

# Minutes from the December 17, 2019 HIGHWAY Commission Meeting

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December 17, 2019

10:00 a.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
Michelle Garcia -	Clerk of the Board

APPROVED

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. **\*APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE** 06/04, 06/18 and 08/06/2019 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commission.

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to approve the minutes from the 06/04, 06/18 and 08/06/2019 meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Highway Commission. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

6. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion/Decision and possible approval of MOU with Loneer regarding the Rhyolite Ridge Lithium Boron Mining Project Maintenance on Hot Ditch Road and Cave Springs Road. (Commissioner Keyes and Robert Glennen)

Miles Grothbo with Loneer came up and said the big thing is to get to the road. Commissioner Keyes stated that he, Deven Thackeray and Robert Glennen have been going over the proposal that they have made. They haven't come to any conclusion.

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Mr. Grothbo said the project to the highway is at issue. They were under the impression (perhaps mistakenly) that the county wanted to maintain the road and that they would fund that. Loneer is open to other options if the County is not comfortable with this. The BLM is interested as well.

Mr. Grothbo asked how involved the county wants to be. Commissioner Keyes said that at some point that road will not be enough.

Deven Thackeray came up and stated that he gave Mr. Grothbo a draft of what his department could do. He said from what he got back; there is no way he can do it. He would be in over his head.

Mr. Grothbo said he understands the County applied for title 5 in July of 2018. Patty Huber-Beth said it was February of 2018 and just last week, they asked for more information and she gave it to them.

No agreement at this time.

7. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** I would like to hire a part-time employee who has experience for our Silver Peak Road Shop. I'd like to hire him at \$15.50 an hour as an Operator 2 with his experience. Because I am hiring him as a part-time position, the payroll department would like this approved by the Commissioners first, because the previous Commissioners' decision did not include hiring part time. (Deven Thackeray)

Commissioner Hipp made the motion to allow the Road Department to hire this part-time person at \$15.50 as an Operator 2, with his experience. Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

8. **\*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss/Decide and approve where the funds for the 2018 Past Due Road Department Rebel Bill in the amount of \$10,566.20 will be provided for payment. Will the funds be transferred into the Road and Solid Waste Department from the general fund or will it be paid out of the general fund? (Edward London)

Handled at the BOCC meeting.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to pay the 2018 past-due Road Department Rebel bill in the amount of \$10,566.20 from any remaining fund balance from the 2018 budget for the Road department, and if there are not enough funds in the 2018 Road department to pay it from the 2019 Road department budget. If there is any correction that needs to be made, we can augment the budget early next year. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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Brad Maxwell came up and wanted to talk about loneer. He said we don't have the work pool to draw from. They are going to pay more the other guys are going to be irritated.

10. **\*ADJOURNMENT:**

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