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

November 4th, 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: September 1st, 2026, September 15th, 2026, & October 20th, 2026, Esmeralda County Board of County Commissioners, Board of Highway Commission and Fire Commission Board Meeting Minutes.**

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

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Robert Glennen – Public Guardian
Esmeralda County Land Use Advisory Committee
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:** Information needed for auction to buy lots or properties in Gold Point, Nevada. (Peggy Carrasco)

9. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approval of the modification of the Fish Lake Valley facility use agreement. (Patty Perez)

10. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: TIMED ITEM: 10:30AM –** Provide an overview presentation of Project Community and a request for Board approval to begin county-wide community engagement in 2027. Information learned through this process will be reported to ECLUAC and BOCC regularly. (Fred Perez & Kerry Rohrmeier)

11. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Barrick Gold Exploration Inc is requesting approval of two Road Maintenance Agreements for two exploration projects, one located – 7 miles northeast of Goldfield and one located – 10 miles west of Silver Peak. (Keith Testerman – Barrick Gold Exploration Inc)

12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Urgent administrative review, gap analysis, and emergency planning session regarding critical infrastructure deficits, specifically the total absence of fire-suppression water storage, potable water delivery, and domestic sewage infrastructure within Gold Point.
Discussion will center on identifying public health liabilities, evaluating immediate risks to life and property, Water Resources Plan, Fire District assets, and reconciling these deficits with "Amendment A" of Applications 95366T and 95367, filed with NDWR citing these exact emergencies.
Action may include directing the County's Office of Emergency Management to declare an official hazard zone, requesting an immediate emergency intervention audit from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Amending the Water Resource Plan, emergency response strategy, identification of Fire District resources and Authorizing a person to notify the State of the County/Gold Point Emergency Response/Operations Plan or issuing an official clarification to the State Engineer regarding the validity of the claims made in Applications 95366T and 95367 and a possible moratorium on all water related service commitments to developers until a plan is filed with the State. (Kirk Fowler)

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13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve the Road & Solid Waste Supervisor to sign documents for Bureau of Land Management including Title 5 Right of Ways. Also send a letter of direction to Auditor/Recorder Office. (Carl Shrider)

14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To approve Road & Solid Waste Supervisor to purchase needed vehicles and/or equipment from State Purchasing in the amount of $20,000.00 if funding is available within Services & Supplies Budget line item. Also have a letter of direction sent to the Auditor/Recorder Office. (Carl Shrider)

15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To approve issuing the new Esmeralda County Road and Solid Waste Supervisor, Stephen Baird, a credit card with a limit of $5,000.00 and write a letter of direction to Esmeralda County Clerk/Treasurer, LaCinda Elgan, as to your approval. (Carl Shrider)

16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To sell water to Ormat out of the Fish Lake Valley Hot Box. (Adrian Roberts)

17. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approval of employee Step in Grades/Raises. Back up will be provided on Thursday. (Adrian Roberts)

18. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approval of Fish Lake Valley Resolution for the use of Hot Box. (Adrian Roberts)

19. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approval to advertise to bid the Goldfield Fire Station (CDBG 26/PF/05) construction project with funding for the project to come from the CDBG program. (Jeffrey Bushnell)

20. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approval to advertise to bid the Gold Point Fire Station (CDBG 25/PF/06) construction project with funding for the project to come from the CDBG program. (Jeffrey Bushnell)

21. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approval to advertise to bid the Goldfield Community Center Phase 1 (25/PF/05) and Phase II (26/PF/04) rehabilitation construction project with funding for the project to come from the CDBG program. (Joseph Dunn)

22. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** The County Manager seeks authorization to draft a lease agreement with Ormat to lease 10 acre-feet annually (AFA) of water from the FLV Hot Pond Well for construction of the Lone Mountain Geothermal Power Plant in Fish Lake Valley. The lease term will not exceed two years. A final agreement will be brought to the Board for approval before submitting an application to Nevada Department of Water Resources (NDWR). All fees to be paid by Ormat. (County Manager Joe Dunn)

23. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** The County Manager recommends that the Board of Commissioners amend the Special Use Permit (SUP) to clearly define the development size that would require a potential developer to enter into a Development Agreement rather than a SUP agreement with the County. If approved, the County Manager will initiate the necessary process to draft an amendment to the SUP Ordinance, which will be brought back to the Board for final approval. (County Manager Joe Dunn)

24. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To fill vacant position for the Esmeralda County Fish Lake Valley Park and Community Center Advisory Board. (Commissioner Zakas)

25. **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.)

26. **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.)

27. ***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.

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

29. ***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.

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

31. **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.)

32. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

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Esmeralda County Board of Commissioner & Board of Highway Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 4th, 2026, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (PDT)

Microsoft Teams

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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 Wednesday, November 4th, 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.

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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 October 28th, 2026.

Angela Jewell
Esmeralda County Senior Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer