

Minutes from the January 21, 2020 County Commission Meeting

January 21, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Esmeralda County Courthouse

Commission Chambers

233 Crook Ave., 2nd Floor

Goldfield, Nevada

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

Delon “De” Winsor - Chairman
Timothy Hipp - Vice-Chairman
Ralph Keyes - 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.)

Randy McLean came up and presented a petition and stated we have a problem here in the courthouse, in the Senior Trans office. He said “they have eliminated common sense”. He then talked about a situation that happened several months ago, about a senior who was told he could not be taken to his house in Tonopah. He also complained about not being taken on his errands here in Goldfield.

John Ekman came up and said he read the December 3 minutes about the gas station that is coming in and about them using explosives. He said he is hoping someone is overseeing that because if the ground acceleration exceeds the limits of what some of these buildings can survive, there are going to be problems. He just wanted to call attention to that. LaCinda said she believes this has already been done and they had already spoken to the Sheriff’s office as well. Commissioner Hipp said she contacted them this morning as well and he will be talking to the owner this afternoon.

3. ***APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.**

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the expenditures as follows:

General Batch 1:	\$1,045,259.20
Payroll 1/8-1/13/2020:	\$127,462.75
Payroll 1/10-1/16/2020:	\$11,202.12
Road Batch 1:	\$12,936.31
TOTAL:	\$1,196,860.38

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

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

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TO: The Honorable County Commissioners

RE: Rejected Vendor Bill

I have received a past due invoice for Rebel dated 1/31/19 from Ellen Loving, Esmeralda County Commissioners Secretary. This bill is dated January 31, 2019 in the amount of \$205.57.

I have rejected this invoice according to NRS 244.210, NRS 244.215 and NRS 244.250. This invoice is past the time frame to be paid along with the County bills.

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

This invoice can be approved by the County Commissioners if they so order, and only by a unanimous vote of its members and certified by the Clerk of the Board that all voted for its passage.

Please review the invoices and designate if \$205.57 is approved or rejected for payment.

Sincerely,

Vera Boyer

Auditor/Recorder

Ellen stated it just didn't get turned in. Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the Rebel bill in the amount of \$205.57. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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TO: The Honorable County Commissioners

RE: Rejected Vendor Bill

I have received a past due invoice for AT&T from Doug Kile, Fire Chief for Fish Lake Valley Fire Department. This bill is dated June 13, 2019 in the amount of \$126.48.

I have rejected this invoice according to NRS 244.210, NRS 244.215 and NRS 244.250. This invoice is past the time frame to be paid along with the County bills.

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

This invoice can be approved by the County Commissioners if they so order, and only by a unanimous vote of its members and certified by the Clerk of the Board that all voted for its passage.

Please review the invoices and designate if \$126.48 is approved or rejected for payment.

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Sincerely,

Vera Boyer

Auditor/Recorder

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the Rebel bill in the amount of \$126.48.

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

5. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE** 09/03, 09/17, 09/17 SPECIAL, 10/01, 12/03, 12/17/19 and 01/07/20 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Keyes asked that they postpone this because he did not get the packet emailed to him. Michelle Garcia notes that he actually did but said he did not have access to his esmeraldacountnv.org email yet.

6. ***FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

A. Clerk	\$1,297.34 – 01/08/2020
B. Taxes	\$344,087.35 – 12/30/2019
C. Goldfield Utility	\$14,342.77 – 12/30/2019
D. Silver Peak Utility	\$3,460.97 – 12/30/2019
E. Auditor/Recorder	\$3,890.85 – 01/08/2020
F. Justice Court	\$45,286.17 – 01/03/2020
G. Sheriff's Department	\$3,560.00 – 12/30/2019
H. Assessor	\$1,439.85 – 12/30/2019
I. Transfer(s)	-

LaCinda stated for the Treasurer's report, that as she said in October, she was finally able to receive reports that were balancing; she came to find out that those reports were still lacking in the data that is necessary to give a true reconciliation that goes back to the GL. What she has done, she was reconciling to the claim on cash to what we had in the bank. She found out that there are things that are not hitting the GL correctly that has a direct impact on the reconciliation. She talked to Dan McArthur and he said he saw that there are things that are washing out in Tyler as well. LaCinda said this January 27-30 Tyler is coming out and doing intense work with us to figure out what the problems truly are.

