

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ESMERALDA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and BOARD OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION

November 4th, 2024
Esmeralda County Courthouse
10:00 A.M.
Commission Chambers
403 E. Crook Ave., 2nd Floor
Goldfield, Nevada

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: Amended Minutes from the June 18th, 2024 Board of County Commissioners and Board of Highway Commission Meeting; Amended Minutes from August the 20th, 2024 Board of County Commissioners and Board of Highway Commission Meeting.**
6. **UPDATE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF:**
Robert Glennen – District Attorney
Nick Dondero – Sheriff
LaCinda Elgan – Clerk/Treasurer
Kathy Keyes – Assessor
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
Maureen Glennen – Commissioners' Administrative Assistant
Sylvia Rich – Public Administrator
Robert Glennen – Public Guardian
Esmeralda County Land Use Advisory Committee
DEM Coordinator
Fish Lake Valley Park Board
Esmeralda County Library Board

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Esmeralda County Grant Writer Manager
Ioneer Liaison – Nancy Boland
Goldfield Water Advisory Committee – Sharon Artlip

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

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR / GENERAL PUBLIC ACTION ITEMS:

8. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Presentation from NV Energy on the Greenlink West Transmission line and substation project. This is a follow up from the presentation on this project given to the Board of County Commissioners on October 3rd, 2024. (Charles Hutchinson, POWER Engineers and Adam Godorov, NV Energy)

9. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Sign and adopt Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of Esmeralda County, Nevada establishing the Esmeralda County Fire Protection District", organizing the Esmeralda County Fire District to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires and provide emergency medical services throughout Esmeralda County pursuant to NRS 474.460 to 474.540. (Chief Jeffrey Bushnell)

10. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To discuss and decide to use TextMyGov. (Natalie Colunga)

11. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Accept resignation of temporary certified treatment operator Roy McDonald for Goldfield Utilities. Discuss the steps taken to replace him before his last day November 19th 2024 and possibly accept an agreement with a new certified operator. (Adrian Roberts/Brooke Shenberger)

12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Review and possibly approve service agreement with TK Elevator to assist with our violation notice to keep us compliant moving forward. (Commissioner Holt)

13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve the advertisement to bid for the CDBG 23/PCB/05 Esmeralda County Emergency Address System grant. (Commissioner Holt)

14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion/Decision: Select 2 projects for the next CDBG grant cycle. 3 projects were submitted for the eligibility application process.
1. Correcting water infiltration issues, repairing the damage from the water infiltration issues and other deterioration issues at the Goldfield Community Center 2. Fire station for the Town of Gold Point. 3. Vehicle exhaust extraction equipment for the Fish Lake Valley and Silver Peak Fire Stations and Air conditioning for Emergency services buildings in Silver Peak, Goldfield and Fish Lake Valley. (Commissioner Holt)

15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** For Discussion Only: Commissioner Holt to create a “County Manager Project Working Group” to review the following topics, including but not limited to: (1) developing a County Manager job description (2) examine recruitment process options (e.g. internal or third-party recruitment vendor), (3) development of a selection process. Commissioner Holt would then report the recommendations of the Working Group to the Board for discussion and further action.
16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and Decide to sign the MOU with Tonopah Flats. (Commissioners)
17. **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.)
18. **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.)
19. ***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.
20. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues, and other personnel matters.
21. ***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.
22. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on conference with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation presented in recessed meeting.
23. **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.)
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The meeting of the Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners and Board of Highway Commission will be held on Monday, November 4th, 2024, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

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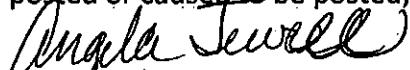
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Angela Jewell

Esmeralda County Chief Deputy Clerk

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June 18th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Esmeralda County Courthouse
403 E. Crook Ave., 2nd Floor
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Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.**

Commissioner Keyes	Present
Commissioner Winsor	Present
Commissioner Holt	Present
Robert Glennen-	Present
Heather Katick-	Present

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.)

Kirk Fowler: First my written public comment regarding Agenda item #14 may be disregarded, excluded, and /or removed from the public record and otherwise treated as if it never existed. Second, the only action being requested on Agenda items 26 and 27 is review and solicitation of public comment. I request public comments be made in writing and directed to water planning advisory committees. I recommend a special meeting be scheduled later for water planning Advisory Committee members to address written public comments received before adoption of the Esmeralda County Water Resource Plan. No further action, discussion or decision is required. You may consider items 26 and 27 resolved, closed, and/or withdrawn. Finally, while 100% support a mechanism by which the County can address business activities on federal land. I do not believe the Board has the power to assess fees or require a Special Use Permit for projects or business mechanism by which the Board has the power to address local concerns for projects on federal land, other than possibly aboveground utility projects. Thank you, Kirk Fowler.

