

# Minutes from the December 04, 2018 HIGHWAY Commission Meeting

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December 04, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Esmeralda County Courthouse

Commission Chambers

233 Crook Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Goldfield, Nevada

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.**

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| Ralph Keyes -       | Chairman                     |
| Delon "De" Winsor - | Vice-Chairman                |
| Michelle Bates -    | 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.)

None.

**3. \*APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.**

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to approve the expenditures.

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

**4. \*DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL:** Rejected Vendor Bills from Auditor's Office.

None.

**5. \*APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the Meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commissioners.

None.

**6. UPDATE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS.** (This is only an update. No decisions will be made.)

Commissioner Keyes stated he is going to go to the State Land Use Advisory Committee meeting on Friday at the state line and he did attend the last RS2477 Road Workshop with SLUPAC and he has some information he is going to share with Ed Rannells, the Road Supervisor.

**7. UPDATE OF ESMERALDA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS.** (This is only an update. No decisions will be made.)

Ed Rannells read the report into the minutes

## ESMERALDA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE

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Crews are currently:

Grading in the Gilbert area, east of Goldfield, and the county road to the Chiatovich area.

I recently met with George Burkdull from NDOT. He is auditing our road inventory which includes roads for which we receive gas tax revenue which we call standard roads, and those they call public roads which generally call these minor and travel roads. NDOT feels that we have many roads that are maintained at the level of standard roads (or gas tax revenue roads) but are not classified as such.

I explained that several years ago, I had contacted Steve Jackson, now retired, and Steve looked into the situation and informed me that even if we changed the designation of 100 miles of minor roads to standard roads, we would not receive any more revenue due to the gas tax formula with our low population.

NDOT would prefer that we accurately re-classify roads anyway, which we had previously decided not to do because there was no real benefit to Esmeralda County and the re-classification process is time consuming.

I have thought about this and have considered that following up on re-classifying could be beneficial to the county should the gas tax formula ever be modified and our inventory would also then be more accurate.

I will put this on a future agenda, but would be happy to have the Commissioners thoughts on the subject at any time. During this process, we could also classify all roads that we feel are RS2477 which could be valuable in the future to protect our RS2477 rights.

White Mountain Estates access issue:

I have been contacted by a new owner of property that is located behind and was previously part of the White Mountain Estates subdivision.

Evidently, when White Mountain Estates was originally approved, there was an easement providing access at the end of one of the streets. This person's land was part of the original property but when Nevada Land and Ranches purchased White Mountain Estates, a new parcel map was approved with cul-de-sacs at the end of those streets and the easement was eliminated. One possible solution is for the county to apply for Title V access and build a new road into the property by coming off the McAfee Road, near the existing gravel pit. Evidently, the new owner contacted Nevada Land and Ranches and the problem has not been solved.

This may also appear in a future agenda item, if necessary.

Silver Peak Project:

Doug Smith, who has been the Federal Lands Access Program Project Manager, has taken a new position within the Highway Design Team. Emilio Burgos will be the new Project Manager for

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the Silver Peak Road Project. We look forward to working with Mr. Burgos in the future. Thanks to Doug for his work on our project.

Equipment update:

JD 770 Motorgrader in Silver Peak: We are waiting for parts for the engine swap and we have transferred the 770 from Goldfield to Silver Peak for now, until we fill the vacancy in Goldfield.

JD 672 Motorgrader in Fish Lake Valley: we are making some progress and hope to have it back in service in the near future.

JD 544 Loader in Silver Peak: The priority is for the repair of the JD 770 Motorgrader. When that is complete, we will work on the loader.

The 10-Wheeler in Goldfield: is red-tagged due to broken leaf springs and transmission issues.

The compactor is still down at the landfill. We just haven't had time to get back on it.

JD 644 Loader in Goldfield is down and we have had no time to get on it.

JD 772 in Fish Lake Valley: We have repaired most of the hydraulic leaks.

The newer JD 772 Motorgrader in Fish Lake Valley: a tech is coming to work on this motorgrader as it needs computer programming. We could not get a tech from Las Vegas to come up so we ended up having someone come down from Elko. Therefore, we had to put him up for the night in Tonopah.

8. **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.

### 9. **\*ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to adjourn.

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