Commissioner Keyes stated that after talking with NACO, the squeaky wheel gets the grease and the more we squeak the better chance we have of getting Tyler to listen to us. Unfortunately, we are not the only county that has had to deal with Tyler in this way. LaCinda said they are listening and will be here on the 27th.

LaCinda said if you do look at the reports, the bank statements are true and correct.

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Commissioner Keyes made the motion to incorporate the reports into the minutes. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Keyes: Has meeting with Deven and the Forest Service up in the White Mountains to discuss closing some of the roads that aren't necessary up to the Red Rock Mine up in the White mountains. Also, on Thursday after there is the Loneer Town Hall meeting at 5:30. He is also attending NACO meeting on Friday, the 24th in Las Vegas.

Commissioner Hipp. Mr. Hipp stated he had a conference call meeting last Thursday with the Department of Taxation, Tyler, the D.A., Vera Boyer and LaCinda Elgan to talk about where we were with getting the audit done. It was determined that we are at least 3-4 weeks away from being done. There is another meeting this Thursday to see if there are improvements with the Audit. Someone will need to go to the Department of Taxation next week.

Mr. Hipp said he just got an email this morning from NV Energy stating they are going to start working on an emergency plan to shut off power in order to reduce wildfires. They are looking for people to start working on that plan. Mr. Hipp said he might attend that meeting.

Commissioner Winsor: Mr. Winsor said he was at the SLUPAC meeting last Friday and there is a lot of litigation happening. They have some input on land use. He said he has a LEO meeting on Thursday and said they are trying to get better coordination with us on job training.

Commissioner Hipp said there is an Loneer meeting in Tonopah on Wednesday at 5:30 at the convention center.

8. Update of Current and Future Meetings and Activities of Elected Officials as needed. (This is only an update. No decisions will be made.)

D.A. Glennen stated that he will be going up to Carson City for the Department of Taxation meeting. He said he will be doing an opposition for the EMRB motion to dismiss.

Danielle Johnson stated she will be at the Judge's Conference next week.

LaCinda Elgan stated we are waiting for a bid on the software for recording in the courtroom, as well as the commissioner's chambers. She said we are having problems with the minutes because they are becoming antiquated. She said we are shorthanded in our office right now. We have elections this year and we have a lot of meetings so it is important we get that position filled.

Deven Thackeray came up and said, if it pleases the commission, he would like to go to items 18-21.

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18. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide and approve (sign) agreement between Herback and Esmeralda County. (Peter Griffin, Herback General Engineering)

Deven Thackeray came up with Peter Griffin. He said that Robert Glennen is looking at the contract. This is regards to the flat section of the Silver Peak Road. Commissioner Keyes and LaCinda Elgan stated it should be on the Road agenda.

D.A. Glennen stated he wants to put the final seal of approval on the contract. He said it is on the agenda as a contract but he would prefer we deal with it after he gives his final approval, maybe later in the meeting.

21. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Update on Gold Point.

Kevin Haskew came up and gave out the map and said they are setting points and block corners. He stated that he knew there would be some disturbance because he knew there would be some buildings that are in the roadways. He painted in blue the points that he set and painted in red the permanent buildings that are going to be in conflict. He said there is a 60-foot roadway and that is good for emergency vehicles. He said he took out the alleyways, so everyone has about 10 feet more at the back of their lots. But he still has some buildings in roadways.

