

# Minutes from the December 01, 2020 Commission Meeting

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December 01, 2020

9:00AM

Esmeralda County Courthouse

Commission Chambers

233 Crook Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Goldfield, Nevada

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

Delon "De" Winsor - Chairman

Timothy Hipp - Vice-Chairman

Ralph Keyes - 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.)

None.

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

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

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## 4. **\*APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.**

Batch 1: \$26,890.51

Batch 2: \$14,985.34

Insurance: \$76,678.26

Payroll: \$89,185.22

Total: \$207,740.33

Grnd TTL: \$223,004.67

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the expenditures in the above amounts. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

5. **\*DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL:** Rejected Vendor Bills from Auditor's Office.

None.

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### 6. UPDATE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF:

Robert Glennen – District Attorney –

Letter of resignation from Tony Moreno.

Ken Elgan – Sheriff – Not present

LaCinda Elgan – Clerk/Treasurer

Finalizing election results.

Ruth Lee – Assessor – not present

Vera Boyer – Auditor/Recorder – Nothing to report

Mike Anderson – Goldfield Utilities/Es. Co. Public Works Supervisor

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#### Goldfield Utilities:

- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, had a pre-con meeting for the Generator Project with Jeffrey Boring (Lakeland Electric), Mike Van Dusen (Lakeland Electric), Tony Moreno (Esmeralda County) Jean Barrette (CDBG), Jessica Sanders (CDBG) and Michael Anderson (Esmeralda County) and Susan Dudley (Esmeralda County). Completion date for this project to be done on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We told Jeffrey and Mike we would like to have three meetings on this project. No changes to the contract unless CDBG approves it and any orders or anything must be addressed in writing to Jean/Jessica before they will approve them. We asked that daily logs can be submitted electronically. If any questions about this project, they need to contact Michael Anderson.
- Fixed a resident's sewer blockage by putting a new clean-out.
- Water leak behind a resident's house in the alley way, prep and installed new pipe.
- Order parts to fix the hydrant on Bellevue and Ramsey.
- Prep for connecting sewer lateral on Crook & Franklin.
- Installed a new hydrant meter for Kinross.
- Read meters.

#### General Maintenance:

- Worked on the Goldfield Library, put two coats of roof paint on there.
- Plugged two leaks in the Goldfield Maintenance Work Truck.
- Helped Maureen and Natalie put away commodities.
- Covered wood at the maintenance yard from the weather.

#### Update Information:

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- John Sharples from Silver State Petroleum called on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to inform us that dispensers were shipped and will be arriving next week and will call us to let know they are here and then set up a time frame to get the equipment here to start upgrading the fuel stations in Silver Peak and Fish Lake Valley.
- November 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Office is closed for Thanksgiving Day and Family Day! Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving Day.

Mike wanted to add that petroleum people for the new gas pumps in Fish Lake Valley and Silver Peak were out here last week and they will be coming back (they are not sure of the date). He just wanted to let everyone know that when they do come back the pumps will be down for two days while they work on them. When he gets that information, he will pass it on.

He also wanted to let everyone know that they are rescheduling the fire extinguisher certification and will let everyone know when they are coming out.

Deven Thackeray – Solid Waste Supervisor

Deven said that he had really good news to report. He said that Solid Waste is back up and running. His regular employee has come off of Covid quarantine.

Maureen Glennen – Commissioners' Administrative Assistant

Maureen said she and Natalie have been working from home but keeping business going as best they can. They just heard from Best in the Desert and they would like to start the process for their 2021 race. They are going to submit agenda items for the 2/2/21 meeting with maps and permits from BLM. Their route this year is going to be from Reno to Vegas, so opposite from what they have done before. When their going to Esmeralda, their route is going to be more heavily in Nye County than Esmeralda County. They also said there is a new company that is starting to do races and we should start hearing from them as well.

Maureen said Gemfield Resources and the County have come together to hire a one-time researcher to gather information on homes, rooms, RV spaces, etc. that are available in the county. Brenda Golepi is local to Goldfield and she is starting that process this week.

Maureen and Natalie have been talking to others in the community about doing a garden. Sharon Artlip has offered a lot of land that she had already tiered in preparation and there will be information on that to follow.

Natalie has heard from several community members who have shown an interest in doing a time capsule and "burying 2020". They are going to have an agenda item in the future. Natalie talked briefly talked about it and burying it at the cemetery.

Talked to an emergency food bank in Las Vegas

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Phil Stezaker and Gina Greenway from the Mozart gave Maureen a letter to the commissioners, which she read as follows:

I would like to thank the commissioners for letting senior transportation deliver all the meals for Thanksgiving and the weekly meals. I also would like to let the commissioners know that this was a joint effort on the part of the people of Goldfield and Loneer. The outpouring of financial support was unbelievable. Because of all the support, Phil and I will be cooking Christmas dinner for everyone that would like a meal. This extends to everyone, not just seniors. We will also be sending \$20 Raley's gift certificates to the seniors and shut-ins. We had 84 meals delivered and 18 pick-ups for Thanksgiving. Maureen and Debra also delivered 6 meals to Silver Peak. The senior transportation is also delivering the Monday, Wednesday and Friday with 6 meals to Silver Peak and about 24 meals in Goldfield. Our plan is to continue the 3 hot meals a week through the next week, but we'll try to continue until senior transportation starts back up.

Phil and I cannot express our gratitude to everyone that involved in making all of this possible. Preparing the dinners in only a small part of feeding so many people. I will be preparing a list for the commissioners of everyone that supported this effort because I hope, if you see any of these people on the street, you will shake their hand and say thank you. In a time of need, this wonderful town came together without being asked.

Again, thank you commissioners, for helping make this Thanksgiving a blessing for so many. A very special thank you to Maureen for helping us pull this together.

