

Minutes from the February 04, 2020 Commission Meeting

February 04, 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

Sandy Roper/Michelle Garcia - 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.

Commissioner Winsor stated they were going to skip to item numbers 9 and 18.

9. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Update on POOL/PACT activities: Renewal application webinar, PACT payroll audit, fraud prevention, awareness training; Risk Management Programs/Services update. (Commissioner Hipp)

18. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To obtain signatures on POOL/PACT insurance application. (Scott Rottman/Marianne Dente, A&H Insurance)

Carol Ingalls with A&H came up and said POOL/PACT has been around since 1988 and she said she included a copy of our application and that includes all of the exposures we have: all of the buildings, vehicles, etc. It differentiates between law enforcement and emergency management and public utilities. She said the more accurate we are the more accurate the proposals are. She said one of the big benefits of the POOL/PACT program and the purpose was to try to create as level of a playing field as far as the premiums, so we don't have the peaks and the valleys.

Carol said, as our agent, they gather the information and, when we have changes, they are the party to contact. She said they are the day-to-day operations. She said POOL/PACT offers special services and will come personally. She said the benefits is totally separate from her department.

Commissioner Keyes said he had a couple of questions. He asked how we determine the value of the courthouse. He asked, if it burned down, would it cover the replacement cost. Carol said

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the POOL has contracted with an organization called AssetWorks and they come out and do physical appraisals. They are also aware of historic buildings and they take that into consideration. So, you would have a physical appraisal of the value of the replacement cost of the building. That would go for all of the historic buildings. Commissioner Keyes said we fall under the SHPBO laws. Carol said the increased cost of construction is taken care of due to ordinances.

Carol said she needed direction on day-to-day questions. She wanted to know who the commissioners wanted them to work with. Commissioner Winsor said Ellen Loving would be the person. Carol asked who in finance she would talk to. Commissioner Keyes said both the Auditor, Vera Boyer and the Clerk's office, LaCinda Elgan, and also Ellen. And he requested that the commissioners be copied as well, to make sure the information is correct. Commissioner Keyes also said that Ruth Lee, the Assessor also sends out information every year to include new equipment, so he would include her as well. Ellen said Ruth did help with the inventory.

Ellen suggested that the commissioners each do the list for their districts and that she will work with Vera on the volunteer fire department.

The commissioners will gather all of the information and will be the contact person.

Allen with POOL/PACT also came up about POOL/PACT and wanted to give an overview of POOL/PACT. He said Marshall was with him as well. He said one of the things is the renewal application. If you go to the website you can see exactly where the entity can find that information.

Allen said the other webinar they did is the PACT payroll audit. Their payroll auditor will come out to the entities and let them know what they need ahead of time to do an audit for them.

Allen said they are trying to match the services with the members' needs. He said they are developing e-learning portals that will be available for employees.

Marshall Smith came up and is the Risk Manager and said he looks forward to coming down here. He said it is a privilege to work with Allen and Wayne Carlson. He said he is working with Sergeant Kirkland and Sheriff Elgan on a risk management grant that is intended to focus on those areas of immediate concern with the jail. He said that was born from a program they are doing with all of their 15 Sheriff's departments, where they do a detention facility audit.

He said the money for all of these programs come from a non-profit. When the members exercise good risk management use these programs, make for productive, engaged employees, they don't have claims. They money they pay in premiums go into a bucket. That money is used for claims. Unlike commercial companies, if you don't have claims, a lot of that money then goes out to private shareholders. That money, with POOL/PACT goes back to the POOL

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and funds the money for the HVA's, for the audits, for the Risk Management Grant program. Marshall said their objective is to make sure the members know those benefits are available.

Marshall talked about Adam, their HR contact. He suggested that we use him. He said they also have a wellness program called "Fit for Retirement".

Commissioner Hipp wanted to thank them for the grant for the sidewalks. He suggested they go and check them out.

Commissioner Keyes welcomed Allen to the group.

Commissioner Hipp asked what the difference between NPAIP and POOL/PACT. It is just an older version of the same thing. Different logo.

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

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

BTO

4. ***APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.**

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

5. ***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 invoices for Rebel dated January 16, 2019 & January 30, 2019 from Robert Glennen III District Attorney for Esmeralda County. This bill is dated January 16, 2019 & January 30, 2019 in the amount of \$63.18.