Commissioner Keyes wanted to add that we might have to narrow the road, and said the original roads were 40 feet. Mr. Haskew said the only road that was 40 feet was Gold Street, which is the main paved road. This road also has buildings in conflict. He asked Deven Thackeray if they could go to 40 feet. Deven said yes. Mr. Haskew said he could move it around the permanent structures.

Herb Robbins came up and said the buildings they are pointing at are his garages. He said they have been there since 1975. He said the man who had them built put them there when the street was only about 15-20 feet wide. He said from Gold Street east to Orleans, he owns and he also owns, north and south, substantial property, on both side of Fourth Street, which is the other part that is in conflict. Therefore, in his opinion, you don't have to do anything.

Commissioner Keyes said 60 feet is much wider than needed, it looks like.

Fred Perez came up and said there is a place where there are two really steep cabins that happen to land right in the middle of Sixth Street. He said there is a septic tank system in there too. Mr. Haskew asked if he moved the street 10 feet if that would fix the issue. Mr. Perez suggested a workshop.

Commissioner Hipp said he is in agreement in adjusting the roads.

Mr. Haskew stated that Wiley Road was never on the map. Commissioner Keyes suggested we may have to abandon that road. He also suggested having a workshop in Gold Point so we can see these. Sandra Johnson – stop Wiley Road at Fourth Street.

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Commissioner Hipp said this is costing a lot of money and less lots means more to other owners.

Deven Thackeray came up and stated that we need to have a workshop, listen to the folks, have boots on the ground. Commissioner Keyes stated our goal is to try to accommodate the people who have a stake in this; to get it right. Commissioner Hipp asked if there was a time or day that would be good for them. Sandra Johnson said a weekend, or Monday or Friday would be nice. Someone said it's a small group of people, and the core of them are here today. Someone else asked if it has to be on a weekday.

This would be an informal Town Hall meeting, not a workshop. Sandra Johnson said a Saturday would be best. Robert Glennen stated that only one of the commissioners can go. If there is an agenda, they can all go.

Brad Maxwell came up and asked if it could be recorded. The answer is no. You can record it for personal use, but it will not be officially recorded.

Commissioner Hipp said evenings, like 5:30pm, work better for him, but not to let that hinder the timing of the meeting.

Sandra Johnson wanted to say that they don't want to see new blading within the townsite. They like the roads the way they are. They are in numerous travel magazines as a destination for a ghost town and it would absolutely ruin the looks of the town and people want to come out and see the antiquity of the town as it is.

Stephanie Perez came up and suggested February 15 at 12 noon as a day for the town hall meeting as it is a 3-day weekend.

Commissioner Keyes said we wouldn't make any decisions at the town hall meeting. We would bring those questions back to a commissioner meeting for decisions.

LaCinda stated she will print a notice to all residence that two commissioners will be at a town hall meeting in Gold Point at the Hornsilver Saloon and that no decisions will be made.

Herb Robbins came up again and said some of them have been dealing with this for 37 years and many commissioners and he sees that they are finally close to a reality and he just wanted to say thank you all for getting us this far.

Commissioner Keyes asked Mr. Haskew and his son if they could make the meeting. Mr. Haskew said he could not but Kenneth probably will. He said he will get them some color maps showing the roads.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to have the Town Hall meeting on February 15, 2020 at the Hornsilver Saloon in Gold Point at 12:00 noon. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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Back to Item #18:

Deven Thackeray back up and stated this is an agreement between Herback and the Road Department in regards to the Paymaster Pit. They will be accessing that pit as a borrow pit and will be using it for back fill around the box culverts and roadway fill. Deven said that pit is basically untouched; it is \$49,999 cubic yards. He said he was out with Peter and they surveyed it.

Deven said Peter has agreed to provide us with a 3/1 match of whatever they use of screened type 2, 3/4-inch material.

