

Minutes from the December 15, 2020 HIGHWAY Commission Meeting

December 15, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Esmeralda County Courthouse

Commission Chambers

233 Crook Ave., 2nd 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.)

Commissioner Hipp said we have fallen way behind on our meeting minutes. He is requesting that we get caught up by the January 4 meeting. Michelle said that she hears Commissioner Hipp and she is working on them as we speak.

Cheri Bickham asked if we wanted to put adjourning to the highway meeting in this meeting. Commissioner Keyes said that would be the best thing. Michelle said she would do that.

3. ***APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.**

Insurance:	\$1,913.96
Batch 1:	\$6,271.51
Batch 2:	\$312.20
Total:	\$8,497.67

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 stated that he reached out to Loneer about getting a meeting with them to discuss the road going to the mine, but he doesn't have a set time for a meeting with them.

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

Commissioner Keyes read Mr. Thackeray's report into the record as follows:

The road report is as follows and fish lake valley Eddie Pratt has just finished grading the North end of the valley which includes Chiatovich subdivision Coyote up to the summit Hot Ditch Road lower water mountain ranch Harlem on ranch sage Hill road the park purple sage freedom road valley center drive the transfer station eagle road and is now transitioning to the Billy wright subdivision once completed with that Eddie will work his way down to the White mountain subdivision and sometime next week will head up to Sylvania canyon to repair the washouts.

In silver peak Jesse and Mario just completed grading up the Westgate to mineral ridge Oasis Pole line road heading over into fish lake valley Pole line road and alkaline road heading into Tonopah which by the way is in district one and are now back in Silver Peak getting their equipment ready for the upcoming snow. In Goldfield Steve completed finishing the town of Goldfield he graded and watered the entire town he moved his way out to the diamond filled loop and is working his way around to railroad and from there he's going to be going back over to Pole line road and alkali road and will be grading that area even though the silver peak crew recently did it due to the amount of traffic we're trying to give that road a little more attention.

I like the commissioners to note that the crews will be rotated in and out as we have started screening the asphalt material at the lay down yard recently an MSHA inspector was in town inspecting some of the local mines and I asked if we could get a courtesy inspection of the Gemfield lay down yard where our screening plant and stockpile is set up he was kind enough to come down and give us a courtesy inspection looked everything over made some suggestions and said as far as he could see that we were right on point and things looked good also he said because it's recycled material and we're not digging into the native soil and running it through a screening plant or pug mill that m-shot would not be inspecting us as it's not an open pit and we're not screening native material. this is good news however we still are getting everything ready to pass any inspection that we may have while doing this project.

7. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide how the commissioners would like Payroll to handle COVID leave. If an employee is out sick with the virus, does Payroll charge the employee's sick leave or charge it as other leave with pay? If an employee has to be off due to the school closing, does Payroll charge the employee's annual leave? If it is decided that we use sick leave, will that go against the Deputy agreement in pay out sick leave? (Vera Boyer)

No action taken at this time.

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None.

9. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

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