

# Minutes from July 7, 2015 Highway Commission Meeting

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July 7, 2015  
Esmeralda County Courthouse  
Commission Chambers  
233 Crook Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Goldfield, NV 89013

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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

Commissioner Bates made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular and special meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commissioners. Commissioner Boland gave the second.

Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

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

Motion carried.

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

None

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### 6. UPDATE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS:

Commissioner Boland stated she participated in the teleconference on the Three Hills EA with BLM and the Mine.

### 7. UPDATE OF ESMERLADA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS:

1. Crews are currently working:  
There has been significant flood damage to county roads in recent weeks. The Gold Point area was hit hard about 3 weeks ago and the Silver Peak Road, Coyote, Cave Springs Road and others got it on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. We are making repairs to all these areas.
2. The Conservation crew and road employees are currently performing pot-hole repairs on the Silver Peak Road.
3. We had an MSHA inspection at the screening plant last week. We received a few minor citations, most of which have already been terminated. One of these citations was because our operators have not had recent first aid training. I wrongly assumed that the small amount of first aid that is included in our annual MSHA refresher was all that was needed. We have a class scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>.
4. We are making steady progress at the screening plant, and are meeting gravel specs on a consistent basis.
5. We also made the short list on Phase 2 of the Silver Peak Road Project. It appears that this second phase, or a portion of it, may be added to the first phase, which is scheduled to break ground in Feb – March, 2016. This will more than likely mean we will be processing even more type II gravel this summer.
6. Finally, our office has been contacted by NDOT concerning functional classification of roads. At this time, only a few roads, including the Silver Peak Road, have been designated a functional classification, which means that they are eligible for federal funding. I'm thinking that we should consider the idea of establishing a functional classification of rural minor collector for several roads including Coyote/Cave Springs Rd, Oasis Poleline Rd, Lida Wash Rd, Wiley Rd, and Tonopah Poleline Rd. These roads provide access to various population centers and could potentially be future projects.

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8. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Permission to close N. Columbia between Highway 95 and Ramsey during Goldfield Days to hold a car show and possible other Goldfield Days activities and/or events:

Nancy Deaton stated the reason for closing the street is for a Car Show.

There were discussions regarding when to close the street.

Nancy Deaton stated they were hoping to get barricades from the Road Department. She asked to have the road closed on Saturday 8 am to Sunday 3 pm.

Georgia Swigert stated she thought the cars were coming in Friday Night.

Nancy Deaton suggested 5 pm Friday and until 3pm on Sunday.

Commissioner Keyes asked the Sheriff if there would be a problem closing the road.

Sheriff Elgan stated it shouldn't be a problem.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to close North Columbia between Highway 95 and Ramsey during Goldfield Days from the time of 5 p.m. August 31<sup>st</sup> through 3 p.m. August 2<sup>nd</sup> to hold a car show and possible other Goldfield Days events. Commissioner Boland gave the second.

Motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Approval of SF-299 form including the POD to acquire Title V Right of Ways for the South Access Road. This Right of Way is for Esmeralda County and is needed in conjunction with the Three Hills Mine just south of Tonopah:

Ed Rannells stated the South Access Road goes just South of Tonopah and he already did the Application. He stated BLM "demanded" that we do a plan of development which we have never done on a Title V Road.

Commissioner Boland made the motion to approve the SF-299 form to acquire Title V Right of Ways for the South Access Road. Commissioner Keyes gave the second.

Motion carried.

### 10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

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1. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Road closure of Sundog Ave and Crook Ave (US95) in Goldfield August 1, 2015 for Goldfield Days annual parade as approved by Ed Rannells and NDOT; and street closure of Euclid between Crook Ave and Ramsey and Crook Ave and Myers Ave July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>;

Commissioner Boland moved to approve. Commissioner Bates gave the second.

Motion carried.

2. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Approval to block off 5<sup>th</sup> from the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Pearl to the corner of the motel on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be having a Street Dance from 6pm to midnight. The Santa Fe will need street closed signs. On Saturday I will close the street at 9 am:

Commissioner Bates made the motion to block off 5<sup>th</sup> from the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Pearl to the corner of the motel on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>, for a street dance from 6 pm to midnight.  
Commissioner Boland gave the second

Motion carried.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion carried.