D.A. Glennen stated he is good with the contract. He said the technical information is in it.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve to sign the agreement between Herback and Esmeralda County. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

19. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To approve to allow department heads to enter into On-the Job trainings (OJT) or Youth WERKS Work Experience (WEX) with NyE Communities Coalition (NyECC) until June 30, 2020. A copy of the Master contract and pre-award checklist is attached and this needs to be filled out once per fiscal year. Then NyECC staff would assist the department head with filling out the Skills Gap and training plan for each OJT. We reimburse the county up to 50% of the wages for a set number of hours based on the job zone for each OJT.

Regarding WEX's, the youth are NyECC employees, we pay their wages and cover their workman's comp. The youth gain work experience thru the training program. The site supervisor is responsible for providing supervision, following safety guidelines, ensuring youth meets training goals, sign timesheets and performing two evaluations with Youth Career Coach for each WEX. (Jess Rosner)

Jess Rosner came up. He stated they have done a few things in the past with us and they are trying to get out into Esmeralda County a little more. They have 2 county residents in the program right now, out of Tonopah.

He said with the On-the-Job trainings, the master contract only gets done once per year and the pre-award checklist as well. He said based on the job zone; they can tell us what the maximum number of hours they can reimburse for. The job description tells them what the job zone is, not the location. He said he is working with Deven Thackeray on some CDL training. They only have to pay for meals. All fees are paid for by them.

Ed Kelly came up and said "O-Net" is a company program that gives them the job zones.

Vera Boyer came up and asked about the age of "youth". She was told that the county would tell them what age they need and they would accommodate that. Jess said that the youth would actually be

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their employee. They pay all of the workman's comp, etc. Other programs, they reimburse us, but with the youth, they are their employees.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to allow the department heads to enter into On-the Job trainings (OJT) or Youth WERKS Work Experience (WEX) with NyE Communities Coalition (NyECC) until June 30, 2020. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to recess for 5 minutes. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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20. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** I am requesting a return of the PERS I have paid in. I called the State after filling out the form for my refund and they said there was nothing in my name. I spoke with Vera and she lied to me, saying there was a new system and she couldn't send out my reporting until February. The amount owed to me is \$1,430.83 as stated on my last pay stub. (Cody Stezaker, via phone)

LaCinda called Mr. Stezaker on the phone. Vera came up and stated that she did not lie to Cody; she is having problems with PERS and Tyler. When she called Tyler help, they said it would be until February. She has since called other counties, and she has Kathleen with Tyler now and they are working with their PERS problem. Commissioner Hipp asked if her concern was that the \$1,430.38 was not correct. Vera said that check has to come from PERS. There is nothing we can do with that. She said again they are working through it and she is getting no help from Tyler. She said support told her because of tax season she has to wait until February.

Vera said she reached out to Humboldt County and Gina was able to point her to Kathleen, who is the builder of this report from Tyler, and they are working through it, and they almost have it. She said it was not configured right.

Commissioner Hipp asked, if a person starts in June and quits in August, how long does it take to get paid from PERS? Vera said it can range anywhere from 30 days to 90 days. It depends where PERS is at. She said PERS is also going through their own changes and that's where they noticed that our reports were not right. So, we've had to work with them on that. She said we almost have August correct and we should be moving forward soon with that one.

Cody said he just doesn't understand why it was taken out of his check and not reported. Vera said it is reported on a monthly basis. Cody said PERS said they had not record of him. Vera said they have not reported August yet. There are issues with August reports and until those go in correctly, they can't move forward and get those in. Commissioner Hipp asked when in February. Vera said Tyler support told her the end of February because of tax season. Vera said she is working on getting it sooner. She is hoping in the next two weeks.

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Commissioner Keyes asked if the \$1,430.38 is a correct number. Cody said he is not sure of that number. He said he wants to be notified with any progress. Vera said she will stay in contact with Cody.

9. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Due to budget concerns, as stated in the January 7, 2020 Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners meeting, DISCUSSION/DECISION to eliminate one of the two positions in the Commissioner's office, leaving one full-time employee (Ellen Loving). (Commissioner Hipp)

Commissioner Hipp said this has been brought up on previous meetings. He said 50% of Senior Transportation position is paid for by a grant from the Department of Aging. They have made specific requirements. One of those is to do group trips. For the past year, the people who have been running Senior Transportation have been running it almost like a taxi service, where we had one person riding in a vehicle. At one point there were two separate vehicles going up to Reno on the same day.