Sincerely,

Gina and Phil

Sylvia Rich – Public Administrator – not present  
Robert Glennen – Public Guardian - Nothing  
Esmeralda County Land Use Advisory Committee –

Commissioner Keyes asked where we were at with the advertisement on this. Maureen said we have posted around town at our normal posting places. She is just waiting to hear from people. Commissioner Keyes said he talked to a few people in Fish Lake Valley who would be interested in being on it. He asked Maureen to let him know if she hears from anyone.

Kenneth Elgan – DEM Coordinator –

Sheriff said he was on the statewide call with Tony Phillips and has a Health Board meeting tomorrow. He is hoping he has the new CDC guidelines for quarantining today or tomorrow.

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Fish Lake Valley Park Board

The did approve the policies and by-laws. They are also in the process of getting a new refrigerator and freezer for commodities.

Esmeralda County Library Board – nothing.

- 7. 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 Winsor: Nothing.

Commissioner Hipp: Has a meeting on 12/15 with the BLM and the county surveyor to look at the current location of the fence line and look into getting the fences back up.

Commissioner Keyes: Participated in the NACO meeting last month and will forward the draft of the meeting minutes to Michelle. He also will be attending the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting on 12/11 virtually. He wanted to thank loneer. They donated 40 turkeys for Thanksgiving to FLV residents.

## **ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR / GENERAL PUBLIC ACTION ITEMS:**

- \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion/Decision and Approval of entering into an agreement with Shaw Engineering for oversight of road issues, liaison efforts with development agreement, among other issues with loneer with reimbursement for costs, services from loneer. (Commissioner Keyes)

Commissioner Keyes just wanted to make sure this got approved in this meeting because their may be other issues beside the road.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the same contract, entering into an agreement with Shaw Engineering for oversight of road issues, liaison efforts with development agreement, among other issues with loneer with reimbursement for costs, services from loneer. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

- \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide and approve a letter to the United Parcel Service (UPS) regarding poor/substandard service we have been receiving in Esmeralda County, county-wide. (Commissioner Keyes)

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10. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and set dates for upcoming budget workshops. (Vera Boyer)

There was a discussion on who was available when. It was decided to do meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Vera will check with Dan McArthur on dates and will do a schedule.

11. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion/Decision and possible approval of the State of Nevada Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Application – Esmeralda County for Goldfield and Silver Peak Utility Radio Read/Drive-By Meter Project Principal Forgiveness Load in the amount of \$366,118. (Michael Anderson)

Susan Dudley said this application would include replacing all of the water meters in both Goldfield and Silver Peak. She said a lot of the meters are 30+ years old and according to the HWA standards they lose about 1% efficiency for every year, meaning we could have up to 30% loss. Because of the loss, the Environmental Protection Agency will fund the replacement project. It makes sense, if we are going to replace the meters, to look at replacing them with the capability of being able to read them remotely. What that means, is, the meter is replaced, the meter head has software in it, a radio-read meter device, underneath the meter lid. The software goes into the computer, the computer is in the truck, you ride around town, 15 minutes in Silver Peak, 30 minutes in Goldfield, and all of the meters are read.

This project was discussed at the August 4 meeting, when we had the first public meeting for CDBG. While Esmeralda County was eligible, according to CDBG, this one was not. She applied through EPA, and because Goldfield and Silver Peak are considered disadvantaged it is eligible for principal forgiveness. So, she contacted NDEP and presented our case for the application and they invited us to apply. She included in the application, 2 temporary employees just for the purpose of replacing these meters. They cannot do anything but replace the meters.

If the commissioners approve, we will present this application at their meeting in January.

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to approve of the State of Nevada Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Application – Esmeralda County for Goldfield and Silver Peak Utility Radio Read/Drive-By Meter Project Principal Forgiveness Load in the amount of \$366,118.

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

12. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide on discussion from Workshop held earlier on December 01, 2020. (Maureen Glennen)

Item to be rescheduled.

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13. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decision for discussion that the University Center for Economic Development would like to provide an overview of the Comprehensive Economic Development Study (CEDS) update that will be ongoing in Esmeralda from December 2020 through March 2021. This study is in conjunction with the assistance of the Southwest Central Regional Economic Development Authority (SWCREDA), Executive Director Paul Miller. (Frederick Steinman, PhD, UNR Research Assistant Professor, Leadership and Economic Development Specialist)

Fred Steinman gave the presentation.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve to have the University Center for Economic Development provide an overview of the Comprehensive Economic Development Study (CEDS) that will be ongoing in Esmeralda from December 2020 through March 2021 and in conjunction with the assistance of the Southwest Central Regional Economic Development Authority (SWCREDA), Executive Director Paul Miller. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

14. **\*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.

None

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

N/A

16. **\*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 had something but he didn't think we needed to go into closed session for it. He said about two months ago he brought this up to the D.A. about looking into getting the last two lots of the courthouse block, to initiate that process. He said he sent an email a couple of weeks ago to the D.A.'s office and to the Assessor's office. He said the Assessor replied, saying that she is not part of that process, that it is apparently done by the D.A.'s office. So, he wanted to see where we are with that. Mr. Glennen said that with the closure of the courthouse, that got shuffled aside and he has nothing to report, but thanked Commissioner Hipp for reminding him and he will move forward with what he has to do legally.

The other thing Commissioner Hipp wanted to follow up on was the diesel tax notice. He asked if it was in the newspaper. He said this is the third time he is bringing this up. We need to move forward. Mr. Glennen said he hasn't published anything and will check. Commissioner Hipp asked Maureen to do an agenda item for this. He asked her to do an agenda item on the two lots as well.

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

Nothing to decide.

18. **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.

19. **\*ADJOURNMENT:**

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