

Minutes from the July 07, 2020 Commission Meeting

July 07, 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 – by phone

Robert Glennen - District Attorney – in court

LaCinda Elgan - 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 said he received something by registered mail that he feels falls under defamation of character because it was sent through public mail and without being checked out before they were given to him. He said he wants to talk to Tim before he goes too far but he wants to make a record of it. He said he doesn't want to cause anyone to lose their job but he wants to bring it out that incorrect facts were sent to him, publicly, from our transportation, he wants to talk with them.

LaCinda stated that GoToMeeting is not working.

Ellen stated that the commodities trailer needs air conditioners and refrigerators and freezers, possibly. She also said Senior transportation is running again.

17. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Truck Stop update and drawings. (Stone Bros., Inc.)

Jack Stone stated the added 3600 square feet to the building. That will give additional kitchen, ice cream, etc. to the area. He showed the trucker lounge. He explained the map in detail. He said they've had some delays with Armor Steel because of the Corona virus on the drawings. They were supposed to have them yesterday and now they are saying another week. He said he is taking the preliminary drawings to Reno next week to start the engineering drawings. He said he will take those to the Road Department. Deven Thackeray said he had Kenneth Haskew come out this morning and shoot survey the entire property just to make sure we are right with the world and, in fact, Jack's rendition is so correct that Deven had a mistake. So, it pays that we do that and when Jack is talking about Orcutt, Kenneth went out and set the stake this morning so he is doing his due diligence here.

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Mr. Stone said he said they will have offices and security upstairs. Ellen said Chrystal will email pictures. Deven said Jack got ahold of him and there is some interest in paving or putting some cold patch along the accessways and he said we can do that and he is going to donate the wrap to do that. Jack said he is going to do that at his own expense.

Tim Hipp said the number one question he gets is whether they know what is going to go in. They are going to have different types of food. They are going to have the same jerky company as the one at Eddy World in Beatty. They are going to have fresh roasted coffee. He said they are going to try to do as much as possible in the food department. They are still thinking about it. They are going to have grocery also. It is not going to be a supermarket, but there will be groceries. Mr. Stone said there is plenty of room for outside tables for covered eating outside.

Mr. Stone also explained how any environmental spills will go to one place and never go off he property.

Deven Thackeray asked when the completion date is. Mr. Stone said they are shooting for before the snow starts. He is waiting for the footings. They have the boulder blaster ready. He also showed everyone where the fire hydrants will be. He said the building is all metal.

They would like to put an 8-foot sign up. Commissioner Hipp said he would talk to the Assessor about it.

Mr. Stone said the building is monitor-style and it is all galvalume. It has a raised center section. He didn't put any trim. He will use a little bit of galvalume to rust it up a little and then will use native rock around the pillars.

20. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: To approve to allow department heads to enter into On-the-Job trainings (OJT) or Youth WERKS Work Experience (WEX) with NyE Communities Coalition (NyECC) until June 30, 2021. A copy of the master contract and pre-award checklist is attached and needs to be filled out once per fiscal year. Then, NyECC staff would assist department heads with filling out the skills gaps and training plan for each OJT. Regarding WEX's, the youth are NyECC employees, we pay their wages and cover their workman's comp. The youth gain work experience thru the training program. Site Supervisor is responsible for providing supervision, following safety guidelines, insuring youth meeting training goals, signs time sheets and performing 2 evaluations with Youth Career Coach for each WEX. (Jess Rosner)

This is just a renewal from last year. They had two road employees go through it. Mr. Deluna did not finish his training. Mr. Esparza did.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to allow department heads to enter into On-the-Job trainings (OJT) or Youth WERKS Work Experience (WEX) with NyE Communities Coalition

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(NyECC) until June 30, 2021. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

19. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Seeking approval to hold our annual off-road event August 14, 2020. We will be utilizing some county roads. (Donald Jackson, Best In The Desert) NOTE: **Please call at 11:00am.**

Donald Jackson is on the phone. They will enter Esmeralda County at Bonnie Claire and use the Hard Luck Mine area. They will obey the 25 mile per hour speed coming out of the Cotton Tail. They will come around East of Goldfield through the Klondike pit. They are using previous routes.

