

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

April 15th, 2025
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. ***FINANCIAL REPORTS**
February 2025

Office	Amount	Date Submitted
Assessor	\$3,793.18	March 31 st , 2025
Clerk's	\$1,340.19	March 31 st , 2025
Justice Court	\$49,949.27	April 2 nd , 2025
Recorder	\$0.00	
Sheriff's	\$481.00	April 2 nd , 2025
Tax Collector	\$123,605.11	March 31 st , 2025
GF Utilities	\$14,986.15	March 31 st , 2025
SP Utilities	\$4,505.57	March 31 st , 2025
Total	\$198,660.47	
6. ***TREASURER'S REPORT**
7. ***AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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8. ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 18th, 2025 Board of County Commissioners and Board of Highway Commission Meeting Minutes, March 18th, 2025 Board of County Commissioners and Board of Highway Commission Meeting Minutes.**
9. **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.)**
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.)**
11. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: We are trying to connect 1 water lines 1500' from apart for ample water to operate Gold Reduction Mill. Must cross dirt road 30ft. (Bruce Young)**
12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Approve and sign a UWS grant from the State Emergency Response Committee providing equipment to our local emergency services for Esmeralda County. This grant will reimburse Esmeralda County 100% for monies spent on emergency equipment. So, there is no liability to Esmeralda. (Patricia Brownfield)**
13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: The Desert Research Institute's (DRI) Community Environmental Monitoring Program (CEMP) started managing the meteorological and radiological monitoring station at the Goldfield Library in 1999. The CEMP proposes installing a seismometer at the Goldfield Library. Three options are provided in the presentation file. There are two large, rusted nonfunctional signs that north/northwest of the CEMP station that were installed by a different DRI project funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association. Those signs are nonfunctional and will be removed this summer. The CEMP would install the seismometer in that location. The accompanying presentation file identifies three locations for your consideration. (Beverly Parker)**
14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Approve purchase of 2025 Chevy Tahoe SSV chief officer command vehicle equipped for county wide hazardous incident response not to exceed the amount of \$80,000.00. Funding will be grant reimbursed in entirety through the Nevada Department of Emergency Management EPWG funds and will be of no expense to the County. Direct Auditor/Recorders office to process payment by end of day. (Chief Bushnell)**
15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Discuss and decide to apply for Travel Nevada Rural Marketing Grant FY26. (Natalie Colunga)**
16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: To approve the letter of correction for the audit ending 06/30/2024. (Vera Boyer)**
17. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Discuss the formal protest requesting denial of application no. 84235 in Alkali Spring Valley (HA 142) applicant – WK Mining (USA) LTD of Elko, Nevada and approve the re-application fee for application 84235 was filed on August 13th, 2014**

and timely protested by Esmeralda County on October 8th, 2014. The application is being republished by the Nevada Department of Water Resources. (Public Works Adrian Roberts)

18. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide whether to retain Bob Bare, Esq., to issue a legal opinion as to whether Brian Kunzi Esq., representing Nicholas Dondero as Sheriff while also representing Esmeralda County in Nevada Supreme Court Appeal No. 88214 is a conflict of interest. (District Attorney Robert Glennen)
19. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide whether the County continues to employ Brian Kunzi, Esq., to pursue rehearing motions and possible Writ of Certiorari to the US Supreme Court in State Ex Rel. Ford vs. Dondero, Nev. Sup. Ct. No. 88214, and if so, sign a retainer agreement. (Commissioners)
20. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide to sign and continue the Interlocal Contract between Public Agencies and the State of Nevada and Esmeralda County for Community Health Services. (Commissioners)
21. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss, Decision and approval of a supplemental engagement letter with Kaempfer Crowell with respect to water right applications 93949, 93950 and 93951 with funding to come from professional fees. (Commissioner Holt)
22. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide on William Garay's counter offer to the County Manager job offer letter. (Commissioner Holt)
23. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide on an offer of employment to Joseph Dunn for County Manager Position. (Commissioner Holt)
24. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide on hiring paychex for payroll service with three tier opportunity and can include Human Resources. This program will simplify and stream line the process and can keep you in compliance with all the Human Resource requirements. (Lanea Warren/Commissioner Zakas)
25. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Change the Dominion Obligation from 2032 to 2025: a one year and one quarter as in Lander County commitment only. I left it as is; it would be of \$250,000.00 NRS requires large purchases/commitments to be advertised in the newspaper so the public can have input. This document does not have a board signature showing it was approved NRS 332.400 must have a clause for insufficient funds. NRS 332.095 Governing body must assign a person and no other can perform without govern consent. (Commissioner Zakas)
26. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Create a line item for fuel inventory (gasoline and diesel). Decide if it is a separate account or in the general fund. Round one: pay for the fuel asap after delivery. Round two: turn logs into department head. Department head turn paper work into auditor. Money from their budget transfers back into inventory to keep it perpetual. (Commissioner Zakas)

27. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** To approve a resolution to deal with Rebel Oil to establishing procedures for refilling of fuel tanks at three locations. With this resolution, fuel account will be created to pay the invoices. (Vera Boyer)
28. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Possible directions to go with county credit cards: A. Stay with corporate which has one administrator to handle all cards all the time. B. Down size to each department head being an administrator for two or three cards for their department use. C. Eliminate all cards not essential for a department to function. D. Other. (Commissioner Zakas)
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. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
31. ***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.
32. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues, and other personnel matters.
33. ***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.
34. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on conference with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation presented in recessed meeting.
35. *** 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.)
36. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

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Esmeralda County Board of Commissioner Meeting
 Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 at 10:00am – 5:00pm

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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 regular meeting of the Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 15th, 2025, 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, Boonies, and Esmeralda Market.

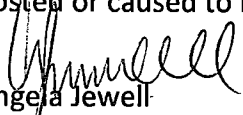
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I, Angela Jewell, Esmeralda County Deputy Clerk, hereby certify that in accordance with NRS 241.020 I posted or caused to be posted, this agenda to the above locations on April 8th, 2025.



Angela Jewell
Esmeralda County Deputy Clerk