Mr. Hipp said we have run through roughly 2/3 of the budget and we are only halfway into the year. He said he met with Ellen and Susan Dudley last Wednesday. He read a letter into the minutes as follows:

The transportation budget expense has exceeded 50% of the total budget with 50% of the year gone. As an example, the budget amount approved for salary was \$54,756 and as of pay period 12/20/19, an amount of \$34,898.89 has been spent, only leaving \$19,857.11 for the salaries for the period January through June. The amount approved for the benefits was \$7,411 and the amount of \$6,179.21 has been spent.

The primary reason for this is a result of Edward being made full-time when the budget amounts approved were only for the drivers and the part-time employee. The amount of \$9,261.76 was paid to Edward from the July 1 up until 12/20/2019 for salaries from this fund and the budget amount was \$12,592. The amount of \$3,584.65 as benefits for Edward when the approved budget amount was \$1,448. In addition, the approved budget amount for services and supplies was \$25,500 and with 50% of the year gone \$13,590.02 has been spent.

If the salary amount of \$6,000 is transferred from the transportation budget to the Commissioners' budget, that amount would be available for transportation salaries and benefits. This would give an amount left for the year of \$23,000 for transportation drivers' salaries.

This new remaining balance would be sufficient to complete the budget year for the transportation program. The commissioners' budget approved amount salaries \$96,186 with a remaining balance of \$56,000 through the payroll of 1/13/2020. This is a sufficient amount for the remaining balance in this fund to absorb the \$6,000 transfer.

Commissioner Hipp said he has a budget agenda item request for the next meeting where he will request a transfer of \$6,000 that was assigned to Senior Transportation to the Commissioners.

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He said again that we are halfway through the year and we are 2/3 through the budget. He said clearly, we do not have it in the budget to backfill the other full-time position; probably not even a part-time position at this time. He stated he wants to cut the position until the end of this fiscal year.

LaCinda Elgan stated that the Commissioner's administrative office historically has not had the responsibilities that it has today. They now have to administer the transportation grant, commodities, which is now twice per month. Commodities is a two-day job. She said that Ellen has plans in April as well. LaCinda said her office provides a floater to that office, but that position is for data entry only.

Judge Johnson came up and said her clerk is also going to be out in June, so LaCinda's floater is going to be huge for her as well. Matt Kirkland came up and stated that if Ellen is going to be out on maternity leave, we have to have someone here to do her job.

Sandra Maxwell came up and stated that she would volunteer to help when Ellen goes out to have her baby. She can answer phones and take messages.

Ellen stated that she is going to put on the next agenda that they are only going to do scheduled trips because of the budget. They are not going to do one-offs.

Commissioner Hipp said if the commissioners want to keep a part-time or full-time position, they are going to have to find the money from the general fund and transfer it either to Senior Transportation or to the Commissioners' budget. Ellen said she believes it has to go to the commissioners' because, after talking with Susan, if they do anything commissioner-related, we can't file it under the grant. This would allow us to eliminate that position through the grant year, but the commissioners would need to hire a part-time employee and then we could transfer their funds from the general fund to the commissioner fund.

Commissioner Keyes said the Senior Transportation position is almost a full-time position. Ellen said the grant does pay for a part-time position.

Commissioner Hipp said they talked about possibly having a lead driver that would help out with the program.

Sandra Maxwell asked if there was going to be no single person senior trans trips. She was told that we are seriously scaling back and if we don't have anyone going to a scheduled trip to Pahrump, we can take someone to Hawthorne, for example. This would be for medical trips.