Commissioner Hipp said last year they had a rally point by the Goldfield dump and asked if they were going to do that again this year. Mr. Jackson said they are going to by-pass that this year because they had an issue with it last year. Commissioner Hipp then asked if there were any places in Esmeralda County where people were going to be stopping and getting out of their vehicles. Mr. Jackson said they call those pit areas and there will be one at the Cotton Tail right by the air strip and the other one will be at the Klondike across from the Silver Peak highway.

Deven Thackeray confirmed that they were going to by-pass Randy's area and asked Mr. Jackson to contact him after the meeting so he can get a map so he can get it to his guys. Mr. Jackson also said that, on the grading, they agree to pay the county for repairing the roads like they have done in the past. Deven confirmed that they spoke about the rate increase to \$110.00 per hour. Mr. Jackson said that Deven did mention that.

Commissioner Hipp confirmed that Randy had complained last year. Deven said that he did and said that some years he wants them racing there and some years he doesn't want them there we from now on we are just going to by-pass his place.

Commissioner Keyes requested a copy of the race map.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the annual Best In The Desert event August 14, 2020 and allow them to utilize Esmeralda County roads as provided in the map. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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

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

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

Robert Glennen – District Attorney - Nothing

Ken Elgan – Sheriff – Nothing

LaCinda Elgan – In a meeting

Ruth Lee – Not present

Vera Boyer – Auditor/Recorder – No update

Mike Anderson – Goldfield Utilities/Es. Co. Public Works Supervisor – Report as follows:

ESMERALDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

July 7th, 2020

Goldfield Utilities:

May 27th – June 5th, 2020: Mike, Willy, Steven and Gary “Bubba” finished doing a full maintenance on the Goldfield Treatment Plant by replacing valves and putting the last of the media sand in the Treatment Plant.

June 10th, 2020: Johnson Controls came to the courthouse and to Dyer Community Center to do the annual fire sprinkler inspection, which both locations pass the inspection that was performed.

June 15th, 2020: Gemfield Resources awarded Hydro Resources-West to the Klondike Wellfield Exploration Drilling Project which they will be drilling bore holes to located source of water to construct two production wells to provide water to Gemfield Resources and to put two monitor wells in our Right of Way (ROW). They are going to start June 22nd, 2020 to start this new project.

General Maintenance:

June 15th, 2020: Gary “Bubba” and Steven helped Ellen with unloading the commodities for her.

June 19th, 2020: Willy dig a hole for a person who passed away for the Barlow’s in our cemetery and which the Barlow were really happy how the grave came out and everything looked good to them.

Update Information:

June 9th-11th, 2020: Angela attending computer training class with CBGD with learning how the grant application process works.

Our maintenance department has been spraying weeds at the park as well around the county buildings.

4. ***APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.**

Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of:

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\$272,165.59

Total including the Road Department:

\$288,683.63

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.

July 7, 2020

TO: The Honorable County Commissioners

RE: Rejected Vendor Bill

I have received a past due invoice for Frontier dated August 19, October 18, November 19 and December 19 from LaCinda Elgan, Treasurer for Esmeralda County. These bills total \$383.98, which is a past due amount. The amount break-down is as follows:

These are all for 775-485-6376, which is the fax machine in the Clerk/Treasurer's office.

August, in the amount of \$98.08

October, in the amount of \$93.78

November, in the amount of \$98.34

December, in the amount of \$93.78

I have rejected this invoice according to NRS 244.210, NRS 244.220 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 \$383.98 is approved or rejected for payment.