3. ***APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.**

FY24	Current Expenditures	Total Expenditures
General Batch 1	\$74,477.40	\$74,477.40
General Batch 2	\$49,507.97	\$49,507.97
Road Batch 1	\$4,218.89	\$4,218.89
Road Batch 2	\$2,899.40	\$2,899.40
State/Monthly Payment	\$9,611.06	\$9,611.06
Utility/Credit Card Payments	\$979.27	\$979.27
Devnet Reissue	\$800.00	\$800.00
Subtotal		\$142,503.96
FY25	Current Expenditures	Total Expenditures
General Batch	\$35,768.50	\$35,768.50

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Subtotal	\$35,768.50
Grand Total	\$178,272.46

Commissioner Winsor: Makes the motion to approve the list of expenditures
Commissioner Holt: Seconds the motion all in favor that motion passes.

4. ***DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL:** Rejected Vendor Bills from Auditor's Office.
We have received an invoice for Drug & Alcohol Testing that is over 6 months old. This invoice is from October 2023 and totals \$134.00. I have rejected this invoice according to NRS 244.210, and 244.250. This invoice is past the time frame to be paid along with the other county bills. This invoice can be approved by County Commissioner if they so order, and only by a unanimous vote of its members and certified by the Clerk of the Board that all voted for its passage, please review the invoice, and designate if \$134.00 is approved or rejected for payment. It is to be paid out of account number 100-112-52248

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to approve the rejected bill for \$134.00
Commissioner Holt: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

We have received an invoice for Raley's from Nicholas Dondero, Esmeralda County Sheriff, that is over 6 months old. This invoice is from December 2023 and totals \$7.09. I have rejected this invoice according to NRS 244.210, 244.215, and 244.250. This invoice is past the time frame to be paid along with the other county bills. This invoice can be approved by the County Commissioner if they so order, and only by a unanimous vote of its members and certified by the Clerk of the Board that all voted for its passage. Please review the invoices and designate \$7.09 is approved or rejected for payment. It is to be paid out of account number 100-150-52210.

Commissioner Winsor: Made the motion to approve the rejected bill for \$7.09
Commissioner Holt: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

We have received an invoice for LexisNexis (Matthew Bender & Company, Inc) from Nicholas Dondero, Esmeralda County Sheriff. A portion of this invoice is over 6 months old. This invoice dates from June 2022 through April 2024 and totals \$10,569.97. I have rejected a portion allowed \$2,171.97 to be paid. This portion of the invoice is past the time frame to be paid along with the other county bills. This invoice can be approved by the County Commissioners if they so order, and only by a unanimous vote of its members and certified by the Clerk of the Board that all voted in its passage. Please review the invoice and designate it \$8,398.00 is approved or rejected for payment. It is to be paid out of account number 100-165-52210.

5. *FINANCIAL REPORTS

May 2024

Office	Amount	Date Submitted
Assessor	\$7,583.23	June 3 rd , 2024
Clerk's	\$1,869.37	May 31 st , 2024
Justice Court	\$31,854.83	June 6 th , 2024

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Recorder	\$9,662.30	June 10 th , 2024
Sheriff's	\$275.00	June 6 th , 2024
Tax Collector	\$27,615.24	May 31 st , 2024
GF Utilities	\$15,682.07	May 31 st , 2024
SP Utilities	\$6,042.06	May 31 st , 2024
Total	\$100,584.10	

6. ***TREASURER'S REPORT** - In the Minutes (See attached)
7. ***AUDITOR'S REPORT** - In the Minutes
8. ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – None
9. **Update of Current and Future Meetings and Activities of Commissioner's Keyes, Holt, and Winsor.** (This is only an update. No decisions will be made.)

Commissioner Keyes: Park Board meeting regarding the 4th of July.

Commissioner Holt: CDBG working on the addressing grant, Pool Pact.

Commissioner Winsor: May have a meeting on Thursday.
10. **Update of current and Future meetings and activities of Elected Officials and Department Supervisors as needed.** (This is only an update. No decisions will be made.)

Danielle Johnson: Update on town square plants is planted and put up a donkey fence and it has been successful; the plaques will be put in place by goldfield days.
11. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide to approve Sergeant Sullivan to have a county credit card with a \$3,000.00 (Sheriff Dondero/Sergeant Sullivan)

Commissioner Holt: Makes a motion to approve Sergeant Sullivan to have a credit card.
Commissioner Winsor: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.
12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide to create a Memorandum of Understanding to the labor agreement between Esmeralda County and the Esmeralda County Sheriff's Deputies Association, allowing the Sheriff's Office to hire a Deputy part-time and to pay them the same wage as a full-time employee. (Sheriff Dondero/Sergeant Sullivan)

Commissioner Holt: We would also need job descriptions and then I have a question on, when you're saying pay the same wages as a full-time employee, are you looking at benefits or just the hourly wage?

