

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CHURCHILL COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION
January 6, 2026

The Board of County Highway Commissioners met in regular session on January 6, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in the Churchill County Commissioners Chambers, 155 N. Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada, with Chairman Eric Blakey presiding.

Those present were as follows:

Bobbie King, Recording Secretary
Caitlin Llamas, Office Specialist
Chris Spross, County Manager
Eric Blakey, Chairman
Gary Fowkes, Road Supervisor
Matt Hyde, Commissioner
Sherry Wilderman, Comptroller
Wade Carner, Chief Deputy District Attorney

Those absent were as follows:

Arthur Mallory, District Attorney
Myles Getto, Vice Chairman

Call to Order – Chairman Blakey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Verification of Agenda Posting – Recording Secretary King verified that the agenda was posted in compliance with NRS 241 on the 30th day of December 2025, between the hours of 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., at the locations listed on the agenda, including the Churchill County Road Department, Churchill County Complex Building, Churchill County website, and the State of Nevada website.

Public Comment – Chairman Blakey requested public comment, and no comments were received.

Agenda – Commissioner Hyde moved to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Chairman Blakey and carried by a unanimous vote.

Minutes – Commissioner Hyde moved to approve the minutes of the regular Highway Commission meeting held on December 4, 2025, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Chairman Blakey and carried by a unanimous vote.

Monthly Departmental Report – Road Supervisor Gary Fowkes provided an update on Road Department matters, accomplishments, and ongoing and upcoming projects. A complete report is included in the original meeting packet.

County Manager Chris Spross asked whether the dollar amounts shown on the slideshow represented the fully burdened rate for Road Department employees. Road Supervisor Fowkes confirmed that they did and noted that those rates will likely need to be increased this next fiscal year.

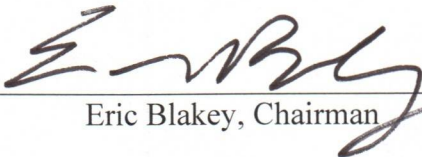
Commissioner Hyde asked whether the mastic machine must operate within specific temperature ranges. Road Supervisor Fowkes stated that the machine is currently operating without temperature-related issues, though mastic does not perform well in wet or moist conditions. He noted that while mastic is more expensive, it adheres effectively and provides a smooth surface. Supervisor Fowkes explained that crews are working on Bronco Way and Equestrian Drive, where asphalt shrinkage caused cracks up to six inches. Cold mix had been placed previously, and mastic is now applied over it. He stated that mastic stretches well, accommodating asphalt expansion and contraction. He plans to use mastic on Crook Road and Rattlesnake Hill in the coming weeks. Supervisor Fowkes further explained that there are different types of mastic, including mastic patch with more aggregate. The department blends mastic for its use but does not consider it ideal for patching, as it can deform in hot conditions or near stop signs. In such cases, cold mix is used first, with mastic applied over it. He concluded that the department continues to refine the process and that the material is performing well.

Future Agenda Items- There were no future agenda items.

Public Comment – Chairman Blakey requested public comment, and no comments were received.

Adjournment - With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Blakey adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on **February 5, 2026**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 N. Taylor Street, Room 102, Fallon, Nevada.

Approved By:


Eric Blakey, Chairman


Myles Getto, Vice-Chairman


Matt Hyde, Commissioner