

Minutes from the November 05, 2018 Commission Meeting

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10:00 a.m.

Esmeralda County Courthouse

Commission Chambers

233 Crook Ave., 2nd Floor

Goldfield, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

Michelle Bates -	Chairman – Not present
Delon “De” Winsor -	Vice-Chairman
Ralph Keyes -	Commissioner
Robert Glennen -	District Attorney – In Court
Sandy Roper -	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.)

Tim Coward, Field Manager with the BLM out of Tonopah, came up and brought a copy of a letter that will be coming in via certified letter that is offering up the land that is Gold Point; that everyone has been working on for quite a while.

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

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

4. *APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.

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

5. *DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL: Rejected Vendor Bills from Auditor’s Office.
None.

6. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the Meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners.
None.

7. *FINANCIAL REPORTS:
None.

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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 – not present
Ruth Lee – Assessor – not present
Vera Boyer – Auditor/Recorder

Vera wanted to let the commissioners know that Tyler Technologies is on site for the next 2 weeks. They are looking to launch live in March.

Mike Anderson – Goldfield Utilities/Es. Co. Public Works Supervisor

11/5/18

Goldfield Utilities:

10/9/18: National Field Services was here doing a ground resistance test for the new generator.

10/16 – 19/18: Sierra Controls was here getting out new generator connecting with Scada System.

10/16/18: Cashman CAT was here for the startup processing for the generator.

10/23/18: ABC Fire Extinguisher Company came out and did all our fire extinguishers service which are now up to date.

Currently working on the flow meter at the sewer ponds.

General Maintenance

Last month, we didn't mention in our last report, we did have to bury someone in our county, our new maintenance crew did a great job and everything came out great.

We went to Silver Peak Community Center, met with Art Merrill and De Winsor about what work needed to be done there.

We weatherized the bathrooms and closed them off for the winter and tidy up the park.

We are currently short staffed, we lost another employee, and we have to two positions that need to fill in the Maintenance Department.

Sherry Huffman – Administrative Assistant

Sherry stated that she will be out of the office on the 19-21st and on the 26th.

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Sylvia Rich – Public Administrator – not present
Robert Glennen – Public Guardian – not present
Public Lands Committee – haven't met
Kenneth Elgan – DEM Coordinator – not present
Fish Lake Valley Park Board

Commissioner Keyes stated that Jim Andrews, the Chairman of the Park Board, volunteered his time to do the retaining wall at the recreation center building to protect the propane tank and generator. Mike has been supplying some of the material and Commissioner Keyes has been volunteering some of his time too.

The Dorcas Women's Club had their Fall Festival last month and it was very successful. They had it in the new building and they had plenty of room.

There will be a Park Board meeting next Wednesday, which Commissioner Keyes will be attending.

Esmeralda County Library Board – not present

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

Commissioner Keyes: He attended the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting last month and there was discussion about some of the basins and what they are doing to reel in some of the over-appropriation of water. The biggest topic is de-salination. That would be both inside the state and outside the state. The big push is to try to work with California since they have an ocean full of water out there to possibly desalinate some of the water and in-turn Southern Nevada can buy some of the Colorado River water from them.

He also said he will be attending NACO next week.

Commissioner Winsor: He stated he has the NSSBA on the 7th. That is the Nevada Test Site Oversight Committee. He said he won't be able to make NACO because he has prior commitments.

Commissioner Bates stated that she will be attending NACO as well.

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR / GENERAL PUBLIC ACTION ITEMS:

10. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Need to have the indebtedness reports approved by the County Commissioners. Also need to have the debt management policy reviewed and signed by the County Commissioners. (Vera Boyer)

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Vera came up and stated that this is just a state report that the Commissioners have to approve of first and then they have to sign the management policy. She stated there are no changes from prior years.

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to approve the indebtedness reports and to review and sign the debt management policy.

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

11. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To award or not award the one bid for the Silver Peak Water System Improvement Project. (Susan Dudley/Mike Anderson)

Susan Dudley came up and stated it came in 3 times higher and we only got the one bid. She said she is going to try to call a meeting with the funders and try to go for more money. She talked to the USDA and there is a Bureau of Reclamation Water Grant that is due in January so we might try to go for that to get some additional money. We simply do not have this amount of money so we have no choice but to not award this bid.