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Sergeant Sullivan: Just the hourly payment.

Commissioner Holt: That was my question. I wasn't clear on it.

Commissioner Keyes: Yes, we don't want to have questions. We want to ask them and get them answered.

Sergeant Sullivan: I know last time the budget concern came up as well. Obviously, if we haven't openings in our full-time positions, and we're only hiring part-time to help cover those full-time positions, there's obviously the money there. You don't have the benefits and we're only paying them part-time instead of full-time.

Commissioner Keyes: It may help get some recruit.

Commissioner Holt: We will just have to approve the job description.

Commissioner Keyes: We just need to modify the association agreement to add that paragraph.

Commissioner Winsor: Well, we have to modify that one, but the one for the dispatchers, it comes under our, so we'll have to look at that one separately.

Commissioner Holt: This would just be about the deputies because they're under the association.

Commissioner Winsor: The dispatchers come underneath.

Commissioner Holt: They're separate

Sergeant Sullivan: We just have to include part-time positions.

Commissioner Keyes: Under that association agreement. If we want to get that formalized as far as paperwork goes, we'll have to do that. Who will work on that? Will you work with Bob?

Sergeant Sullivan: Actually, my association president.

Commissioner Keyes: Oh, there you go. Perfect.

Sergeant Sullivan: Deputy Melendez.

Commissioner Keyes: All right. Perfect. You can draft any changes and we can formalize this.

Deputy Julian Melendez: Yes, sir. Just for the record, Deputy Julian Melendez, I'm the president of the Peace Officers Association. We can confer type of issue where we sit down with the county or representatives and discuss the details of it, and we come up with a draft and go from there.

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Commissioner Keyes: Perfect. We're in favor of this, so if you can maybe get that hammered out soon, we can get it signed.

Deputy Julian Melendez: Sure.

Commissioner Keyes: We probably need to put it back on the agenda for the next commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Holt: Yes, whenever it's ready.

Commissioner Keyes: Whenever it's ready. The next meeting of the-- whenever it's convenient for you guys.

Deputy Julian Melendez: Got it.

Sergeant Sullivan: Yes.

No action on this item.

13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide to let the Sheriff's Office hire dispatchers part-time and pay them the same wage as a full-time employee. (Sheriff Dondero/Sergeant Sullivan)

Deputy Julian Melendez: Again, Deputy Julian Melendez, I'll be speaking on this matter. Just to summarize, we currently have four dispatchers. They work 24/7. As of June 15th, we lost the dispatcher, so now we're down to three. With those three dispatchers having to make up for that shift to the fourth person, they're pretty much working about 110, 120 hours pay period to cover that one that we lost.

Commissioner Keyes: That sounds like a lot of time.

Deputy Julian Melendez: Yes. It would help, similar to the deputy situation, if we could hire some dispatchers, maybe previously trained, previously worked that position here, any other location, to help relieve some of that because whenever one of our three remaining dispatchers takes a sick day, takes a vacation day, that's another 12-hour shift that we have to cover. Then we're down to two people covering it 24/7. Whenever we send somebody to training out away from the location, that's another 12-hour shift that we have to cover.

Then when we hire that fourth full-time dispatcher, they still have to shadow a full-time dispatcher for about 30 to 90 days before they're certified to sit alone at the console. Because they're spinning several plates with deputies and the ambulance and fire and-- they're our first point of contact. The bottom line is we're in a critical situation then now that we're down to three dispatchers. One of them has about five years' experience, two of them have about one year

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experience, but if we lose one more of those dispatchers, we're down to just two, and they would literally be working 24/7 without time off.

Commissioner Keyes: Right. That won't work.

Deputy Julian Melendez: No. As a band aid or a quick fix, we're asking for approval to hire a dispatcher, a part-time that could just relieve some of that stress because of the hours that they work and the days that they work. The rate for a new dispatcher is \$16.50 an hour. Once they finish their probationary period or training at \$17 an hour, the rate for a part-timer is \$15.35. Just wanted you to see all of that in context.

Commissioner Keyes: There is not that much difference.

Deputy Julian Melendez: Yes, sir.

Commissioner Keyes: The only difference would be there again or you wouldn't be paying any of the benefits just for time. It'd just be for time straight out.

Deputy Julian Melendez: That's correct, sir.

Commissioner Holt: We still have to have them that job description.

Commissioner Keyes: Yes. Add that to your current policy. We need to change the policy for that.

Commissioner Holt: I'm learning that risk management thing. I want to have job descriptions..