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.

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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 \$63.18 is approved or rejected for payment.

Sincerely,

Vera Boyer

Auditor/Recorder

Commissioner Keyes said one is for Public Guardian for \$29.26 and the other one is for the District Attorney's office for \$33.92. Commissioner Keyes said we agreed to pay the outstanding Rebel bills. Ellen Loving came up and said that even the ones that she submitted, Vera said she has to submit them and Vera has to reject them and the Commissioners need to approve them. Vera said even though they were approved to pay, she still had to reject them. Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the Rebel bill in the amount of \$63.18. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

February 4, 2020

TO: The Honorable County Commissioners

RE: Rejected Vendor Bill

I have received a past due invoices for James Conklin dated July 12, 2019 from Robert Glennen III District Attorney for Esmeralda County. This bill is dated July 12, 2019 in the amount of \$650.00.

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 \$650.00 is approved or rejected for payment.

Sincerely,

Vera Boyer

Auditor/Recorder

Commissioner Keyes stated the invoice items include service of two subpoenas in Las Vegas and Carson City; 8 hours plus mileage. Commissioner Keyes made the motion to pay the bill to James

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Conklin for \$650.00 out of the proper budget. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

6. ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE** 09/03, 09/17, 09/17 Special, 10/01, 11/19, 12/03, 12/17/19, 01/07 and 01/21/2020 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the minutes from the /03, 09/17, 09/17 Special, 10/01, 11/19, 12/03, 12/17/19, 01/07 and 01/21/2020 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

Commissioner Winsor stated they were moving to item number 14.

14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: (TIMED ITEM: 11:00AM)**
Discussion/Decision for Esmeralda County Sheriff's Deputies Association. (Closed Door Meeting) (Sergeant Matthew Kirkland)

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

BTO at 11:02am.

15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** For discussion and appropriate action relative to obtaining a letter of support for Mineral County Senior Services Director to apply for funding to provide core services (Medicare Assistance and Case Management) to the seniors of Esmeralda County. Letter would be required in order to apply for grant funding. Grant match required for be 15% of total grant award(s) NTE \$6,000 depending on funded services. (Cherrie George, Mineral Co. Senior Services Director)

Cherrie came up and stated that she runs grant-funded programs through her program, including case management, Medicare assistance, transportation and both congregate and home delivered meals to their seniors. She said the in the rural counties of Nevada the seniors are not being serviced. She apologized for the short notice in coming before the commissioners but just found out last week though the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension office that Esmeralda County did not have any services, such as advocacy, case management or Medicare assistance. She was asked by UNCE if she might be interested in providing those services in Esmeralda County, both in Goldfield and Dyer.

She provided a summary of services and some definitions. She provided pricing for supplies, personnel needed, etc.

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She stated she wanted to apply for a case management grant so she can include other services than Medicare assistance.

Cherrie said the match that would be required for us would be \$2,642.00. The total of the grant would be \$17,610.46. She said this is all preliminary as it is short-notice. She said Nye County is not willing at this time to offer this service to us.

Commissioner Hipp said he thinks it is a great idea. It is new and will take a while before we figure it out and really understand it and be able to utilize it, but he thinks we should get the ball rolling and move forward with it, since the match is such a small amount. He totally supports it. He said down the road maybe it could shift to maybe they could train someone here. Cherrie said during Medicare open enrollment, which runs October to December, they ask that the seniors make appointments because it takes so long to provide the assistance to just one of them; otherwise they take walk-ins.

Cherrie said because of the distance she is requesting that they have appointments and then the walk-ins can be seen after that.