Commissioner Keyes said he thinks this is going to be an ongoing problem because the economy has picked up considerably and any bid is going to be quite high so maybe the engineer that did the calculations needs to revisit where we are at.

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to not award the bid for the Silver Peak Water System Improvement Project.

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

12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Read and sign Letter of Promulgation regarding Hazardous Materials. (Sheriff Kenneth N. Elgan)

Sheriff is not in the meeting. Corrections on letter before signing.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to sign the Letter of Promulgation regarding Hazardous Materials.

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

13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Authorize Angela Jewell to get a county card. The limit should be set to the same as all other county cards (\$1,000). (Angela Jewell)

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to authorize Angela Jewell to get a county credit card and to set the limit at \$1,000.

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

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15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve to repay Kevin Haskew \$20 from the Esmeralda County Recorder for overcharging on 2 'Record of Survey' maps filed in Esmeralda County. (Kevin Haskew)

Ken Haskew is not present. Commissioner Keyes stated he looked at the back up and it made sense to him.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve to repay Kevin Haskew \$20 from the Esmeralda County Recorder for overcharging on 2 'Record of Survey' maps filed in Esmeralda County.

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

16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** FAA is planning to establish a facility to support the global position systems' procedures. See the enclosed items for further details/information. (Kelly Yamakawa, NavAid Engineering Group C)

Commissioner Keyes stated he spoke with the FAA people, specifically a gentleman by the name of Dong Lee, and they are interested in putting in a navigational system at the Dyer Airport. They are looking for our comments and questions to be in writing. Doug Degrazzio is here and has been keeping an eye out on the Dyer Airport and he and Bob Moss, who is a retired pilot, both think this would be a good idea. Commissioner Keyes asked Mr. Degrazzio if he would like to comment. Mr. Degrazzio came up and stated it is a GPS and land-based navigation system and it would help improve our medivac and help put us on the map, so-to-speak.

Commissioner Keyes would ask if there is going to be any money to do any maintenance, as he has been told we don't currently get any money from the FAA. Mr. Degrazzio said he understanding is that the FAA provides a stipend to every airport that is on the FAA registry in the United States.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the FAA to establish a facility to support the global position systems' procedures.

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

17. ***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.

None.

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

Not needed.

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19. ***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.

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

Not needed.

16. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

17. **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.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to recess until 11:00am.

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

14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: (TIMED ITEM: 11:00 A.M.)** Regarding setting the terms and conditions of Gemfield Resources, LLC revised application for services with Goldfield Utilities, including but not limited to following the Water Conservation Plan, Setting Rates, Deposit, compliance with the Goldfield Utilities Ordinances. (Mike Anderson, Susan Dudley)

Susan Dudley came up and stated that we had Laura Fernandez from Waterton Global and Ginger (could not understand last name) from Elko Mine on the phone. She stated that we are preparing for Gemfield Resources to become a customer of Goldfield Utility. They will not be the typical customer so we need to make some decisions on how we treat them as a customer. We based the usage at 500 gallons a minute, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. 262,000,800 gallons per year. The biggest costs would be power.

Depreciation. We are required to put aside some money to replace items that are used. Susan put together a depreciation schedule and replacement costs.

Commissioner Keyes asked if they are going to have their own reservoir. Susan said they are. They don't know yet how large the reservoir is going to be.

They also designed it to pump 800 gallons per minute if required. They have only committed to 500. The average is actually 380.

Susan stated that if we used the \$2.50 per 1,000-gallon rate, the deposit would look about like \$7950.00.

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Susan stated that we need to make sure the water conservation plan and the water and sewer ordinances are up-to-date.

Commissioner Keyes asked if there were different rates for day and night. Susan let him know there was not.

Susan is recommending that we set the rate at \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons and evaluate it every 6 months to a year. She also recommends a deposit of at least \$5,000, and that we work with the Division of Water Resources on the Water Conservation Plan and that Gemfield Resources needs to comply with what the Division says and that we have a current ordinance in place and they will follow that ordinance.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion that we set the terms and conditions with Gemfield Resources, LLC and revise their application for services with Goldfield Utilities, including but not limited to the following water plan and setting the rate for water at \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons, with a deposit of \$8,000 and they must agree to comply with the Goldfield Utilities Ordinance and also agree to a review of the rate and our plan every 6 months.

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

18. *ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to adjourn.

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