Commissioner Keyes: All right.

Commissioner Winsor: Every time we can tidy up some of our policies, we should.

Commissioner Winsor: The rest of the departments should be looking at this as well. I don't think this is a bad policy to follow because if they are qualified at the same pay as the people that are already here and if we aren't paying for benefits, then that would be saving us money and not costing for more the county.

Commissioner Holt: I myself, I agree.

Vera Boyer: This is Vera.

Commissioner Keyes: Yes, go ahead, Vera.

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Vera Boyer: When we bumped up the dispatches pay last time, it was just done on a letter of direction to payroll as kind of a pay scale unique to that office just like the road department had their pay scale.

Commissioner Keyes: Are you just saying you need a letter of direction regarding this, Vera? I'm not understanding.

Vera Boyer: Yes, just put in a letter of direction that includes the part-time dispatchers.

Commissioner Keyes: Okay. Any questions? No. Anything else. I want to make sure we're clear on both sides.

Vera Boyer: Yes.

Commissioner Keyes: Okay. I think we've got the basics covered there if we approve it.

Commissioner Winsor: I'll make a motion we hire the dispatchers part-time. We pay them the same wage as full-time employees without the benefits.

Commissioner Winsor: Makes a motion to approve to pay the part time employee as same as the full-time positions

Commissioner Holt: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide on approving an Attorney to prosecute a malfeasance action against an elected official, PURSUANT TO CONFLICT, NRS 244.165 and Attorney General Opinion 80-37. (Robert E. Glennen III, Esmeralda DA)

Robert Glennen - Due to the district attorney giving legal opinions to all elected officials per NRS It has been done for the elected official in question therefore it would be a conflicted of interest to do a malfeasance against the elected official. We are allowed to pay outside counsel whatever the current public defender amount is to do this action.

Commissioner Winsor: Makes a motion to approve the DA moving forward on the malfeasance action against an elected official.

Commissioner Holt: Seconded the motion all in favor that motion passes.

15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide whether to accept the settlement with defendant Kroger. Approve and sign the Settlement Agreement Form. Eglet Law Firm will be available by phone. (District Attorney Robert Glennen)

Robert Glennen - Just an update on the opioid case and the county will be receiving \$547.00 a year.

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Commissioner Holt: Makes a motion to approve and sign the settlement agreement form with Kroger.

Commissioner Winsor: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide on approving the Goldfield Utility/Maintenance department putting back our Connex building for us to store our election equipment like how it was before they moved it. Ideas where we could put the storage unit: 1. In front of the courthouse by where the Sheriff's Office parked their cars. 2. Over by the Senior Transportation/County Vehicles are parked. Also asking for approval to get this done as soon as possible, would like to get this done before the General Election in November 2024. (Angela Jewell)

Heather Katick: Cindy wants to be called in here.

Commissioner Keyes: Can you call Cindy?

Heather Katick: Okay, I'll go grab her.

Danielle Johnson: I just want to make one comment before I make any more comments, Danielle Johnson, justice of the peace.

Commissioner Keyes: Just one more.

Danielle Johnson: We have no parking anyways, so taking away parking is crazy. I'm just going to throw that out there. We already have an issue with parking. We've had a defense attorney's car get totaled in front of the courthouse due to our lack of parking. We should not be looking at taking away anyone's parking. Okay, now I'll shut up for now when Cindy comes.

Heather Katick: She'll be in in just a second.

Commissioner Keyes: Is there any discussion, any questions, or comments?

Commissioner Winsor: Yes, because this involves you also, and we've discussed this for a long time before you guys ever got involved in this. This could also be if it was positioned properly, could be used as part of a selling part, but we've looked at this area well because you could cut one side of it. The other side would be where it would exit, but we don't have the properties that she's talking about.

The other thing that has been discussed is that because of the basketball court, the inmates can see the schoolyard, and this would be one way to eliminate them seeing the schoolyard. We have been written up on that a couple of times, so that's why I'm asking because you guys could park maybe a little more of an angle to get in there, but this is one of the problems we have with this

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unit is we need to have it here where they can access it. Also, as she stated, there's limited area for that.

Vera Boyer: Vera Boyer for the record: I'll make a couple of our concerns. First, our vehicles need to be parked where they're parked in view of cameras. We have weapons in our vehicles, we have laptop computers in our vehicles, which I'm sure the judge will attest to that are not cheap. We need to be able to keep an eye on those.

We can't have that CONEX box as close to the jail because people could climb up and use it to enter or block the view of our jails. We have to be able to see our inmates. I understand the view of the school, but if you get that close enough, there's razor wire, but if it's close, that CONEX box is tall enough that they could use that to access the inmate yard. Again, I understand, they needed their electoral equipment somewhere but in our front of our parking is not a place for it.

