

Minutes from the May 21, 2019 County Commission Meeting

May 21, 2019

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
Michelle Garcia -	Clerk of the Board

APPROVED

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.)

Mr. Ellison stated that there is legislation to put a 5% fuel tax on the ballot.

3. *APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the expenditures.

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

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

None.

5. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners.

None.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

None

7. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: The commissioners need to revisit the "establishing" of a catastrophic leave fund for Patty Huber-Beth. After reading of the Policy handbook for employees, it states this can be established, regardless of length of time out or if it's a life-threatening illness. Letter from Ed Rannells attached to agenda item. (Sherry Huffman)

Ed Rannells hand-wrote a letter to be read into the record.

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Honorable Commissioners

If a catastrophic leave account is established for Patty Huber-Beth, please place 100 hours from my sick leave into her catastrophic leave account. I am willing to donate more hours, if and when those hours are needed. If approved, please inform Vera Boyer, Esmeralda County Auditor – Recorder as I am in Texas at this time.

Thanks Sincerely
Edwin Rannells

Commissioner Keyes stated that we need to make this happen. Ed Rannells has 100 hours that he wants to give to Patty.

There is concern that she is still under the 10-week catastrophic leave mark and the policy has not been changed.

Michelle Garcia as HR brought up the difficulties because there have been 2 previous employees who were not offered this opportunity and we may have a problem with this. Vera Boyer stated we need to close the meeting as this is a personnel matter.

Tabling item

8. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** With the cost of insurance slated to rise this coming year, A and H Insurance has various ways to offset this cost of rising rates. Tina would like to share the information and answer any questions the commissioners may have. (Tina Peterson, A and H Insurance)

Tina came up and stated that all of this is done through POOL/PACT. There is a lot of grant money out there that she can find. She touches base with her entities once a month to let us know what is available.

She would replace our broker (Eason Insurance and Chris Duval).

Sergeant Kirkland asked if it would include car insurance. It would.

No decision made at this meeting.

9. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Requesting either a joint letter or individual letters from the Board of Commissioners for support of Governor's Office for RFP 19-10; relating to Economic Development Services by my office. (Letter of Support Attached) (Paul Miller)

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Esmeralda and Nye County Economic Development Authority. FY 2020-2021 will see significant funding for a full-time position. Commissioner Keyes asked if they sign a single letter, when does he need it. He was told by 5/31. We can make any change we like. It is just a letter of support.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to write a support letter for Esmeralda Regional Economic Development Authority.

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

10. ***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.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to close the meeting.

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

Back to Order.

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

Went back to item #7 and had discussions. More to come.

12. ***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.

Commissioners closed meeting for discussions.

Back to order.

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

Sergeant Kirkland of the Sheriff's Department discussed an incident that happened over the weekend.

14. **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.)

Judge Danielle Johnson came up and stated that AB411 died in the Legislature. Commissioner Keyes stated that AB30 is up for vote. He asked people to make public comment on it on the website.

15. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to adjourn.

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