Sincerely,

Vera Boyer
Auditor/Recorder

Michelle stated these are super old bills for our fax machine and the bills that we didn't get. We pay only the current amount due on all bills and these are bills from way back when Angela was in our department and we didn't realize that these bills hadn't been paid. We received a letter that these old bills hadn't been paid so that is what these are. Vera said that these are

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from when we switch from Frontier to Valley as well. She said Frontier wasn't sending us fax bills like we thought they were. Michelle said she believes other offices were having issues with their fax machine bills as well. Vera said we also gained numbers that we didn't know we had.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve this bill to rejected vendor bill in the amount of \$383.98. Commissioner Keyes confirmed that we did not received the bills. Michelle said that we did not receive the bills for those particular months. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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TO: The Honorable County Commissioners

RE: Rejected Vendor Bill

I have received a past due invoice for Quill dated January 9, May 1, July 2 and November 15 from Ellen Loving, Commissioners' Secretary. These bills total \$1,025.08, which is a past due amount. The amount break-down is as follows:

Invoice 4098660 - \$309.89
Invoice 7036069 - \$16.49
Invoice 7033235 - \$81.22
Invoice 7004637 - \$13.90
Invoice 9029914 - \$50.48
Invoice 9029331 - \$9.89
Invoice 2717132 - \$138.74
Invoice 2671291 - \$20.49

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Sincerely,

Vera Boyer
Auditor/Recorder

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Ellen said these are back from 2019 from Sherry and Edward. She found out about these invoices when she found out there was a hold on our account when she was trying to order more face masks for Senior Transportation.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to pay the bill to Quill, in the amount of \$1,025.08. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

Bradley Maxwell came up and said that, when you use someone's name, Angela's name was brought up, she's not here to defend herself and the inuendo in that reference "this happened back when Angela was in the office", leads to inuendo, that, why even bring up Angela? Michelle said there was no inuendo whatsoever. Ellen said she brought up Sherry and Edward and that is just talking about a timeframe, not the people. Michelle said that was it exactly. Brad said again publicly you need to be careful about using a name because he took it the other way. He said he's not angry with Michelle, he said again that you have to be careful when using people's names.

5. ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the May 28, 2020 Budget Hearing, the June 16, 2020 BOCC meeting and the June 19, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2020 Budget Hearing, the June 16, 2020 BOCC meeting and the June 19, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

Michelle had a comment for Commissioner Hipp. She reminded him that he had not approved the June 2, 2020 meeting minutes because he believed there was a conversation at the last public comment about the Department of Taxation meeting. She said she went back and listened to the entire public comment session and it was not mentioned at all. She suggested maybe it was talked about in a legal non-meeting that was not recorded. Commissioner Hipp said he was 100% sure that it was talked about at that public comment session. He wanted to go back and listen to that public comment. Michelle said he was more than welcome to listen to that but it was not mentioned at the public comment at all.

NOTE: Going back to item number 7.

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

Ellen Loving – Administrative Assistant – get update from public comment.
Sylvia Rich – Public Administrator – not present
Robert Glennen – Public Guardian - nothing
Esmeralda County Land Use Advisory Committee – Haven't met
Kenneth Elgan – DEM Coordinator – Nothing to report
Fish Lake Valley Park Board – There is a meeting tomorrow night

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Esmeralda County Library Board – report is as follows:

Esmeralda County Libraries Monthly Report to Commissioner's June 2020

Silver Peak Library- Nicole White- Director of Esmeralda County Libraries

June is always chaotic with the end of the fiscal year, but with the reopening of the libraries, it has been a little more crazy than usual. Having to keep up with the rules put forth by Governor Sisolak and making sure we are notifying our patrons, as well as extra cleaning, sanitizing, and regular tasks and patrons has made it even more difficult than it usually is to fit everything we do into our mere 21 hours a week that we are allowed to work. I went to Fish Lake 2 times this month for time cards and to drop off a bunch of books that I weeded from my library that Sheila hopes to sell at her annual book sale whenever she can safely have that and a lot of children's books that will be donated to places that can give them to children who want and need books that may not have the means to acquire them. I am also getting ready for our yearly bibliostat survey (which is a 14 page survey that all public libraries have to submit each year in which we have to detail EVERYTHING from how many of what type of items were checked out to how many people came in, how many used computer, Wi-Fi, how much we spent on what, what we made that year in wages and benefits, and much more).

June 2020 stats:

Adult Attendance: 81

Children's Attendance: 41

Children's Circulation: 19

Public Computer Use: 42

Wifi Use: 28

Goldfield Public Library- Amanda Elsea- Librarian

In June I have done everything I do every month with exception of book order. I have finished weeding adult FIC and am updating that section in the computer.