Commissioner Keyes said administration of the grants takes a lot of time. He asked Cherrie what other services they could offer. She said when you get to be elderly, sometimes other issues, physical and mental start happening. She said sometimes seniors come in for things as simple as help with their cell phones. They will come in with a piece of mail (that could be a scam) that they don't understand, and they can look at it for them. She said if they can help with questions they will, and if not, they will find someone who can. They can go into referrals to other agencies.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve a letter of support letter of support for Mineral County Senior Services Director to apply for funding to provide core services (Medicare Assistance and Case Management) to the seniors of Esmeralda County with a county grant match not to exceed \$6,000. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

7. UPDATE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF:

Robert Glennen – District Attorney

Ken Elgan – Sheriff – not present

LaCinda Elgan – Clerk/Treasurer – not present

Ruth Lee – Assessor – not present

Vera Boyer – Auditor/Recorder – not present

Mike Anderson – Goldfield Utilities/Es. Co. Public Works Supervisor (Report Attached)

Goldfield Utilities:

US 95 Relocation Project Weekly Construction Progress Meeting (Every Tuesday each week)

Weekly Construction Progress Meeting Pump Station/T-Main Relocation (Every Thursday each week)

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Goldfield Transmission Main Replacement (Every Thursday each week)

January 1st, 2020: Office was closed to service the holiday.

January 3rd, 2020: Goldfield Transmission Main Replacement: They discussed, three weeks look ahead, starting Monday will be adding testing crew and bollard/punch list crew. We expressed concern that none of the CARV's are 100% complete on line A. An updated schedule has been provided for review that shows completion of the work on time. The plan to work 4-10s and unless we hear otherwise from that will remain the plan. They had few submittals to send over to get review and approved by the State Engineer. They had a field order #002 Blow Off Detail Modifications; Brian is working on the credits and additional costs. Some of the boxes are more expensive than others, but might go to Jensen precast for similar boxes to get Line A to 100%. Had discussion about the lack of advance planning, communication issues seem to be ongoing and we need to do better. Other items discussed were frozen CARV's need to keep an eye on them. The dust is picking back up again, need to keep in back down again. Need to make sure to keep up with the trash and plastic, needs to be picked up instead of letting it blow around Klondike #1 and when the container at BP1 is full cover it so the trash doesn't blow out of it. Cattle Guard at BP #1 has been installed but the track out pad and the signage has not, we need to make sure to get it done. Next weekly meeting is January 9th, 2020.

January 7th, 2020: US 95 Relocation Project Weekly Construction Progress Meeting: they discussed be extra diligent now that traffic is in place on the shooflies, including leadership by example with wearing PPE. Nevada Highway is on site. Three weeks look ahead, riprap was placed yesterday, until that crew was moved to place shoulder material. One or two culverts headwalls will be poured this Thursday; the riprap will be placed against the footings. Paving will begin this morning as soon as the temperature on grade permits. They also discussed dump road is still closed. Esmeralda County Waterline Project, Capriati has the waterline completely installed, except tie-ins at the end. Work is taking place at the booster station and water testing is in progress. The new booster pump should be done by the first week of February. Fencing upon traffic switch to new alignment, the old fencing shall remain in place. Traffic control for the US 95 Lee will coordinate inspection of traffic control setup on US 95. Currently, fliers are posted around town with shoofly information. The grand opening ceremony will be postponed until spring or summer. Next weekly meeting is January 14th, 2020.

January 9th, 2020: Weekly Construction Progress Meeting Pump Station/T-Main Relocation: they discussed no previous meeting note comments. Two weeks look ahead, John wanted to start flushing and re-chlorinate 6" Monday. Mike couldn't do this on Monday because he was working with Wulfenstein and so John to rearrange the scheduling for this on Tuesday to do the flushing and chlorinate. Fencing done Friday with any wrap up on Saturday. After NDEP approval will perform 10-inch tie-ins early next week. Started interior paint next week, exterior painting schedule is uncertain due to having with the weather and humidity. Had few submittals that were due for review and approval by the State Engineer. Ames Coordination/weekly meeting updates, nothing to report. Next weekly meeting will be January 16th, 2020.

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January 9th, 2020: Goldfield Transmission Main Replacement: they discussed no previous comments from the minutes. Contract Substantial Completion Date is February 17 (through CO 01). Three weeks look ahead, testing line A next week with starting filing and flushing on Monday, followed by pressure testing, re-chlorination, flushing and bac T. Continue lay line B as well. Overall plans to be done with Line B mainline by February 3rd, 2020. Few submittals were submitted for review and to be approved by the State Engineer. Had few Work Change Directive, Change Orders for review and to be approved by State Engineer and Michael Anderson. Need to keep working on with communication through this project. Few other things they discussed were to keep an eye out on the CARV's from freezing. Dust is an ongoing, have start up the 3rd truck again. BP 1 fence damage has been damaged and Bryan said he would fix it. They also discussed at this meeting to keep the pipe clean from any dirt while plugging the pipe. Next weekly meeting will be January 16th, 2020.

January 14th, 2020: US 95 Relocation Project Weekly Construction Progress Meeting: they discussed, they safety PPE guidelines are being followed, and no issues have been reported with traffic control. Three-week schedule; riprap is approximately seventy-five percent complete and work on shouldering is ongoing. Carpenters are working on headwalls and wing walls. The old booster pump station is scheduled to be deactivated with demolition to begin between 2/7 and 2/10 and to be completed by 2/19. Fencing: between paving completion and opening traffic, the gaps at the east side of Gemfield Road and Dump Road must be closed with temporary fencing. All the asphalt they have been using has been passing. Traffic control for US 95, Lee and Tim will drive the pavement on the north shoofly to check repairs today. For public outreach updates to communicate the traffic switch on 1/20 or sooner will be placed today, pending a follow-up meeting. Next progress meeting is an informal tailgate meeting shall take place on site as needed, in lieu of weekly construction progress meetings. Site review meeting with NDOT is scheduled for later this week.

January 16th, 2020: Weekly Construction Progress Meeting Pump Station/T-Main Relocation: Meeting was canceled due to flushing and chlorinating the pipes. Will continue the next weekly meeting on January 23rd, 2020.

January 16, 2020: Goldfield Transmission Main Replacement: Meeting was canceled due to flushing and chlorinating the pipes. Will continue the next weekly meeting on January 23rd, 2020.

January 20th, 2020: Office was closed to service the holiday.

January 21st, 2020: US 95 Relocation Project Weekly Construction Progress Meeting: No meeting at this time.

January 23rd, 2020: Weekly Construction Progress Meeting Pump Station/T-Main Relocation: they discussed, the three week look ahead, pump 1 relocate starts 1/27, Final connection on 6 inch 1/27 (pending NDEP approval), air valves install start 1/29, exterior building and pipe

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painting starts 2/3, pump 2 relocates starts 2/4, demo starts 2/10, VOC's taken 1/9 results expected by 4:30 on 1/24 and 2nd set 6" Bac T expected later today. Substantial Completion is January 26th (through CO 002). Had few submittals submit for review and approval. Other topics they discussed were Ames coordination/weekly meeting updates: traffic was not diverted as last planned on 1/20. Pipe coating, Capriati will be sending letter which they have in hand. John from Capriati scheduled BLM to come out and take a look at the alignment yesterday. Wendy and another person from BLM walked the alignment with Mike and John was both satisfied with what Capriati was intending on doing for final grading. Next meeting will be January 30th, 2020.

January 23rd, 2020: Goldfield Transmission Main Replacement: they discussed, the schedule which is, contract substantial completion date February 17 (through CO 01), three weeks look ahead, Bryan was advised that final connections for Line A could not be done until all the CARV's were operational. Bryan said he will have sixteen guys here on Monday and could we do a walk thru on Thursday which was okay but also would confirm next week after we see how much progress they actually made. Had few submittals submitted for review and approval. Few other topics they discussed, keep an eye on the frozen CARV's and that Bryan said they replaced the one that were froze. The dust out there, Paul Sorensen said under control for the most part, some kicks up when someone travels on Line A. It's still an ongoing pick up on the garbage. Temp Access Points, K1, BP1 and SP road, is still the plan, access through Gemfield Road is also an option but need to be very careful and not to interfere with Capriati ongoing operations. Line B construction work zone, per Paul S within the construction limits 99% of the time. NDOT ROW Fence, Mike asked that if Wulfenstein sees any fence sections that need repair if they could flag them so they can get fixed. Next meeting will be January 30th, 2020.

General Maintenance:

January 6th, 2020: Steven, Bubba and Willy took down all Christmas Lights in front of the courthouse, rest area.

Update Information:

No current updates at this time.

Ellen Loving – Administrative Assistant

Ellen stated that the Chevy Cruze is back and all vehicles are up and running at this point. She also said the ADSD grant training with Susan has been going really well.