Brad Maxwell came up and asked about where the grant money goes. He asked if it goes to the Recorder's office. Commissioner Hipp said no, it goes to pay for the drivers. LaCinda said they spend their monies, they fill out forms and send to the state, the state then turns around and reimburses the county and that goes into the Treasurer's office and the Treasurer then post it into the general fund.

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Mr. Maxwell said it sounds like the money is being spent on things it is not supposed to be spent on. Commissioner Hipp said the money goes for the wages for the drivers, the fuel, all of the expenses. He said that instead of doing group trips like we were supposed to be doing the entire time, we were sending multiple drivers out, with some going to the same locations on the same day.

No decision at this time.

10. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Set and decide on dates for budget workshops.
(Vera Boyer)

Vera came up and said she needs to get dates to Dan McArthur. Commissioner Hipp asked if February 18 is the date that he is going to present the audit. Vera said she believes it is. Commissioner Hipp said he doesn't think we can start the budget process until that is finished. Vera said we can table it, but the commissioners wanted to get it started. She recommended not doing workshops on commissioner days.

LaCinda suggested that Vera can started getting the worksheets out to the different departments and start compiling information.

Everyone talked about having the meetings on either Monday or Wednesday.

Judge Johnson said Mondays and Wednesdays don't work for her as she has court on both of those days.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to have the budget workshops on the following days: March 2, March 16, April 6, April 20, and, if needed, May 4, and May 18, and that we will present a public hearing on the budget after the commissioner's meeting on May 19 to approve the final budget. All meetings are to start at 10:00am. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion/Decision for ESCO contract negotiations. (Sergeant Matthew Kirkland)

Sergeant Kirkland came up and stated he is here to present to the commissioners to go into negotiations. They would like to do it off of county commissioner meetings unless it is a timed item because of the overtime it would cost. Commissioner Keyes asked if there was a leader of the group. Sergeant Kirkland said not yet. He said there are three people who want to be here for the negotiations.

Commissioner Keyes suggested maybe they can do it along with the Budget workshops. Sergeant Kirkland said it is supposed to start the second week of February but they are not worried about that. Commissioner Keyes suggested they put on every meeting.

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Sergeant Kirkland said he thinks if everyone has what they want changed ahead of time they can probably sit down for 4 hours and get it done. Commissioner Hipp said he didn't think so.

Commissioner Winsor suggested February 4. We need to make sure it is in the budget. Commissioner Keyes made the suggestion to make it a timed item. Sergeant Kirkland will submit an agenda request for February 4 at 11:00. He asked if everyone had a copy of the contract. Commissioner Hipp asked if they were asking for the same things. He was told no, that things have changed.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to recess for lunch for 15 minutes. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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11. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and review the County Audit for Fiscal year 2018-2019 prior to being submitted to the Department of Taxation. (Dan McArthur)

This item will be on the February 18 meeting.

13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide and Approve \$2.00 per hour on-call time for Senior Transportation Dispatch and two hours minimum if required to work. (Ellen Loving)

Ellen stated she talked with Vera and the Sheriff's office they have decided that comp time is easier. This is only for Ellen's (the Director) position.

Commissioner Hipp stated he reached out to POOL/PACT on having a workshop on these personnel pay/policy things. The first thing they asked is they need a list of all of the job titles. He asked Vera and she does not have a list of job titles. He has asked either Michelle or Ellen to reach out to the department heads for that info.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve comp time for the Senior Transportation Dispatch until further notice. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide which commissioner will attend the Department of Taxation meeting in Carson City, Nevada on January 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. (Ellen Loving)

Commissioner Hipp said he will go if needed, but would like Vera to be available via phone.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to have Commissioner Hipp go to the Department of Taxation meeting in Carson City, Nevada on January 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried. The D.A. will also be going.

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15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide and approve county employee from Fish Lake Valley to pick up and organize distribution of FLV commodities twice a month. (Ellen Loving)

Ellen stated that she needs to get this approved because this takes a day-and-a-half out of the office without having to go to Fish Lake Valley. LaCinda stated she had the same problem when her office was doing commodities.