-Amanda

June 2020 stats:

Adult Attendance: 77

Children's Attendance: 3

Children's Circulation: 9

Public Computer Use: 39

Wifi Use: 10

Fish Lake Library- Sheila Stover- Librarian

While the library was closed, I was able to add some new shelves and completely reorganize the history, Nevada history, and military history sections. I moved some things around, cleaned the store rooms, etc. Now we are open again and the internet is back, for the third time, I am

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Public Computer Use: 105

Total Checkouts/Renewals: 980

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 Keyes stated he attended the year-end meeting of the Conservation District last week. He said Loneer will be having a town hall meeting in Fish Lake Valley on 07/23 at 7PM.

Commissioner Hipp has nothing.

Commissioner Winsor has nothing.

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR / GENERAL PUBLIC ACTION ITEMS:

9. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: TIMED ITEM: 9:00am:** Discussion/Closed door negotiations with the ECSDA at 0900 hrs. (Sgt. Kirkland)

This item will be done after the regular meeting.

10. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss, adjust, approve "Request for Qualification" for Project Administrator/Grant Writer/Grant Administrator. (Commissioner Hipp)

Susan submitted her resignation and said we need to post her position. He said this was one of the prior postings and he just updated it. He said he has his laptop here if the commissioners want to make any changes. He said there has been some interest from someone in the county so we need to get this approved and posted so we can place someone in that position. Michelle asked when she submitted her resignation. Commissioner Hipp said he didn't know what the effective date was but the letter came in on June 16.

Commissioner Hipp asked if either commissioner had any changes to the posting. Neither did. Commissioner Hipp said he talked with Susan about this and she just wanted to make sure we didn't post it as a grant writer or a grant administrator. She thinks, from her experience, we really a project manager who will oversee an entire project. He said that person also needs to have knowledge or experience on grant writing and grant administration, but we really need a project administrator to oversee the whole thing.

Commissioner Keyes said it will be very hard to replace all of her wealth of knowledge and experience so it will be a challenge. He has no changes.

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Vera Boyer asked if this person will be an employee or a contractor, like Susan is currently. She was told they will be a contractor. She asked if that was stated in the advertisement. Commissioner Hipp said it is.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the "Request for Qualification" for Project Administrator/Grant Writer/Grant Administrator position. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

11. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide to post "Request for Qualification" for the Project Administrator/Grant Writer/Grant Administrator.
(Commissioner Hipp)

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to post the "Request for Qualification" for the Project Administrator/Grant Writer/Grant Administrator as soon as possible. Ellen asked if we have a timeframe. Commissioner Hipp said as soon as possible. Commissioner Hipp said he has it down that sealed qualifications will be received by 5pm on July 20, which is the day before our next meeting and qualifications will be opened at 11:00 at the Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners meeting. Michelle asked if this is something that has to be done in an open meeting or if they just chose to do it at an open meeting. Commissioner Hipp said he just picked that date.

Commissioner Hipp again made the motion to post the "Request for Qualification" for the Project Administrator/Grant Writer/Grant Administrator as soon as possible. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To decide and approve the CARES Act funding. (Vera Boyer)

Vera said this is just so the commissioners could discuss it. She brought it up at the last meeting.

Commissioner Hipp stated he read through this and there are very strict guidelines on where the money can be spent but there are no strings attached to it. Unlike a regular grant where you have to provide all of this additional information and it goes on for years, this is very simple. We have to spend it the way it is meant to be spent and we have until December 30 to spend the money and whatever we don't spend goes right back to the State. Commissioner Hipp said he has talked at length with Allen Kalt of POOL/PACT and he thinks it is a great thing.

Commissioner Hipp said he had a statement to read from Mr. Kalt: NACO is working so hard to support the counties on this effort, and I want to weigh in on the issue that Esmeralda should accept and utilize these funds for the benefit of your community. NACO is hosting a workshop on this issue on July 13 at 3pm to assist counties in how to proceed forward on this issue.