Sylvia Rich – Public Administrator - not present
Robert Glennen – Public Guardian – not present
Esmeralda County Land Use Advisory Committee – hasn't met
Kenneth Elgan – DEM Coordinator – not present

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Fish Lake Valley Park Board

There is a meeting next Wednesday. They are trying to get the expansion back on track at the community center. The bids they have received have been way too high.

Esmeralda County Library Board – not present.

8. 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 Winsor said he has a LEO meeting on 2/11 and a Gold Point town hall meeting on 2/15.

Commissioner Hipp said he went to the Department of Taxation meeting last Tuesday and Bob Glennen was there as well, and they were not happy we are late with the audit and not happy our request for the extension was late. He said this is the second time they have seen us in the last twelve months and during her opening comment, Kelly Langley did state when the audit is complete and Dan McArthur does his write-up of all of the violations, we are most likely going to have to go back up there a third time and explain all the violations to the audit. He said it is not over yet and in the next couple of months they will have another Board and we will be asked to go up there and justify/explain the reasons for the violations. He said this is basically two strikes and we know that there is a third strike coming, so they are not happy. Michelle Garcia asked if Vera Boyer called in to the meeting since she was unable to attend. Commissioner Hipp said she did not and it did not last that long.

Commissioner Keyes said that when they met with the Forest Service they also talked about the Bi-State Sage Grouse. He said they are trying to prevent it from being considered an endangered species. He said they are trying to propose 2/3 of our county as being a habitat for this bird. It actually habitats a small portion of the White Mountains in the Inyo National Forest. He said they are going to come to the town hall on 2/27 at 5pm.

Commissioner Keyes stated he attended the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) meeting last Friday. He handed a summary of the minutes out. He said he also met with Loneer. He said they relinquished their exploratory permits through the litigation with the environmental group, Center for Biological Diversity, but they are still planning on going forward. They've got a mitigation plan for the potentially endangered species of the Tiehm's Buckwheat.

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR / GENERAL PUBLIC ACTION ITEMS:

- 10. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion/Decision and possible approval of transferring an amount from the Senior Transportation budget – salaries to the commissioners' budget – salaries and send a letter to the auditor to make this transfer. The potential amount of the transfer is \$6,000, which amount was salary paid to Edward London

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from the transportation budget during the period of time he actually worked in part as administrative assistant to the Board of County Commissioners. (Commissioner Hipp)

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to send a letter to Vera directing her to transfer \$6,000 from the Senior Transportation budget/salaries to the commissioners' budget/salaries. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

Ellen asked then if she is limited on the single person trips. She has been doing the group trips only. She was instructed to continue to do group trips.

Michelle brought up that the senior transportation drivers are using the county vehicles for senior transportation. A county employee needed a vehicle to travel to Carson City last week and it was not available because it was being used for senior transportation. Commissioner Keyes said we should probably talk about this at budget time. Michelle suggested we could get a minivan for the senior transportation department.

11. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion/Discussion and potential approval of two grants applications to be submitted to CDBG for the FY20 grant cycle, which approval of supporting documentation including letter of commitment for matching funds. First priority grant applications: Goldfield Historical Street Repair - \$425,000, in kind match \$60,000.00 – second priority grant application: Esmeralda County Generator Project \$360,000 – cash match \$15,000 – in kind match \$45,000. To be approved to include \$15,000 in FY21 budget under capital projects. (Commissioner Hipp)

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve of the two grant applications to be submitted to CDBG for the FY20 grant cycle, which approval of supporting documentation including letter of commitment for matching funds. First priority grant applications: Goldfield Historical Street Repair - \$425,000, in kind match \$60,000.00 – second priority grant application: Esmeralda County Generator Project \$360,000 – cash match \$15,000 – in kind match \$45,000. This includes the \$15,000 in the FY21 budget under capital projects.

Deven Thackeray came up and asked if the commissioner would be interested in hiring a grant writer. They asked him to get the information and bring it to them.

12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Review U.S. Census Bureau depiction of Esmeralda County legal boundary for accuracy and make any adjustments to be submitted by March 1, 2020. (Commissioner Hipp)

Commissioner Hipp handed out a map that was sent to him with what the Census Bureau thinks the boundaries are. He said their map is very different than what is real. He said everything that is north of Dyer falls under Silver Peak and Gold Point falls under Goldfield. He said Tonopah falls under Goldfield as well.

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To be put on the 2/18 meeting.

