

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ESMERALDA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION

September 1st, 2026
Esmeralda County Courthouse
10:00 A.M.
Commission Chambers
403 E. Crook Ave., 2nd Floor
Goldfield, Nevada

All Public Comments have a three-minute time limit per person

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.**
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.)
3. ***APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.**
4. ***DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL:** Rejected Vendor Bills from Auditor's Office.
5. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM: None**
6. **UPDATE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF:**
 - Robert Glennen – District Attorney
 - Julian Melendez – Sheriff
 - DEM Coordinator – Paul Melendrez
 - Esmeralda County Fire District – Chief Jeffrey Bushnell
 - LaCinda Elgan – Clerk/Treasurer – In the Packet
 - Kathy Keyes – Assessor – In the Packet
 - Vera Boyer – Auditor/Recorder
 - Danielle Johnson – Justice of the Peace
 - Adrian Roberts – Goldfield Utilities/Es. Co. Public Works Supervisor
 - Carl Shrider – Road Dept. Supervisor – In the Packet
 - Carl Shrider – Solid Waste Supervisor – In the Packet
 - Commissioners' Administrative Assistant
 - Sylvia Rich – Public Administrator
 - Robert Glennen – Public Guardian
 - Esmeralda County Land Use Advisory Committee

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Fish Lake Valley Park Board
Esmeralda County Library Board
Goldfield Visitor Center – Natalie Colunga
Goldfield Water Advisory Committee – Sharon Artlip
Esmeralda County Manager – Joe Dunn

7. **Update of Current and Future Meetings and Activities of Commissioner’s Zakas, Holt, and Perez.** (This is only an update. No decisions will be made.)

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR / GENERAL PUBLIC ACTION ITEMS:

8. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and Decide if the calculations for Basin 137A are correct for inclusion in the Water Resource Plan. (Kirk Fowler)
9. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and Decide if the Extension for Time to File Proof of Beneficial Use for Permit 69224 was an Advisory, Administrative, or Policy decision, and which policies apply, and whether the policies and/or procedures were followed to achieve desired/planned results. (Kirk D. Fowler)
10. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and Decide if the BOCC and Public’s understanding of available water for Basin 142 Klondike Wellfield is correct. (Kirk Fowler)
11. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Update the Commission and attendees regarding the Lone Mtn and Pearl geothermal exploration projects. I anticipate this would be a 15 – 30 minutes depending on questions. (Scott Nichols, Ormat Tech)
12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Loneer requests consideration by the BOCC to approve an updated and amended Road Maintenance Agreement between Loneer and Esmeralda County, originally executed between the parties in June 2023. (Tyson Falk)
13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approval of entering into an Agreement with Shaw Engineering to evaluate standard design service applications to determine if a waiver is needed to be requested from the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water with cost of this service to be included in the estimate fee. (Adrian Roberts)
14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion and possible to approve the FY25-26 Audit Engagement Letter and authorize the required parties to sign. (Vera Boyer)
15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Action – The Board will discuss and take possible action on approving a 2% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) each year for the elected officials, as authorized under NRS 245.043(4). Approval of this item result in an annual increase to the base salary of all elected officials beginning with the fiscal year. (Vera Boyer)

16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To review Ordinance 241, originally adopted in 2009, which establishes the methods of use, formula for distribution, and creation of regional development funds for the disposition of one-time payments to Esmeralda County from competitive lease sales on federally managed lands. The Board of County Commissioners will consider whether any revisions or updates to Ordinance 241 are necessary to reflect current practices, needs, or regulatory changes. (Vera Boyer)
17. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** For discussion only: Present potential projects to be considered by the Board of County Commissioners for the CDBG FY2026/2027 grant process and to add to the list any additional projects brought forward. (County Manager Joe Dunn)
18. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approval of First Amendment to Water Service Agreement with Gemfield Resources LLC. (County Manager Joe Dunn)
19. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Consideration and possible action to declare county-owned property not needed for public use and authorize the commencement of the leasing process pursuant to NRS 244.281, land description included in backup documentation. (County Manager Joe Dunn)
20. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approval of submitting a Local Government Bill Draft Request (BDR) for the purpose of seeking legislation supporting the development of a county-wide growth study. This can potentially help the county secure public lands to help in community development to support the expected growth due to ongoing development. (County Manager Joe Dunn)
21. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Possibly updating the job description for the Goldfield Tourism Coordinator position. (Commissioner Holt)
22. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Regarding changing Commissioner Zakas from alternate to primary representative for POOL/PACT as well as designating a POOL/PACT engagement lead as suggested by POOL/PACT. This role tracks trainings, committees, grants, ERMEP follow-up and services requests. (Commissioner Holt)
23. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion and Update on corrective action plan for the annual audit ending June 30th, 2025. (Commissioner Zakas)
24. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Update on Esmeralda County Fish Lake Valley Park and Community Center Advisory Board Vacancy. (Commissioner Zakas)
25. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss letters of interest for the Esmeralda County Fish Lake Valley Park and Community Center Advisory Board. (Commissioner Zakas)

26. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide to offer (interested resident) vacant position for the Esmeralda County Fish Lake Valley Park and Community Center Advisory Board. (Commissioner Zakas)
27. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (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.)
28. **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.)
29. ***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.
30. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues, and other personnel matters.
31. ***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.
32. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on conference with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation presented in recessed meeting.
33. **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.)
34. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

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Esmeralda County Board of Commissioner & Board of Highway Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (PDT)

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NOTE: The asterisk “*” denotes action agenda items.

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Minutes for this meeting will be produced in a summary format. Please provide electronic or written copies of testimony or presentations if you wish to include them as exhibits.

The meeting of the Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners and Board of Highway Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

In accordance with NRS 241.020 this agenda was posted at the following locations: Commission Chambers, Esmeralda County Courthouse foyer and Goldfield Post Office. In addition, notices were mailed for posting to the following locations: In Goldfield: Goldfield Library. In Silver Peak: Silver Post Office and Silver Peak Library. In Fish Lake Valley: Dyer Post Office and Fish Lake Valley Library. Notice of this meeting was posted on the internet through the Esmeralda County Website at accessesmeralda.com.

Agenda items may be taken out of order.

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If you have any questions regarding this agenda or future agendas, please do not hesitate to contact the Esmeralda County Clerk/Treasurer at 775-485-6309.

I Angela Jewell, Esmeralda County Deputy Clerk, hereby certify that in accordance with NRS 241.020 I posted or caused to be posted, this agenda to the above locations on August 25th, 2026.

Angela Jewell
Esmeralda County Senior Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer