

# Minutes from the November 17, 2020 HIGHWAY Commission Meeting

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November 17, 2020

1:00 p.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  
Cheri Bickham - 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.)

No public comment.

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

Utilities:	\$7,470.98
Prior Appr:	\$36,025.00
Batch 1:	\$1,983.94
Batch 2:	\$2,176.60
Total:	\$47,656.52

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve the expenditures in the above amounts. Commissioner Winsor 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 said that he's been working with Loneer and they are doing some exploratory drilling on Hot Ditch Road and Cage Springs Road. They did get permission from BLM and have provided insurance for that job. Esmeralda being a cooperating agency, they did give us notice that they were going to do this. He thinks we may want to at some point have a professional engineer of some type look over their plans any time they want to do anything on that road and approve it in that manner. He thinks that would be a better way to protect us. He said we may want to have a future agenda item to possibly hire a qualified engineer that can oversee the work they are doing on our county roads.

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Commissioner Winsor said we need to make the same agreement that we made with Gemfield, where they have to pay for the engineer if they are going to do any further construction or work. Commissioner Keyes said we did instruct them to go to the BLM so that is what they've done, but he said we do have to protect ourselves and be a cooperating agency and agrees with De in that we do need to have something similar to what we did with Gemfield Resources. He said to put this on the next agenda for the first meeting in December to discuss and decide how to handle this.

Deven Thackeray said he totally agrees too. He said it's important that we treat everybody equally. Gemfield did that and we need to make sure that everyone's equally moving forward. And, as far as BLM permitting; we share a right-of-way with BLM and therefore they need to them regardless when they are going to do something on the road.

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

Nothing.

**7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To allow Road department employees to be allowed to cash out annual leave over 240 hours similar to what was approved in the ECSDA Agreement on 9/15/20 outlined in Article 9, Section 5. (Deven Thackeray)

Deven said this is the same thing that Mike Anderson discussed in the regular meeting. He said he provided back up. He said he agrees that we should have a workshop on this because he doesn't believe he has it in his budget to cover this. Vera said that the Road department does have this in their budget. We can transfer from General, but General should not be floating the Road department. Commissioner Keyes said he believes that we should be treating everybody fairly and equally across the board with all of our departments. All commissioners agreed.

No decision made.

**8. \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To allow Road department employees to have sick leave benefits that was approved in the ECSDA Agreement on 9/15/20 outlined in Article 10, Section 6 & 7. (Deven Thackeray)

This item will also be discussed in the workshop mentioned in item 7.

No decision made.

**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.)

Commissioner Hipp said we were supposed to have our regular meeting with NDOT and it was cancelled in the spring because of COVID. He wanted to know if it has been rescheduled. Commissioner Keyes said they are trying to work on some scheduling at this point. They don't have any firm dates yet. They

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were wondering if the courthouse was open and he said it was, but now it's not. He said he will follow-up with it and let Commissioner Hipp know what he finds out.

### 10. **\*ADJOURNMENT:**

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