Commissioner Winsor: Well, and that's why I brought you up here because-- but the other part is down there where the garbage is at on the end of the basketball court there. If it was moved out just a little further, it wouldn't be the access to getting over the fence, but it would still help block part of the show to there and I don't think it would take up that much more room for parking. It would take up some, but not that much more if we could get it in that area there.

Vera Boyer: I have no problem with that if it's basically north of the end and far enough away from the inmate yard, but my understanding is that's not county property.

Commissioner Keyes: We had attempted to purchase that property. I'm not sure where that stands with the process, if maybe an update from Bob, he was pursuing that if I recall.

Vera Boyer: I have a meeting that I have to go to, just saying. Here's the agenda, the crossed item and under the signatures for the sheriff, where it says if there's any departments that will be affected, and it says, it's emailed. Well, I have the original email. It was emailed to one of our jail deputies and to one of our dispatchers. It did not include the sheriff or even myself in this agenda request item. I think if they're going to email something, one it says signature, not an email. That we should be notified and the sheriff should be notified.

Vera Boyer: That's all I have.

Commissioner Keyes: Communication is the key. Should we hold off on this item?

Commissioner Holt: Yes.

Commissioner Keyes: I guess we'll just table this item, right? I shouldn't say table, but we will not take any action and come back to it, leave it open. Leave it open for a little longer. I'll put a circle around that one.

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Danielle Johnson: I guess if you need me, you want to talk to me about Town Square, if I'm not in a meeting, I'll come back at you.

Commissioner Holt: No, there was discussion of an alternate location, but also be putting it back in the town square location, and so that's what Dani, or Judge Johnson was wanting to talk about, but until they're here.

Commissioner Keyes: Until we have Dani here?

Commissioner Holt: Yes.

Commissioner Winsor: I don't know if they wanted it over there either.

Commissioner Keyes: All right, we're going to leave that item open.

Commissioner Holt: Yes, until they're here. Then, we will have this discussion.

Commissioner Keyes: What to do? Item number 16 back open. That's regarding the Conex box, Goldfield Utility and Maintenance back to the Conex facility.

Angela Jewell: Okay, so Angela Jewell for the record. I put this on the agenda because I need to have the Conex building that our box that we had that was parked over here at the community center when Anderson was still the utilities director. We moved it out. I'm asking if we can have the utility department and maintenance help move it back so I can store all my election equipment and do what I need to do for pre-lat during the election year, and not have all my election equipment scattered from here, over here.

LaCinda Elgan: Judges have made it very clear to me that they don't want our election equipment stored in our jury room and in our district courtroom, which we have those all removed already and downstairs in storage. I had two different things, and after talking with the justice of the court, Judge Johnson, about possibly using her town square over here we have a perfect spot over there, so we're just asking if we could get it approved today to get it done and moved before the general election if possible.

Commissioner Winsor: Okay, did you talk with Danie?

Angela Jewell: I talked to Commissioner Holt about it as well.

Commissioner Holt: Judge Johnson did come and talk to me; and she's already set up a spot over here because the donkey fence she was talking about does not encompass the area for the Conex,

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so there's already a space set and cleared off that Judge Johnson had said she would be in favor of.

Commissioner Winsor: That sounds good.

LaCinda Elgan: Just to let you know, this is something that should have been done.

Commissioner Keyes: If I recall, we voted to have that moved back and it did not happen.

LaCinda Elgan: You chose not to enforce that.

Commissioner Winsor: Well, the person we enforced it on left.

LaCinda Elgan: Well, you could still enforce county employees to put it back.

Commissioner Keyes: Yes, we're going to reiterate that today, it sounds like.

LaCinda Elgan: With that said, again, what happens when people take it upon themselves to just move things with not county employees? This should have been an issue a long time ago. It may have been an issue and you guys let it go and just ignored it. The point is, this needs to be moved back. The plan is to also incorporate alarm systems so that you have only so much time to get in the building and then set the alarm to a neutral or whatever they call it so that you don't set the alarm off by being in the building so we have that policy.

Commissioner Keyes: That building was for the commissioner's use, but you were going to take it?

LaCinda Elgan: It was Ed Mueller who was the new repository person, specifically gave it to me to use for elections.

Commissioner Keyes: We used it for economic development too, if I recall, because could meet in there with folks and stuff.

LaCinda Elgan: He chose not to do that.

Commissioner Winsor: Are you going to put a camera on it also?

LaCinda Elgan: Yes. All the bells and whistles.

Commissioner Winsor: You're going to get electricity from?

LaCinda Elgan: I don't know.

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Commissioner Winsor: From the plug-in to the community center?

