

Minutes from the February 04, 2020 HIGHWAY 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.

Ralph Keyes -	Chairman
Delon "De" Winsor -	Vice-Chairman
Timothy Hipp -	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 Hipp 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 10/01, 11/19/19, and 01/21/2020 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commission.

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to approve the minutes from the 10/01, 11/19/19 and 01/21/2020 meetings 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 stated that Deven and he met with the Forest Service last month about the road around the Red Rock mine and the forest in the White Mountains in Fish Lake Valley. They received a grant from the Nevada Off Highway Vehicle fund to do some planning on the road up in that area to modify some and maybe decommission some and keep most of them open. They are going to come out and visit at a town hall meeting on February 27, in Fish Lake Valley at 5pm. It was just a minor area focused around the Red Rock mine. They were going to some mediation

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on some possible mercury contamination on the old mining site so they want to divert traffic around that, rehabilitate some of the old trails and just close a couple that just go nowhere.

- 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 has been hauling material from our new stockpile to town and filling potholes and repairing roads. He’s been wheel rolling new material into these pot holes and grading out the roads. He’s working his way through town. Also, he’s cleared a pad at our new pit in preparation to move the pug mill on site.
2. Update: Silver Peak – Jesse has filled in over in Goldfield to help Todd with street repair. Also, he’s worked on his motor grader, replacing worn-out shims and servicing. He’s currently grading Coyote Summit and working his way to other outlying roads.
3. Update: Fish Lake Valley (FLV) – Eddie and Kenny have been getting Kenny familiar with his district day-to-day operations, task-training on equipment and grading roads. We’ve also taken advantage of Kenny’s mechanical experience and have had the FLV crew swapping out the transmission on a crew truck to get a backup truck running. That’s progressing nicely.
4. New Hires: We hired 2 new employees through NyeCoalition and they are down in Las Vegas at truck driving school, as we speak. They are also getting their HazMat endorsement along with the Class A license. The class takes three weeks to complete.
5. I’ve reached out to Best in the Desert regarding rerouting race traffic around Randy Johnston’s Hard Luck Mine Castle. They have agreed to work with us and use another route so as not to race by Mr. Johnston’s place. Also, they were informed that the rates have gone up. We discussed it more thoroughly and they are comfortable with the new rates.
6. Silver Peak Road Project Update: Herback Engineering has started dirt work on the Silver Peak Road Project. They submitted their signage and Traffic Control Plans. They will not close the road entirely at any point. There will be traffic delays as they will be using one-lane, with flaggers and pilot cars, as needed. We have notified EMS, Sheriff’s office, the school district, county department and the public of Herback’s Plans. We are having weekly meetings and will keep you updated.

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7. We recently had a meeting with the Inyo National Forest Management Team in regards to the OHV grant their office recently received and their proposed changes they have suggested to the Red Rock Mercury Mine access road and some other surrounding roads in the area in Fish Lake Valley. Ralph and I met listened to their suggestions and concerns and scoped the roads in question. We maintain these roads and suggested before any decisions are made, they should hold a town hall meeting in Fish Lake Valley and discuss their proposal with the Valley residents. They agreed and that meeting is set for 5 pm on Thursday, February 27th in Fish Lake Valley. I will keep you updated.
8. Hwy 95 Relocation Update: They have started using the new road and will keep the bypass until they can finish the topcoat, which should be in March or April. They will use the bypass while they finish that part and then take out the bypass.
9. There is a Town Hall meeting in Gold Point on February 15th at high noon in regards to town site development. I will keep you updated.

I've been in touch with Michael Ruffner, Sustainable Materials Manager from the Department of Environmental Protection, in regards to household hazardous materials. There is a grant available and Mr. Ruffner would like to visit our facility to see if we would qualify. It's his intention to work with the Tonopah Landfill and the Goldfield Landfill to see if, together, it is worthwhile to apply for the grant. I have the workers from the Conservation Camp out at the landfill this week, cleaning it up in preparation for this visit. I will keep you informed.

Deven said, as he said in the last couple of meetings, he is going to class for Solid Waste. It is an online course, basically a college course. He said he will be out of commission for a while, he cannot be disturbed while he is doing that. Commissioner Keyes asked what the timeline is for this schooling. Deven said Patty said a week.

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