

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

January 21st, 2025
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. ***FINANCIAL REPORTS**
November 2024

Office	Amount	Date Submitted
Assessor	\$693,172.01	January 6 th , 2025
Clerk’s	\$825.89	December 30 th , 2024
Justice Court	\$35,143.50	January 6 th , 2025
Recorder	\$5,781.50	January 8 th , 2025
Sheriff’s	\$407.00	January 7 th , 2025
Tax Collector	\$1,370,080.92	December 30 th , 2024
GF Utilities	\$15,000.19	December 30 th , 2024
SP Utilities	\$5,079.40	December 30 th , 2024
Total	\$2,125,490.41	
6. ***TREASURER’S REPORT**
7. ***AUDITOR’S REPORT**
8. ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 3rd, 2024, September 17th, 2024, October 1st, 2024, October 15th, 2024, October 24th, 2024 Special Meeting, November 4th, 2024, November 15th, 2024 Special Meeting and November 19th, 2024 and December 3rd, 2024.**

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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.)
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:** Discuss and decide to hire Dwight Smith to prepare a Protest of Water Right Application No. 93962. (Robert Glennen, III, District Attorney)
12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide to hire Dwight Smith to prepare an Application for Extension of Time to Prove Beneficial Use of Water Right Permit 47159, Certificate No. 15186. (Robert Glennen, III, District Attorney)
13. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** This is an information item, expected to take 15 minutes, to explain the status of geothermal drilling and exploration for the "Pearl" project located 10 miles NE of Silver Peak. (Scott Nichols, Ormat Technologies)
14. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Approve purchase of wet rescue box for Fish Lake Valley Fire as approved in FY24-25 budget in the amount of \$123,510.00 plus freight. (Chief Jeffrey Bushnell)
15. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide to post to the newspaper three times as required for the Resolution_____as approved by the Board of Commissioners October 1st, 2024 regarding combining the EMS/Fire Departments across the County and the resolution_____to augment the EMS/Fire budgets as approved by the Board. (Chief Bushnell)
16. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** APN 001-021-10 – Water/Sewer are now being charged on this property. I was told in the past that there was no access and have not previously paid them. APN 001-383-05 – I have previously paid these taxes for water/sewer access and I am now told there is no access to water because of map given to Assessor Office by Emory La Rue. Has this map "water & sewer map" been approved by Commissioners? (Sharon Artlip)
17. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** I am requesting the Esmeralda County Board of County Commissioners direct the clerk to enter into the record, all documents related to the following: Agreement, MOU, contract between Esmeralda County and Bruce Young to provide water for fire protection in Gold Point and proof of compensation for the same. (Kirk Fowler)
18. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** I am requesting the Esmeralda County Board of County Commissioners nullify motions made an approval of agenda items 11 and 17 from January 7th, 2025 meeting and rediscuss and decide to enter into a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with heirs of Nicholas Wolff and Katina Wolff Cook that limits agreement to ALL, but no more than, procedures and actions to secure a Deed of Conveyance of water rights Certificate #15186 (and suggested Certificate #14190) (Kirk Fowler)

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19. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and approve for each of the new Commissioners, Fred Perez, and Mary Jane Zakas to receive a county credit card. Limit to be determined and funds to come out of the Commissioners Services & Supplies. (Commissioner's Office)
20. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide which company to go with DSL lines in the courthouse: Valley Electric or Oasis. And cost to from the IT Account. (Commissioner's Office)
21. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discuss and decide which Commissioners will represent the County on the Library Board and the Health Board. (Commissioner's Office)
22. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** I would like to save the county \$578.41 by keeping my own insurance. I would like the county to pay for my cheaper insurance through a monthly reimbursement of the \$461.50 I pay. (Commissioners Zakas)
23. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Financial concerns of citizens: Credit card freeze affecting ability of smooth-running departments requiring personal funds to continue: Answer Who, What, Where, When and Why? And see if a better option is available today or investigate. There are three commissioners and three issues to explore. We need to rate them and deal accordingly with investigating or whatever we decide. (Commissioners Zakas)
24. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Health Insurance...what to do about going past 90 days on payments and employees having to be reinstated.... authorize making this more secure for employees who have health needs. Who, What, Where, Why and When? There are three commissioners and three issues to explore. We need to rate them and deal accordingly with investigating or whatever we decide. (Commissioner Zakas)
25. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion, Decision and Approval for filing a Protest for Water Application 93962, Applicant Bruce Young, dba Mining and Milling. In addition, appoint Dwight Smith to file this protest prior to February 9th, 2025 as Agent for Esmeralda County. (Commissioner Perez)
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. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
28. ***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.
29. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues, and other personnel matters.

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

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Esmeralda County Board of Commissioner Meeting
Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 at 10:00am – 5:00pm

Microsoft Teams

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The regular meeting of the Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 21st, 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.

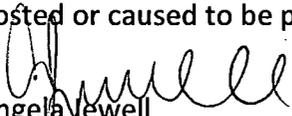
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I, Angela Jewell, Esmeralda County Deputy Clerk, hereby certify that in accordance with NRS 241.020 I posted or caused to be posted, this agenda to the above locations on January 14th, 2025.



Angela Jewell

Esmeralda County Deputy Clerk