

Minutes from the November 05, 2019 HIGHWAY Commission Meeting

November 05, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Esmeralda County Courthouse
Commission Chambers
233 Crook Ave., 2nd 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 – In Court
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.)

Commissioner Keyes reported that he met with the Rhyolite Ridge Lithium/Boron site in FLV with the representative with loneer and he was looking at the roads and how to accommodate the mining operation. There were also a couple of BLM gentlemen there. He will be meeting with them again on 11/7.

Commissioner Hipp stated he met with Lee Jacoby yesterday and he showed him the drone footage the highway movement and the progress on that.

6. UPDATE OF ESMERALDA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS.
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ESMERALDA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE
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1. Currently, In Fish Lake Valley (FLV), they're halfway through with grading and watering the Valley. They also performed weed control at Fish Lake Valley airstrip. We have been rotating operators in and out to help get caught up with grading the FLV district which has been behind due to only having one operator in that district, handling recent projects, and solid waste issues. Eddie has been filling in as needed in these other areas, and we are adjusting as best as we can. Silver Peak has been grading roads on Oasis, McAfee Canyon, Yellow Hills, Coyote Summit and regular maintenance on the main road. Today, the crew is starting to sweep streets that have had recent work done in regards to the fire hydrant replacement project. They will also target potholes in roads and start preparation work to fill with cold patch until we run out. In Goldfield, Todd has been grading Oasis-Poleline Road, Alkali Road, doing drainage work in outlying areas and, as of today, in in FLV to help get that district caught up.
2. The Silver Peak fire hydrant replacement project has gone well and is due to be completed by November 21st. They replaced the oldest fire hydrants in the north west part of town. This is due to electrolysis deteriorating the pipe and hydrants. The Road Dept. crew is sweeping Mohawk and Galena Roads so the contractor can begin cold patching. From there, our crew will move throughout the town, working with the contractor prepping roads to get the best results.
3. The Silver Peak Water Crossing has been completed, which included installing the water line across the Silver Peak Road. The inspectors were onsite and all went well. They compacted then overlaid asphalt to complete this project.
4. Update on the Federal Lands Access Project (FLAP) award: Emilio Burgos (Project Manager) emailed me with good news. They went out to bid for this project and while they are still performing responsibility checks for the low bidder, it looks like Herbeck General Engineering has won the bid. Everything looks good so far. Also, they will award the bid for Option A and Option X, hopefully in the next week or so. This is great because Option X includes replacing the section of road destroyed by the monsoons. Herbeck will need approximately 28,000 cubic yards of material, so we will be allowing them to use the paymaster pit to screen type II. We have hardly touched this pit so there will be enough for the, in return, to screen and give us approximately 12, 000 yards.
5. Update on loneer/Newfields: We have had 2 meetings with representatives with the latest meeting being held yesterday. Commissioner Ralph Keyes, myself, Matt (an engineer from Newfields), and Earl Numinen (from BLM) were present and topics discussed were the possible realignment of the County Right of Way (ROW) to accommodate their haul road and mine traffic, the traffic count for Mineral Ridge county ROW and public access, and ideas on building a road to support up to 400 trucks a day. I, along with Commissioner Keyes have another meeting with BLM Thursday to go over loneer's proposal in regards to the realignment of the county ROW. At this time, it's my recommendation that loneer apply for their own ROW.

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6. Albemarle: We have made a deal with the mine to receive all their scrap metal at very little cost the county. I estimate enough metal to cover the cost of a new roll off truck, if scrapped.
7. Equipment update: At my last visit to State Purchasing, there was a John Deere 4x4 extend-a-hoe turbo, enclosed cab backhoe with just 3200 hours. In all the years I have been here, never have I seen one there before. I'm waiting for a price, but I believe it will be between \$3,000 and \$6,000. They are holding it for us, as we speak.
7. **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.
8. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to adjourn.

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