LaCinda Elgan: I don't know how we're going to do that. We're going to have to figure that out. Because we think that equipment is too sensitive to be put on halfway done electrical work. I don't think an extension cord will work as well.

Commissioner Keyes: Are we going to pay for the electrical hookup then?

Commissioner Winsor: I don't know. We'll have to do something.

Maureen Glennen: For the record, the Labarthe House does have electricity throughout the energy, so there could be something simple that could be done.

Commissioner Holt: Not just an extension cord.

LaCinda: We just want to get our Connex back over there and figure out the power situation after that. We'll have security cameras on it. Cindy and I will work on getting it fixed up for us to access into it. It's only going to be our personnel going in and same with anybody from Dominion, we'll go in. If you as commissioners want to be part of our pre-lat, you're more than welcome to, but nobody else is going to be involved in it except for our staff.

LaCinda Elgan: And possible training for the poll workers. A lot of that stuff. The good news is, and I'm just going to reiterate just how good of an idea this is, ever since the beginning of January or a little bit after, we had to incorporate the district courtroom and the jury room and lock them up so that we can secure stuff to the best of our ability. We found a room downstairs which doesn't accommodate anything. It would be better for it to be served for a different purpose, which it can be because we're outgrowing our office.

Everything we keep in our office, minutes specifically, keep accruing. Twice a month, sometimes three or four times a month, we have to do minutes, so that really piles up quickly. We're running out of room. Court documents, again, those are the documents we have to keep forever. Again, as time goes by, it means that they're going out of it so we can utilize that space downstairs for other purposes. We can put everything across the street so we can do our training, and then when we do our elections, we don't have to put up, put down, put up, put down, all that stuff. It'll be better for the equipment.

Angela Jewell: To be honest with you, I don't want to load it up and down the stairs anymore. It's so heavy. It'll be a whole lot easier for transporting the equipment.

Commissioner Holt: Until you get your cameras set up, it would be covered under the courthouse system. Is it solid and the cameras can see across the parking lot a little bit?

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LaCinda Elgan: I don't think it's going to be that difficult to get cameras in there that quickly, to be honest with you.

Sergeant Sullivan: Sergeant Sullivan for the record. Our cameras do face that way. I can't tell where exactly we're not putting it, but we do have a view up towards that street.

LaCinda Elgan: They're long-term plans, this is a building that can be-- There's long-term plans that I think Judge Johnson has in mind. It doesn't look like just a Conex building there to incorporate better services for the people who would like to come visit our park over there across the street.

Commissioner Keyes: We're good.

Commissioner Holt: Then we would want to incorporate in the motion that we would need a letter of direction from Maureen to direct the department, the maintenance, and utilities to move the letter.

Commissioner Keyes: the letter?

LaCinda Elgan: They used their own department.

Commissioner Keyes: With road and public works.

Commissioner Holt: To direct maintenance and stuff to do at that point.

LaCinda Elgan: Then in the meantime, our last provider that we had, I did talk to her about possibly utilizing grant funding through the Secretary of State. Once I get something-- It's one thing to say, "Yes, I want to use the grant." It's another thing to know specifically what we're going to use it for. Now we have an opportunity to know what we're going to need and how much it's going to cost.

Commissioner Keyes: I have a-- This is more of a long-term suggestion for that. The building across the street, the old firehouse, I believe the owner of that is not in compliance with the agreement he made to acquire that building. There may be potential to expand to that direction.

LaCinda Elgan: That would be great too. You guys you can move over there, just the board of county commission over there. [crosstalk] No, seriously, think about it. You guys would be able to make the room bigger. You'd be able to have maybe walls that you could make a little bit more soundproof, so people in your hall don't hear what you have to say in the closed session or next door. I'm serious. I know it sounds funny but I'm serious, benefit of the board.

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Commissioner Winsor: Then we wouldn't have to worry about the access.

LaCinda Elgan: Angela needs to get back to work.

Angela Jewell: Continue talking, but I've got to get back to work.

LaCinda Elgan: Angela needs to get back to work.

Commissioner Keyes: We have a motion that's been made.

Commissioner Holt: I'd like to make a motion that we direct Goldfield Utilities/Maintenance Department to put back the Connex currently over at the working firehouse, back to

Commissioner Holt: It's over there, isn't it?

LaCinda Elgan: I thought it was over here.

Commissioner Keyes: It's probably not over here. Put the right box there. There's two of them. Make sure they put the right box.

Maureen Glennen: The Conex is next to the firehouse.

Commissioner Holt: Yes, that one next to the firehouse.

Commissioner Holt: That's the one over there, to be moved back to the town square in the space allocated by Judge Johnson. It's clearly marked outside of the donkey fence as soon as possible, and to get with the road department to help with the transportation of the Conex.