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Commissioner Hipp said the only concern he sees with this is the guidelines are very strict, so he thinks that meeting is an opportunity where we can go to them and throw out our ideas about where we want to spend the money and tell them what our plan is and see if it is within the guidelines and they will tell us yes or no. That way, we don't spend the money on some project and then they come back and say that is not an authorized project.

Commissioner Keyes said if there is money there, we should apply for it.

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

13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion/Decision for a solution for the County Fuel Pumps to be repaired permanently and in working order 24/7. (Sgt. Kirkland)

Sergeant Kirkland stated that the pumps have been not working for 5-7 years. He wants to know when they are going to be fixed. He said they have been in the budget for years but nothing has been done to fix them. Commissioner Winsor said we have the money but we can't get anyone out here and work on them. He said he's asked Rebel and a few places, but Rebel said they didn't know. The pumps are worn out. On the pumps in Silver Peak, Mike Anderson used all the old parts he had to work on those pumps. This time of year, you can't get any fuel out in the middle of the day. You have to get there first thing in the morning or at the end of the day after it cools down.

Deven Thackeray came up and stated that the tank actually vapor locks. He asked if Jack Stone could work on this. Commissioner Winsor said he might be able to, but we also need to update the card readers on these. We have \$30,000 in the budget to fix these. Commissioner Hipp said he would send an email to Mr. Stone about this.

Sheriff Elgan stated we keep hearing the same excuses all the time but we need to do something. He knows that Commissioner Keyes is also well aware of the problem. He actually had to sign for fuel for the Sheriff so he could get to work.

Commissioner Keyes said he knew that Mike Anderson had been looking for someone to work on these pumps for quite some time and we need to address this. He is suggesting that Mike Anderson, since he is Public Works, try to reach out to some other suppliers that might be able to help us with this. We need to start over from the beginning and ask for bids.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to instruct Mike Anderson to start the bidding process to get these pumps fixed. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

Sheriff Elgan stated that he knows for a fact that Esmeralda Market has someone that goes out to them when their pumps don't work. Commissioner Keyes said he would follow up with them about that. Commissioner Hipp said he will talk to Mike.

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Commissioner Hipp clarified and asked if this was just the pumps in Fish Lake Valley and Silver Peak. He was told, no, it is all of them, including Goldfield, and includes the card readers as well.

14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve Classification and wage scale and permit Solid Waste Supervisor to apply to current employees. (Deven Thackeray)

Deven stated this item will be tabled until later this year.

15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide and appoint commissioner for Ellen to conduct interviews with for Full Time Admin Assistant. Recommendation will be brought to the board for final decision to be made. (Ellen Loving)

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to appoint Commissioner Winsor for Ellen to conduct interviews with for Full Time Admin Assistant. Recommendation will be brought to the board for final decision to be made. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss, Decide, Approve and sign resolution for Nevada Rural Housing Authority. (Ellen Loving)

Ellen said that Cindy asked her to put this on the agenda. Commissioner Hipp said he reached out to them in February to see if there was anything we can do to have this money go to Esmeralda County and not other counties because we are basically donating our portion and he is not aware of a single situation of where the Rural Housing Authority actually came in and helped someone in Esmeralda County. He said he had a couple of conference calls with the Director (he can't remember his name) but it didn't go very far. He then sent an email to Dan McArthur asking him if there was something else, we could do with this money that would benefit Esmeralda County and not other counties and he didn't think there was either. Unfortunately, this is something we don't have any control over. There was a possibility with the mining companies coming in that we could get the Rural Housing Authority to work with the mine companies to make something work for Esmeralda County. It just doesn't seem, at this time, that anything is possible.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve and sign the resolution for the Nevada Rural Housing Authority, which would transfer the 2020 bond cap in the amount of \$51,012.13 to the NRHA for its Single-Family programs. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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18. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is in need to install a DME (Distant Measuring Equipment) navigation beacon to enable aircraft to measure their position relative to that beacon. This will be located on airport and a lease will be required for the site and ability to access the DME for installation and maintenance. A Signature will be required on the lease document. (Dong Lee, Engineer, Federal Aviation Administration)

Commissioner Keyes asked D.A. Glennen if he had the opportunity to review the lease. Mr. Glennen said he did not get a chance to go through it in any great detail. Commissioner Keyes said they need to fix the spelling of Esmeralda. He said he has been working with them for the last year and he does not see any reason not to get this done. This is for the Dyer airport.

