

# Minutes from the June 16, 2020 HIGHWAY Commission Meeting

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June 16, 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  
Timothy Hipp - Vice-Chairman  
Delon "De" Winsor - Commissioner  
Robert Glennen - District Attorney  
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.)

Brad Maxwell came up and stated that Deven Thackeray is a good supervisor and does a good job around town.

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

Batch 1: \$8508.09  
Batch 2: \$782.79  
Total: \$9290.82

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the expenditures. Commissioner Winsor 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 May 19 and June 02, 2020 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commission.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 19 and June 02, 2020 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commission. Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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### **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 Inyo National Forest sent an email and wants to enter into a maintenance agreement with us on maintaining some roads.

There was also a meeting with Loneer about improving the road. They will be coming to a meeting and letting us know where they are.

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

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#### Road Update:

Fish Lake Valley: Eddy & Kenny just finished up grading the entire Trail Canyon loop including the flats and also Pinchot Canyon. They will be splitting up and Kenny grading Columbus Marsh to Red Lick Summit. Eddy heading to Pigeon Springs and grading the surrounding ranches in that area.

Silver Peak: Jesse & Mario just finished up grading the entire loop at Gilbert. I had Mario cut across and grade the main road to Columbus Mine after he finished the Gilbert area. Jesse is heading back to work with Todd on clean outs along the new section of Highway heading into Silver Peak.

Goldfield: Todd recently graded Montezuma and surrounding areas, also I had him working on clean outs and had him grade the main Silver Peak Road, while Jesse and Mario were out in Gilbert. He's now finishing up clean outs and heading back this way. Also, in Goldfield you might notice we have been replacing the depleted stops signs and yield signs as we can. We have also started repairing pot holes with old patch asphalt in places where the slurry seal has not taken.

#### Silver Peak Update:

Asphalt paving starts on June 15, 2020 on the main line and will continue thru June 19, 2020, they will be starting at 7am thru 7pm daily with a possible thirty (30) minute delay for traffic. The bypass is open thru out this process along. With flaggers and traffic controls, they will also be paving approximately one thousand (1,000) square feet of Option X, fifty-three (53) feet of existing roadway to be removed, shoulder paving and additional Option X will start on June 24, 2020. At the end of each shift traffic will be put back on main road. Expected completion of project is around July 10, 2020. Esmeralda County Road Department has posted these dates in Fish Lake Valley, Silver Peak, and Goldfield and notified Goldfield Radio.

Commissioner Keyes said the highway 95 closure should be wrapping up this week and asked Deven if this closure will continue to have traffic going through Fish Lake Valley. He said they are going around construction zones through Fish Lake Valley.

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8. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decision and sign amended donation agreement with Gemfield Resources with added wording in regards to the laydown yard. (Deven Thackeray)

Deven said there is some added wording in regards to the laydown yard. In item one, where is read screening plant, they had “hot” plant. He said it went before our D.A. and he made some suggestions: On the original documents, on the dates to actually occupy, it says may only be exercised commencing on August 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, so that was changed.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to sign the amended donation agreement with Gemfield Resources with the added wording in regards to the laydown yard. Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

9. **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.)

Brad Maxwell came up and said that he is glad Mike Anderson is OK. Michelle told him that is not a Road Department comment.

10. **\*ADJOURNMENT:**

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