LaCinda Elgan: Then we'll get hold of Emory and start working on those things.

Commissioner Holt: Yes, at least, because now that we can get that fence in the back finished.

Commissioner Winsor: I'll second that.

Commissioner Holt: Second.

Commissioner Keyes: A motion made and seconded. All in favor?

Commissioner Holt: Aye.

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17. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Allow the County Recorder to sign the HR Compliance Assessment Agreement with Pool-Pact. This is part of the Risk Assessment that was approved at the May 2024 board meeting. (Vera Boyer)

Commissioner Winsor: Just let me make sure that we're going to go on into an agreement with COPAC to start our human resources side of that program.

Commissioner Keyes: Okay.

Commissioner Holt: This is where they'll come in and they assess and then help us get to where we need to be and all that good stuff.

Commissioner Holt: Yes, we have to go through a separate program before we get into risk management.

Commissioner Winsor: Okay.

Commissioner Holt: All right.

Commissioner Winsor: This is to allow them to come in to do that?

Commissioner Holt: This is to start the process of the phases.

Commissioner Holt: The enterprise business.

Commissioner Holt: What is the cost? It's part of our program?

Commissioner Holt: This is part of Enterprise risk management program?

Commissioner Holt: Yes. That we signed up with Pool-Pact.

Commissioner Keyes: It's already in the works.

Commissioner Keyes: Maureen?

Maureen Glennen: Maureen Glennen for the record. Just a question. Who is our HR manager?

Commissioner Holt: Leilani? I think it was. Are you talking about Pool-Pact, or here?

Maureen Glennen: In the county we haven't appointed an HR.

Commissioner Holt: Oh, there's no-- but Leilani is the one handling.

Maureen Glennen: She's going to be the one working on this, yes.

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Commissioner Holt: That's our name in here.

Maureen Glennen: Between the two of us, we're going to start incorporating it.

Commissioner Holt: Okay.

Commissioner Keyes: That's a good direction.

Vera Boyer - As part of the program with Pool Pact and the Risk Assessment program, it was decided to have the recorder office to enter into an HR Compliance Assessment Agreement and Leilani Sligar will be working on this Human Resources program.

Commissioner Holt: Makes a motion to approve the County Recorder to sign the HR Compliance Assessment with Pool Pact.

Commissioner Winsor: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

18. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget transfers as required by statute. (Vera Boyer)

Vera Boyer - Per the budget there will fiscal transfers that were needed approval. It is not required but it's in the budget.

Commissioner Holt: Makes the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget transfer
Commissioner Winsor: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

19. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve adjustments to ledger accounts that maybe required to bring the funds into balance. (Vera Boyer)

Commissioner Holt: Makes a motion to approve the adjustment to ledger accounts
Commissioner Winsor: Seconded that motion all in favor that motion passes.

20. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** There are several REBEL OIL invoices that have been approved to take of the general misc. account for the county. Do these invoices need to be reallocated to the correct funds. If they need to be reallocated to the correct funds, how the Commissioner's want to handle the allocation? (Vera Boyer)

Vera Boyer - Presented was a break down per department of what had been paid and what was still outstanding and unaccounted. It was discussed to portion it out but due to lack of backup that wouldn't be very fair. It was possibly suggested portioning it out on prior year usage. Also, it was discussed about the fuel lost and where it has gone and possible cameras going up to see if

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anything is going on. Commissioner Holt had been assigned the task of finding out more information before a decision can be made.

No Action Taken

21. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve the bonus that was approved 07/01/2023 for all employees that were hired on and after January 1st, 2023. Discuss any budget issue there maybe if this is approved. (Vera Boyer)

Vera had presented a list of the county employees still eligible for the bonus and if we want to give them that bonus. Everyone's budgets look good for this matter, and applying an even hand to all departments. This includes the full time/ part time bonuses.

Commissioner Holt: Makes a motion to approve the bonus that was approved 07/01/2023 to all outstanding employees, paid in the first week of July.

Commissioner Winsor: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

22. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve Fiscal 24 Budget Augmentations. (Vera Boyer)

No Action Taken.

23. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** On behalf of Friends of Nevada Wilderness, I would like to present to the Esmeralda County Commissioners on the foreseeable impacts of the Esmeralda County Solar developments proposed for the county. The impacts I will cover include effects to wildlife and habitat as well as archaeological or culture sites within and adjacent to the solar development boundaries. My goal is to better inform the Commission on the rare resources in the county that will be forever impacted or destroyed including some resources that exist only at the solar development site as well as alternative for better placement in the county. (Julien Pellegrini)

No Action Taken

24. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** We are requesting ownership of the alley for the north half of block 173/50, between streets 511 North Franklin and 510 North Euclid. We are looking to upgrade the storage units with a security fence and the alley prevents this. The south boundary of the property is an approximately 10 embankments, making said alley unusable. (Julie Fritz and/or Jackie Wiscombe)

Julie Fritz is requesting to gain ownership of the alley for the north half block between streets 511 North Franklin and 510 North Euclid. Carl Shrider does not believe that selling any

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easements, alleys, etc. in the town of goldfield is a good idea. Emory LaRue also believes that no utilities, water crosses the alley, and is of the same opinion of Carl Shrider's.