Mr. Glennen suggested signing the lease agreement with any corrections.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve signing the lease agreement with corrections for the Dyer Airport for their DME facility. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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.)

Brad Maxwell wanted to address something from item 19. He said he used to be against the road races because they tear our roads up tremendously. Michelle said this is not a road meeting. Commissioner Winsor said he was making public comment on 19, which was on this meeting. Mr. Maxwell said now he's glad we do have them and personally hopes we do a whole lot more of this kind of stuff, like motorcycle races, because we need that kind of thing here. He said the problem is that a lot of people cut wood here and he uses the dirt roads to go out and get his wood. He said he goes to Montezuma Lida and sometimes those roads are so torn up he can't get out there. He is asking that the County cleans those roads up. He said it fire-cutting time when they use those roads.

LaCinda came up and said that at the last commissioner meeting she brought up having everything happen on one day could be a potential problem. She said today we had the perfect storm. She said her office was even short-staffed. She said the District Court Judge even addressed the court today, saying that the commissioners need to consider doing an option on what day they want to do a commissioner meeting. She said she is going to put on the agenda to entertain a proposal to maybe change the day to Mondays due to the COVID-19 issues that we are dealing with. She said she believes because we have done this so many times in the past, we could change the meeting for the month of August. That would give us time to comply with what the District Attorney wants us to do. LaCinda said she had a meeting with the election people and the Secretary of State's office today to deal with the election equipment and she had to have a phone and power and her phone does not work in the courthouse, nor does their IT people come here and have good cell service, so it is imperative that we have the communication

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for that center. We are going to be doing our own absentee and mail-in ballots this year. We will not be sending them out to vendors. We are going to do them in-house to save the county money. We are already starting for the general election today. She said she has commandeering the commissioner's chambers and she will not argue about that, but if the commissioners want to take that issue up with the Secretary of State and the Department of Homeland Security about the security and what is required for her to do her job, she would be happy to have them address that with her and her attorneys.

Commissioner Winsor asked if she would be putting this on the next agenda. She said she would. She said she is explaining why this is such a problem. She said she is so sorry, but even if we did the meeting in the jury room, there still is no phone in the jury because they don't want a phone in the jury room, and they can't have the social distancing in that room. LaCinda said we are in a place that we have never been in before and we have to work together to make things work right and make the cogs work together. She is not asking to change the world. She is just asking to work together until December, after the election, and then we can re-address if we need to.

Commissioner Hipp said he would like to say that that is the commissioners' chambers and it should be used for commissioners' meetings. It should not be used as a storage space. This justification to use it for voting, does that mean that every time there is a vote, we are going to get kicked out of there for 6 months so she can do her thing. He said again it is the commissioners' chambers and should be used for commissioners' meetings, period. He said she needs to find a long-term. Commissioner Winsor said she is going to put this on the next agenda. LaCinda said we can debate it then.

Michelle said that right now we cannot use the commissioners' chambers for meetings. Right now, there is a social-distancing issue. She said that what they did in the Justice Court this morning was unacceptable. Brad Maxwell asked why they can't use the chambers. Michelle said that social distancing is impossible in the chambers. Commissioner Winsor said again that this is public comment and not for discussion.

LaCinda stated that she looks forward to everyone giving this their full attention at the next meeting and thanked everyone for understanding the situation because it was a dilemma for everyone today.

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.

Opening numbers 9 and 21 simultaneously.

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9. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: TIMED ITEM: 9:00am:** Discussion/Closed door negotiations with the ECSDA at 0900 hrs. (Sgt. Kirkland)

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to close the meeting for labor negotiations. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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

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

Commissioner Winsor stated they discussed labor negotiations with the Sheriff's Deputies. They will meet again in a month. No decisions were made at this meeting.

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.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Winsor stated that they talked about looking into lawsuits regarding litigation regarding the jail.

26. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

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