

# Minutes from the January 07, 2020 HIGHWAY Commission Meeting

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January 07, 2020

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.**

Ralph Keyes -	Chairman
Delon "De" Winsor -	Vice-Chairman
Timothy Hipp -	Commissioner
Robert Glennen -	District Attorney
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.

Deven Thackeray came up and said it was his intention to get this on the agenda but he didn't get it in to the clerk in time. This is for him to be able to sign documents regarding the Road and Solid Waste Department for things like the roads and title fives with the BLM. He doesn't think that when he became supervisor that transferred over. He will be put this on an upcoming agenda if that would please the commission.

He said another thing that has been brought to his attention: He drove the roads here in town and there are some really bad potholes and he said we really need to do something. He said are going to access the new pit and wanted to let the folks here in town know they are going to start filling some potholes and roll them with a roller and doing some maintenance before we start with the new project.

Judge Johnson just wanted to thank Deven for fixing her messed-up road. She went to him yesterday with a concern and he made sure it was fixed.

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

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

4. **\*DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL:** Rejected Vendor Bills from Auditor's Office.  
None.

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5. **\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 08/06** meeting of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commission.

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to approve the minutes from the 08/06 meeting of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commission. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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: Loneer Boron Lithium mine are going to meet with representatives from the county tomorrow at the BLM office regarding the access road and other matters, to get to the mine site. He wanted to mention it is about 12 miles of county road to get to the mine site so it is a big concern to the county that we need to address.

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

### ESMERALDA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE

January 7th, 2020

1. Update: Goldfield – Todd finished up Alkali and Poleline Road. He's been busy with snow removal, too, and took time from his annual leave to do so. He has also helped out at the landfill. He will transition to street repair here in town, primarily on Fifth from Aluminum to Miner.
2. Update: Silver Peak – Mitch is officially retired. Jesse has been sanding the main road using the new multi-use 10-wheeler/sander unit. He has been dealing with snow removal and clearing the county Right of Way (ROW), where the new road will be going in. I spent some time in Silver Peak training Jesse on reshaping roads, pulling bar ditches, crowning roads, cleaning culverts and drainages, and installing new culvert hazard warning signs on the main road. He's coming along fine.
3. Update: Fish Lake Valley (FLV) – Eddie handled snow removal, as well, and graded Hot Ditch to Highway 6, repaired potholes and filling in with clay, graded up to Kirby Way and will finish up grading valley roads. Eddie also assisted at the landfill.
4. New Hires: We have three candidates from Nye County Coalition (NyeCC). We are working on finishing up the contracts so we can hire them. NyeCC will be sending them to school for their CDLs and we will be repaid up to 450 hours each for on-the-job training. We have also hired an experienced equipment operator who will be starting shortly, and are getting back another employee who left us. Our crews are almost complete. Please note that we went from having 3 CDL operators in July to 7 CDL operators by the end of this month.

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5. I am enrolling in a SWANA online class for the Landfill Operations. I hope to have this completed by next month.
6. We are completing the new cell at the landfill and will be starting the next one. We have taken in so much more trash, due to roll-off rentals, that we need to branch out. We are looking at moving the fence to the end of our permitted area. That is one of our Solid Waste Capital Outlay items so is in our budget.
7. We have received the Title 5 ROW on the Coyote/Cave Springs Roads.
8. Sidewalk Project Update: Although Sami, from NDOT looked over the paperwork and thought that it was okay, the office in Las Vegas wanted some changes. We are working with them to get this finalized.
9. Hwy 95 Relocation Update: They have a 40 mile an hour lane change that will take place until January 20 when they hope to start using the new bypass. Ames is crushing the county's material match. They will be transporting it to the new county pit adjacent to the old Goldfield Pit. So far, it looks to be around 5 to 6 thousand yards crushed.
10. The new Goldfield Pit is being developed next to the old pit, behind the landfill. This will be ideal, as we have to move all of our equipment from the now reclaimed original pit. We are just waiting on the cultural study and should be approved. The new pit is 5 acres with 49,999 cubic yards.
11. Silver Peak Road Update: There is a pre-construction meeting on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center at 10 am for the Silver Peak Road with Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). Herbeck will be accessing the Paymaster Pit for the Silver Peak Road Project. They need about 30,000 cubic yards. They will be crushing a 3:1 match so we should get about 10,000 yards of graded material.
12. Loneer/Newfields: I understand that Loneer has requested a meeting with Esmeralda County and BLM in regards to an access road to their project.
13. I have a meeting set up with the Forestry Service and Commissioner Keyes in regards to roads in the area around Red Rock Mine.

### Additional Notes:

Deven let the commissioners know that Todd came in from vacation during the snow storm. He will be transitioning to street repair.

Lee Jacoby came up and gave an update on the road relocation of hwy. 95.

8. **\*DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL:** Approval to hire part-time employees at classification and wage depending on experience. This is being requested by payroll because the previous approval did not specify part-time. (Deven Thackeray)

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Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve to hire part-time employees at classification and wage depending on experience. Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

9. **\*DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL:** Discuss/Decide and approve the new Confidentiality Agreement and policy update. See attached back-up. (Edward London)

This will be addressed at the BOCC meeting. No action taken.

10. **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.

11. **\*ADJOURNMENT:**

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