

# Minutes from the October 01, 2019 HIGHWAY Commission Meeting

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October 01, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
Esmeralda County Courthouse  
Commission Chambers  
233 Crook Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Goldfield, Nevada

APPROVED

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.**

Ralph Keyes -	Chairman
Delon "De" Winsor -	Vice-Chairman
Timothy Hipp -	Commissioner
Robert Glennen -	District Attorney
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. **UPDATE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS.** (This is only an update. No decisions will be made.)  
None.

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

Deven Thackeray read a written report into the minutes as follows:

## ESMERALDA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE

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1. Currently, the Silver Peak crew has graded the main road going to Goldfield from Coyote Pass up to Mineral Ridge, over to Hot Ditch and down to Highway 264 in Fish Lake Valley (FLV) to help out the FLV operator. As of today, both Silver Peak operators will be grading Oasis Pass from Silver Peak into FLV. We let one new hire go, but hired another one. The newest hire is blading roads and has previous experience. FLV has finished up Upper

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Chiatovich roads and will be grading FLV. While grading the Valley, Eddie will bang out the airport which is over-grown with weeds on the runway, then after completion of the Valley, will move to McAfee Canyon which has washed out and we do have the Silver Peak Hike coming up. In Goldfield, the operator is grading and watering town roads. We have identified some pot holes that need cold patch and after completing grading town, he will transition to filling potholes, especially the one by the post office, then he will start banging out outlying roads.

2. Gemfield Resources is preparing to start hauling our 3 to 1 match stockpile and Lee Jacoby has offered to help the county out in developing a new source from which to obtain material from in and around the existing Goldfield Pit.
3. Currently, ECRD is looking at a possible maintenance agreement with Loneer, Ltd. in regards to their proposed lithium project in Fish Lake Valley. We've put together a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in draft form and have the D.A. looking into the wording. We will be looking to the Commissioners to advise on going forward or not with the maintenance agreement, possibly on an upcoming meeting. I will be meeting Myles Grotbo, the principal geologist, and Laura Pfister, project scientist for Loneer, along with Commissioner Keyes this Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fish Lake Valley. Loneer has proposed a possible realignment of the county Right of Way to allow for mine traffic. The purpose for the meeting is to drive the entire project area and discuss the plans, the possible realignment and the possible maintenance agreement.
4. We are moving forward with cleaning up the Goldfield shop. The front of the shop should be done as of today's meeting, then we will transition inside.

Since the last meeting, we did purchase a 770B Motorgrader with 6,000 original hours. Also, I sent Mike Long up to State Purchasing to check out the Mobile Sweeper and after his inspection, bought it. Also, as of yesterday, we purchased a 1991 International 3 axle heavy haul tractor with a 3406 Cat engine and 13 speed transition and wet kit. Also, double stacks. Nice rig for \$5,000. This will haul our equipment using our new low-boy. Fleet Update: (3) pickup trucks, (1) 10-wheel multi-use truck, (1) mobile sweeper, (1) motorgrader, (1) 3-axle semi-truck. Total spent out of Capital Outlay: \$50,000.00 (approx.). We still have another \$50,000 for a loader.

7. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Possible approval to accept the proposal from LG Concrete for the Goldfield sidewalk project with the funding to come from capital projects (Approved at FY20 Budget), POOL/PACT grant and materials from NDOT. (Commissioner Hipp)

Commissioner Hipp said the D.A. has item 16 on the regular meeting that probably has to be done first. Commissioner Keyes said we can leave the road meeting open for that item. Or, we can accept this contract. Item tabled for now.



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Commissioner Keyes made the motion to accept the proposal from LG Concrete for the Goldfield sidewalk project with the funding to come from POOL/PACT for \$10,000, with additional funding for the balance of the material coming from NDOT, to include the \$20,000 we budgeted from Capital Projects. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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.)

Sharon Reid came up and asked for a definite answer for timing on her utilities. She was told this is the road meeting and that has to go under the regular meeting.

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

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9. **\*ADJOURNMENT:**

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