

Minutes from the July 02, 2019 HIGHWAY Commission Meeting

July 02, 2019

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 – not present
Timothy Hipp -	Commissioner
Robert Glennen -	District Attorney
Sandy Roper -	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.)
None.

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** for the meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commission.
None.

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 Hipp stated he had nothing.
Commissioner Keyes stated he had nothing.

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

Ed Rannells submitted a hand-written report to be read into the minutes as follows:

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1. Grading the Tonopah-Poleline Road, Paymaster Canyon Road and the crew in Fish Lake Valley is working in the park preparing for the 4th of July.
2. I have gathered the shop files for Wallace Road in Fish Lake Valley and will fill out the SF-297 (BLM form) in the next couple weeks.
3. I'm happy to report that Patty is recovering well and will return to light duty very soon. I have gained a new appreciation of what goes on in the office during her absence.
4. Solid Waste: We have closed out the inspection follow-ups at the Silver Peak and Dyer Waste Bin facilities, and are working on a few minor issues at the Goldfield landfill, including financial assurance documentation, in addition another 5-year volumetric survey will be due at the end of the month.
5. Silver Peak Road Project: The estimated cost of the project has increased to about \$5,400,000.00, from \$4,230,000.00. This has increased our 5% match to around \$270,000.00. We do have this funding in the budget, with some coming from R.T.C. project that there aren't further increases. The 95% plans are out on the project.

My primary comment was that there is still no provision for low-water crossings in the plans. The commissioners might remember that I was originally against low-water crossings, however, with the destruction to a portion of the pavement in Phase 1, my opinion has changed and I feel that it's much better to clean-up a mess of rocks and debris at low water crossings, than lose large amounts of pavement.

This is especially true because there is no warrantee on these projects and Esmeralda County will suffer the costs to replace the damage.

To date my concerns have not been addressed, except that low-water crossings might cause safety issues and require that the road be closed. My response was that we have to close the Silver Peak Road on a regular basis during flood events anyway, and a much longer road closure could be required when and if we lose pavement.

8. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Review/Discussion on resumes for Road Supervisor position. Possible Interviews. (Commissioners)

This item was opened in the regular Board of County Commission meeting.

9. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion and decision concerning the Goldfield slurry seal project as it relates to Euclid Ave. in the vicinity of the Courthouse. There is sanitary sewer work needed in the street. Should we delay applying slurry seal in this area and the street will be dug up for sewer repairs? (Edwin Rannells)

Ed came up and the discussion was whether or not to pave and then tear up when the sewer line gets replaced. Ed read another letter into the record:

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Honorable Commissioners,

The slurry seal project will almost certainly be completed before the sewer can be replace/repared. It would be a shame to replace (with a slurry seal application) the surface of the street, only to have it torn up by the sewer replacement. With that being said, this is direct next to the courthouse and it would be nice to improve the appearance of that area, even if it's only a temporary improvement. Thanks, Ed.

So, Mr. Rannells stated he had no opinion. Mike Anderson with the Utilities department stated they would be fixing the new in the next 3 months.

This item will be put on a future agenda.

10. **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.

11. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

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