

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION
December 5, 2024

The Board of County Highway Commissioners met in regular session on the above date at 1:15 p.m. at the Churchill County Commissioners Chambers, 155 N. Taylor St, Fallon, NV, with Chairman Heath presiding.

Those present were as follows:

Justin Heath, Chairman
Harry Scharmann, Commissioner
Gary Fowkes, Road Supervisor
Joe Sanford, District Attorney's Office

Myles Getto, Vice Chairman
Sherry Wideman, Comptroller
Jim Barbee, County Manager
Naomi Steele, Recording Secretary
Bobbie King, Clerical Specialist

Those absent were as follows:

None

Call to order – Chairman Heath called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Verification of the agenda posting – Recording Secretary Steele verified the agenda was posted per NRS 241 on the 25th day of November 2024 between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. at the locations listed on the agenda. Those locations include the Churchill County Road Department, Churchill County Complex Building, Churchill County Web Site, and the State of Nevada Website.

Public Comment – There were none.

Agenda – Vice-Chairman Getto motioned to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scharmann and carried by a unanimous vote.

Minutes – Commissioner Scharmann motioned to approve the minutes of the regular Highway Commission meeting on November 7, 2024, as submitted. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Getto and carried by unanimous vote.

New Business –

A. Consideration and possible action re: Authorize the Churchill County Road Department to transfer two 1997 Ford F350 pickups that were deemed surplus to the Churchill County High School Agricultural program According to Road Department Supervisor Fowkes, the county essentially received these trucks for free from the phone company since they gave one truck to the fire department and the other truck to the road department.

County Manager Barbee said the High School Ag Education Advisory Board, which he is a member of, has been working to revive an Ag mechanics program that hasn't been in operation for three or four years. An Ag mechanical instructor was hired at the start of the school year. They now must share and plan shop time because

the welding program has been using the shop. One of the things the Ag program wanted to do was to start the process of building pipe fences and animal confinement zones on the high school campus and the farm property on Rio Vista. The Ag program submitted funding applications for plasma torches, generators, welders, and other equipment.

County Manager Barbee asked Mayor Tedford if he would serve as a trustee for the repairs that were made to one of the vehicles and provide new tires from Tedford Tire. Mayor Tedford agreed with pleasure. According to County Manager Barbee, the board would be authorizing the transfer of those vehicles. However, he requested that, even if authorized, he would like the actual physical transfer of the vehicles to wait until the welders are purchased and the road department assists in mounting the welders on the trucks.

He also asked that the trucks bearing the names CCHS AG MECH and supported by CCRD and TEDFORD TIRES be painted on the sides for recognition, as well as to ensure that they are used for the purposes for which they were donated and do not go lost in the school district. If the County and Mayor Tedford could take a picture with the children transferring the cars, that would be great. A move to authorize the transfer of the two 1997 F350 pickups to the Churchill County High School Agricultural program was called by Chairman Heath.

Vice Chairman Getto motioned to authorize the Churchill County Road Department to transfer two 1997 For F350 pickups that were deemed surplus to the Churchill County High School Agricultural program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Scharmann and carried by unanimous vote.

B. Consideration and possible action re: Approval to increase the FY25-26 Equipment Replacement plan budget by \$ 26,784 to purchase a Mastic machine for crack sealing in the amount of \$ 120,000 instead of the approved amount of \$ 93,216. Road Supervisor Fowkes said that as he has mentioned in several meetings, the mastic material is different and it originates from aggregate, and everyone is switching to it. The \$93,216 that was budgeted was for a standard crack sealing machine.

He indicated that they only allowed one test run, he was impressed with the material but not with the Crafcro machine. He did discover another device, called a Stepp machine. Most mastic machines only have a dump valve; you use a bucket and a shovel. The Stepp machine has a double-knuckled auger, as they call it, that you can move around to the cracks. It is safer and slightly better to utilize this one. In Oregon, they have a demo model that we can purchase which includes \$6,000.00 for delivery. If the board approves the increase, he will travel south of Portland on Tuesday to pick it up, saving on the delivery charges.

Fowkes said he believes the mastic machine will transform our entire program by enhancing driving capabilities and they claim it lasts longer than asphalt. A move to enhance the budget for the FY25-26 Equipment Replace plan was called by Chairman Heath.

Commissioner Scharmann made the motion to approve the increase the FY25-26 Equipment Replacement plan budget by \$ 26,784 to purchase a Mastic machine for crack sealing in the amount of \$ 120,000. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Getto and carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Consideration and possible action re: ratify the decision of the Road Department Supervisor to purchase a new air compressor for \$ 8,550.00. According to Road Department Supervisor Fowkes, our 1950 air compressor finally broke down. Since he began working at the road department, it has broken down a few times, and they have band-aided it back together, but even parts for it are no longer available, so he jumped on the opportunity when it came up for sale. Chairman Heath inquired, "So it's functioning?" According to Road Department Supervisor Fowkes, it is already operational. Could you briefly discuss its efficiency, requested County Manager Barbee? Road Supervisor Fowkes explained that because it is a dual compressor, it will run

one compressor if you only need a little amount of air and both compressors if you need more. Additionally, it can operate in both the fleet maintenance shop as well as the mechanic shop.

"Is it a screw?" inquired Vice Chairman Getto. "No, it isn't," said Road Supervisor Fowkes. "We looked into the screw and discovered that the upkeep on those is awful and costly, so we retreated from them." According to Road Supervisor Fowkes, maintaining the old compressor consistently costs between \$3 and \$4,000. "And this will air up the truck tires?" Chairman Heath inquired. "Yes," said Road Supervisor Fowkes. A motion was called upon by Chairman Heath.

Vice Chairman Getto moved to ratify the decision of the Road Department Supervisor to purchase a new air compressor for \$ 8,550.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Scharmann and carried by unanimous vote.

Department Reports-

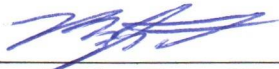
Monthly departmental report - Road Supervisor Gary Fowkes reported on Road Department matters, accomplishments, and projects (**A complete report is attached to the original packet**).

Future Agenda Items – There were none.

Public Comments – There were none.

Adjournment - With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Heath declared the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 6, 2025 at the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 N. Taylor Street, Room 102, Fallon, NV at 1:15 p.m.

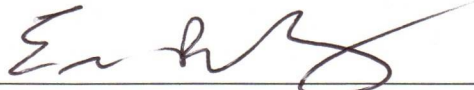
Approved By:



Myles Getto, Vice-Chairman



Matt Hyde, Commissioner



Eric Blakey, Commissioner