No Action Taken.

25. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide on approving road closure for Columbia Street from 95 to Ramsey and road closure for main street from 95 to Meyers for August 2nd-4th, 2024. (Virginia Greenway)

Virginia Greenway - The Mozart Tavern would like to close Columbia Street between 95 where the Mozart and Occidental meet. I do not need the whole street so that it will leave more parking for goldfield days. For the safety of the people, I would like no vehicles at all in that area, from Friday afternoon at 4 on Aug 2 to Saturday night at 11 pm Aug 3rd, Also I am asking that Main Street be close from 95 to Meyers from 7pm Friday Aug 2 to Saturday August 3rd until 7 pm.

Thank you for your consideration, Gina Greenway. With no objection from Carl Shrider for the road closure.

Commissioner Holt: Makes a motion to approve the road closure.

Commissioner Winsor: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

26. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Review and solicit public comment on DRAFT Basin 142 (Alkali Spring Valley) and Town of Goldfield Water Resource Plan Update per NRS 278.0228 – identification and analysis of physical and legal available water for submission to ECLUAC at later time. NOTE: if any part of the attached is cut off, please request unaltered copy from Clerk's office. (Kirk Fowler)

No Action Taken

27. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Review and solicit public comment of Basin 144/Gold Point Water Resource Plan Update per NRS 278:0228 – identify and analyze physical and legal available water to serve community of Gold Point for submission to ECLUAC later. Note: if any part of this report is cut-off please request a copy from the Clerk's Office. (Kirk Fowler)

No Action Taken

28. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Request, discuss and approve a share of the Festival Funds for fireworks in Gold Point. (Fred Perez for Herb Robbins)

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Fred Perez - Although there have been fireworks in gold point for years Fred Perez and Herb Robbins want to put on fireworks show to celebrate their independence you can say. They are requesting a donation from the county.

Commissioner Holt: Makes a motion to approve a share of the festival funds to gold point for \$700.00.

Commissioner Winsor: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

29. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Review and discuss the updated draft of the Special Use Permit Ordinance. (Daniel Steward/Commissioner Keyes/ Dan Peterson – ECLUAC)

Commissioner Keyes - There was discussion between Daniel Steward, Commissioner Keyes regarding the special use permit ordinance, Daniel Steward suggested different approaches with the process and application fees, Recovery towards the county and EMS related items. And possible applicant prepaying and retainers. Commissioner Keyes then mentioned how to cost recovery would be new to the county but beneficial. Also wants to make sure the rules are an even playing field for all current and future projects. Possibly bringing all these ideas together. As well as having everyone on board uniformity, ground rules, impacts on the county, revenue, what the offset would be, and cause and effect. It is believed that more study would be needed.

No action was taken at this time.

30. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion, Decision, and possible approval of awarding the Esmeralda County Emergency Addressing Project to Esmeralda Enterprises LLC. In the total amount of \$207,465.00 after negotiation were held with funding to come from CDBG. (Commissioner Holt)

No Action Taken

31. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion, Decision and possible approval of the Consultant Agreement between Esmeralda County and Elise Reynoso, with funding to come from Grant Manager Services and Supplies. Agreement will cover the completion of the three State Revolving Loan ongoing projects. (Commissioner Holt)

With the 3 ongoing projects for goldfield Utilities, Elise Reynoso has been working with other counties with the same funder and is very familiar with the regulations and requirements of that funder, she is willing to enter into this agreement and to assist Esmeralda County in completing those 3 projects. The consultant agreement in the backup which sets the scope of work, as well as cost.

Commissioner Holt: Makes a motion to approve the Consultant Agreement with Elise Reynoso
Commissioner Winsor: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

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32. ***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.)

Cyndi Chase: Is there anyone to solve the problem of the inmates looking over at the school by putting in slats like the county road dept uses?

33. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

34. ***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.

None

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

None

36. ***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.

Commissioner Winsor: Makes a motion to close the meeting

Commissioner Holt: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

Commissioner Holt: Makes a motion to open the meeting

Commissioner Winsor: Seconds that motion all in favor that motion passes.

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

Commissioner Keyes: The commissioner's office will be sending out letters.

38. *** 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