Deven Thackeray came up and stated he would be willing to help out. Commissioner Keyes said if he gets notified, he would help as well.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve Deven Thackeray as the Fish Lake Valley point of contact for distributing the Fish Lake Valley commodities twice a month. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide and Approve: Board Chairman, Vice-Chair, and Member for the Esmeralda Board of County Commissioners. (Ellen Loving)

The commissioners decided to leave the board as is

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

Chair:	De Winsor
Vice-Chair:	Timothy Hipp
Board Member:	Ralph Keyes

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

17. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide and Approve to appoint once board member as representative and possibly one alternative as it may apply to the following boards and/or committees: (Ellen Loving)

1. NACo Board of Directors – Representative
2. NPAIP (Ins. Pool) – Representative and Alternate
3. PACT (Ins. Pool) - Representative and Alternate
4. Debt Management Commission - Representative and Alternate
5. Es. Co. Airport Advisory Committee - Representative and Alternate
6. Renewable Energy Advisory Board - Representative and Alternate
7. AULG – Affected Units of Local Government - Representative and Alternate
8. Director of CNRWA - Representative and Alternate
9. Voting Representative for Valley Electric - Representative and Alternate
10. Es. Co. Conservation District - Representative and Alternate

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to leave the members the same as in 2019, as follows:

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1. SLUPAC – State Land Use Planning Advisory Council – De Winsor
2. NACO – R. Keyes (primary), T. Hipp (alternate)
3. EMRB – All Commissioners
4. RTC – Regional Transportation Commission – T. Hipp and R. Keyes
5. LEO – Local Election Officials – D. Winsor and T. Hipp
6. LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee – R. Keyes, T. Hipp (alt. 1), D. Winsor (alt. 2)
7. ECLUAC – Esmeralda County Land Use Advisory Committee – R. Keyes (prim.), T. Hipp (alt.)
8. NPAIP (Ins. POOL) – T. Hipp (primary), R. Keyes (alternate)
9. PACT (Ins. POOL) – T. Hipp (primary), R. Keyes (alternate)
10. Debt Management Commission – D. Winsor (primary), T Hipp (alternate)
11. Es. Co. Airport Advisory Committee – K. Keyes (primary), T. Hipp (alternate)
12. Renewable Energy Advisory Board – D. Winsor (primary), R. Keyes (alternate)
13. AULG – Affected Units of Local Government – T. Hipp
14. Director of CNRWA – R. Keyes (primary), D. Winsor (alternate)
15. Voting Representative for Valley Electric – R. Keyes (primary), T. Hipp (alternate)
16. Es. Co. Conservation District – R. Keyes (primary), D. Winsor (alternate)

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

Commissioner Hipp asked about the Economic Development committee. He asked if Commissioner Keyes was still interested in being on it. Commissioner Keyes said he is but since it isn't really formalized, he could probably sit in on it. LaCinda will look into it and will put it on a future agenda.

Deven Thackeray came up and wanted to know if the commissioners were going to reopen item number 5.

Commissioner Keyes said he had a question on item number 17. Just for clarity, there are only 10 items, but the list that is in the backup is far more complete. Ellen stated that the 2019 list is what is being voted on. The Clerk of the Board agreed.

REOPENING ITEM #5.

5. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE** 09/03, 09/17, 09/17 SPECIAL, 10/01, 12/03, 12/17/19 and 01/07/2020 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Keyes stated he hasn't had a change to review them. LaCinda said she can put them on the next agenda to make sure everyone has a change to look at them.

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.
None.

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23. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters.

N/A

24. ***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.

Mr. Glennen stated that the EMRB requested a submission of motion for motion to dismiss. We are opposing that and requesting a hearing.

Mr. Conway is suing us and that case is being handled by POOL/PACT and they have done a motion to quash a subpoena.

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

N/A

26. **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.)

N/A

27. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

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