenditures. Commissioner Bates gave the second.

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Motion carried.

5. DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL: REJECTED VENDOR BILLS FROM AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

Commissioner Boland read for the record the following:

I have been presented with a bill from Amanda Daeseleer, Commissioner Secretary, for Nevada State Bank in the amount of \$171.21. I have approved \$124.70 to be paid and have disallowed a portion of the bill in the amount of \$46.51 according to NRS 244.210, 244.215 and 244.250.

Reason for rejection: No receipt attached to backup. Amanda Daeseleer did provide a letter explaining the situation and why the receipts are missing.

I have researched the above referenced bill and found that it has not been previously paid. This bill 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 \$46.51 is approved or rejected for payment.

Commissioner Boland stated this appears to be for Commissioner Bates lodging when she went to Las Vegas.

Commissioner Bates stated the \$35.00 is for fuel, \$11.19 is what the hotel charges for Resort Fee. She would look again for the receipts.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve paying the bill for Nevada State Bank in the amount of \$46.51. Commissioner Boland gave the second.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Boland read for the record the following:

RE: Partial Rejected Bill

I have been presented with a bill from Mike Anderson, Public Works/Utilities Director, for Home Depot Credit Service in the amount of \$4,269.30. I have approved \$4,215.16 to be paid and have disallowed a portion of the bill in the amount of \$54.14 according to NRS 244.210, 244.215 and 244.250.

Reason for rejection: Invoices older than 6 months. Rachel Holt did provide a letter explaining the situation and why the invoices were not paid.

I have researched the above referenced bill and found that it has not been previously paid. This bill 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.

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Please review the bill and designate if the additional \$54.14 is approved or rejected for payment.

Commissioner Boland read for the record Rachel's letter.

Dear Karen, it recently came to my attention that I missed a few invoices for Home Depot four out of five of the ones I am submitting are older than six months. I am asking that they get paid; once they get paid our Home Depot Account will be totally up to date.

Commissioner Boland stated for the record, that this bill has probably over \$500.00 between finance charges and late fees. She stated this can't keep going on, she thinks we need to talk about this in the future.

Commissioner Bates made the motion we pay \$54.14 to Home Depot. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

6. TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

LaCinda Elgan read the reports for February 2015

Beginning of Month	\$9,787,304.50
Revenue	\$ 710,470.52
Expenditures	\$ 532,938.38
Ending Balance	\$9,964,527.14

Commissioner Keyes the motion to approve the Treasurer's financial report. Commissioner Bates gave the second.

Motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF TRANSFER(S):

None

8. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Review and sign the Nevada Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) Competitive Grant application for the 2015/2016 fiscal year for the Esmeralda County Senior Transportation program:

Commissioner Bates made the motion to approve. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

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9. **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

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

None

Commissioner Bates made the motion to recess. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

BACK TO ORDER

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

1. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Introduction of Ordinance amending ECO 178, regulating keeping wild/exotic animals and animals running at large in the Town of Goldfield:

Commissioner Boland stated this special meeting is for time sensitive items.

District Attorney Glennen stated he did not have the Ordinance ready yet. He feels he could have it before the Commissioner's in 20 minutes.

Commissioner Boland asked if this is time sensitive.

District Attorney Glennen stated it was the commissioners who decided last meeting it was time sensitive.

TABLED UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING

2. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Approve settlement reached pursuant to Mediation at the U.S. Federal District Court, Case No. 2:14-cv-01802-APG-PAL in the amount of \$30,000:

Amanda Daeseleer stated Karen brought it to her attention that the Board needs to discuss and state where the funds will come from.

Commissioner Boland made the motion to approve the settlement reached pursuant to Mediation at the U.S. Federal District Court in the total amount of \$30,000, \$5,000 of which will be paid from Esmeralda County Funds because it relates to a wage portion of the settlement that is not covered by POOL/PACT, so that should come out of Miscellaneous Overhead Miscellaneous; \$500 of the settlement is also the obligation of Esmeralda County and it represents the deductible on our insurance policy and that should be paid from our County General Insurance Fund which is also in the Miscellaneous category. The