13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Review and sign the Nevada Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) Competitive Grant Application for the fiscal year 2021 for Esmeralda County Transportation Program. (Ellen Loving)

Ellen said ridership is down so they didn't ask for any additional money.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to sign the Nevada Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) Competitive Grant Application for the fiscal year 2021 for Esmeralda County Transportation Program. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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

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15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Purchase of used Trash Compactor for Solid Waste to have Solid Waste Capital Outlay augmented by the General Fund (or any fund you so choose) for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. This would priority #1 in my equipment requests. (Deven Thackeray)

Deven said on the off chance he does get the funding needed; he did the research on some equipment. He stated he will take his mechanic and they will inspect whatever they are looking at to make sure it is what it is before they purchase it. He said that is what they've done throughout the process when they've had the money for the Road Department. Deven stated he knows we do not have the funds and Vera has also told him this but he needs this compactor.

Commissioner Keyes said he knows he probably has talked with Vera about a source of funds; but he has not found any himself. Deven said he has talked with Vera and she has been just point-blank with him and she said we don't have the fund. He said he knows that Vera would tell him if there was money there. He said we have to have the compactor. It's been three years out there without one.

Commissioner Hipp asked Vera what the options were on funding. Vera said there really were not many options at all. He said there is the fund that we are pulling from to fund all the programs. Vera said there is not one master fund; that everything is allocated. Commissioner Hipp said again that that is not all the money that we have. Vera said what was budgeted is what we have. Commissioner Keyes said what was budgeted is what we can spend. He said nobody's budget has any excess money. Commissioner Hipp said he is just saying that we had 6 million in the bank and decided to spend 4 or 5 but it wasn't everything. Vera said there is just not much room in the budget this year. It is not in the budget for this year.

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Deven said it is not if, it's when the equipment goes down or we get cited. He wanted to make himself very clear. They are using a dozer for three pieces of equipment and have been for 3 years. Commissioner Keyes asked how much the compactor weighs. Deven said they were up around 40,000 pounds. He said he thought there was an emergency fund of \$25,000 that you could move from Road to Solid Waste. Vera said there isn't and Michelle reminded Deven you cannot, by law, move funds out of the Road department.

Commissioner Hipp asked Vera to get with Dan and see where we can get the money (\$80,000) to get these two pieces of equipment.

Commissioner Keyes asked where Solid Waste is in their budget. Service and Supplies is at \$31,000 at the end of December.

Deven said he will put this on another agenda.

No action at this time.

16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Additional new position to be approved, wages and benefits to be determined (recommending wages for \$13.85 an hour for 40 hours a week), for the landfill. This was an issue identified at the Solid Waste workshop on 1/21/20. Approved funds for wages and solid waste to be moved from General Fund to Solid Waste Wages and Solid Waste Benefits. (Deven Thackeray)

Tabling under 20/21 budget time.

17. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Purchase of used Roll-Off Truck for Solid Waste to have Solid Waste Capital Outlay augmented by the General Fund (or any fund you so choose) for an amount not to exceed \$30,000. This is Priority #2 for my requests for equipment. (Deven Thackeray)

Vera Boyer will get with Dan McArthur with this item.

Deven wanted to say for the record that he was paying 3 wages because of the man who was on sick and then catastrophic leave.

He also wanted to say that he thought not saying anything, but that would be unethical.

He will put this on the next agenda.

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20. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Verdek is requesting a formal Notice to Proceed from the Esmeralda County Commissioners office. NV Energy is a partner in the utility design and a contract to host an electric vehicle charging station site has been completed between the Goldfield Visitor's Center and Verdek LLC. (Daniel DeHate, Verdek)

Commissioner Hipp said that NV Energy looked at where they were going to put these stations and they would have had to dig a trench through the parking lot so they relocated where they are going to be. He said again that they will build them, and have control over them for the first 5 years and then we can renegotiate with them and ask for a cut of that profit, or bring in another company. We will own all of the equipment, except for the dispenser.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve signing the formal Notice to Proceed to Verdek for the charging stations at the Visitor Center here in Goldfield. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

21. ***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.

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

N/A

23. ***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.

None.

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

N/A

25. **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.)

Commissioner Hipp said he needs to change the March budget hearing dates to March 9 and March 23.

26. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

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