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

December 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: October 6th, 2026, Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners, Board of Highway Commission and Fire Board Commission Meeting Minutes & November 13th, 2026, Esmeralda County Special 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:** Purchase of a meeting owl 4+ 360-degree, 4k smart video conference camera, microphone, and speaker (automatic focus, zooming, noise equalizing, certified for Microsoft teams). The current virtual equipment for county meetings is very difficult to hear and at the land use advisory committee yesterday at the Goldfield Community Center the sound was very echoing. (Dan Peterson)

9. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approval and execution of Road Maintenance Agreement between Zanskar Geothermal & Minerals, Inc., and Esmeralda County covering portion of Lone Mountain Road in support of Zanskar's planned drilling campaign in 2027. (Nick Tschoepe)

10. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To correct the January 7th, 2025, BOCC Meeting Minutes for Agenda Item 11 "Approve MOU between Esmeralda Co and Michael Wolff" to comply with NRS 241.035 (Open Meeting Law). (Kirk Fowler)

11. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To update the public on the Open Meeting Law attorney retained or engaged by the BOCC in response to the Land Use Advisory Committee's lack of written minutes pursuant to NRS 241.035 (Open Meeting Law). This is a follow up to the BOCC chair's November 4th, 2026, claim that the BOCC ("we") have an OML attorney working on the issue. (Kirk Fowler)

12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve and designate Pinyon Concepts Limited, as third-party consultant to conduct Fire and Life Safety needs assessments for proposed development projects, within Esmeralda County, Pinyon Concepts will provide a scope of work for each project to the Developer for review, Fire Chief for approval, and County for payment. (Chief Bushnell & Paul Melendrez)

13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** The Sheriff's Office request the Board of Commissioner's approval to enter an interlocal cooperative agreement for mutual aid and backup dispatch services between the Esmeralda County Sheriff's Office and the Mineral County Sheriff's Office. (Sheriff Julian Melendez)

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14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Consideration and approval to issue Judge D. Johnson a second credit cart not to exceed $3,000.00. This credit card will be used for IT related expenses. (Vera Boyer/Judge Johnson)

15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Readdress the Goldfield Community Center facility agreement, decide what entities will pay to use and which entities pay the refundable cleaning deposit. Decide what office will handle the payments/deposits. (Judge Johnson)

16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide paying out excess leave over 240. Due to staffing and operational needs that prevented me from utilizing my leave. (Natalie Colunga)

17. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide paying out all or partial comp-time. The county policy requires employees to use comp-time before leave. Due staffing and operational needs I have been unable to use my comp-time. Thus, preventing me from utilizing my leave. (Natalie Colunga)

18. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss of a possible with the Nevada Department of Taxation to establish designated electronic filing kiosks in county libraries. (Sarah Glazner/Natalie Colunga)

19. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve a professional service agreement with Sierra Controls, LLC for Scada Data Reporting and Related Technical Services for County Water and Utility Infrastructure. (County Manager Joe Dunn)

20. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain District, Tonopah Field Office, and Esmeralda County for Cooperating Agency Participation in the Angel Island Mine Project National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Review Process. (County Manager Joe Dunn)

21. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide to close the Courthouse and including December 24th and December 31st as part of the holiday. (Commissioner Zakas)

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

23. **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.)

24. **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.)

25. **<u>*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION</u>** – Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conducting labor negotiations, conferring regarding labor negotiations, issues, and other personnel matters.

26. **<u>*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION</u>** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues, and other personnel matters.

27. **<u>*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION</u>** – Recess meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation.

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

29. **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.)

30. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

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Esmeralda County Board of Commissioner & Board of Highway Commission Meeting

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

Microsoft Teams

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1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
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(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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, December 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 November 23rd, 2026.

Angela Jewell
Esmeralda County Senior Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer