

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION
April 1, 2021

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 Scharmann presiding.

Those present were as follows:

Justin Heath, Chairman
Greg Koenig, Vice-Chairman
Ben Shawcroft, District Attorney's Office
Sherry Wideman, Comptroller

H. Pete Olsen, Commissioner
Gary Fowkes, Road Supervisor
Naomi Steele, Secretary
Jim Barbee, County Manager

Those absent were as follows:

None

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

Verification of the posting of the agenda - Secretary Steele verified the agenda was posted in accordance with NRS 241 on the 25th day of March 2021 between the hours of 2:30 p.m. 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 – Chairman Heath asked for public comments on issues that were not listed on the agenda, but there were none.

Agenda – Commissioner Olsen motioned to accept the agenda as submitted. Motion seconded Vice-Chairman Koenig, and carried by unanimous vote.

Minutes – Vice-Chairman Koenig motioned to approve the minutes of March 4, 2021 as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsen, 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**).

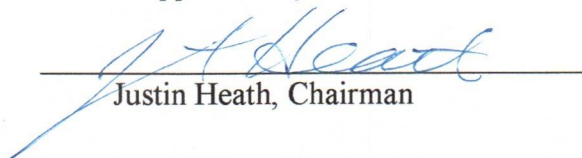
Updates – County Manager Barbee requested some clarity on the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) priority list. He advised during the Regional Transportation Commission meeting, they discussed and agreed that the US 95/Sheckler intersection will stay as the number one priority, and the Sherman Street intersection will stay on the list as the number two priority. Barbee said that NDOT suggested the Sherman Street intersection could be removed from the list because it was a done deal. However, he would like to leave it on there because it is not yet a done deal. He said for the third priority, they would like to reprioritize the combination of the York Lane/Gummow Drive intersections. He asked Chairman Heath if he would like to have this agenda item discussed at a Highway Commission meeting, or at a County Commission meeting. Chairman Heath said that because this discussion has already taken place at previous County Commission meetings, he would like to keep it on their agenda.

Future Agenda Items – There were no future agenda items.

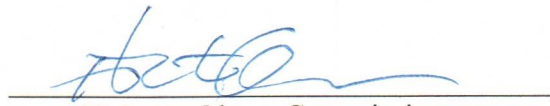
Public Comments – Chairman Heath asked for public comments on issues that were not listed on the agenda. Resident Conrad Lowrey introduced himself and advised he lives on a half mile of a dead end, dirt road off Benson Lane. There are 14 homes, and 40-50 residents that live on the road. He has been attending the road department meetings since 2016, and has made almost every meeting for the past five years. He has tried to give a public comment about every other meeting. About three years ago, in a public comment that he made, he said that he had made every meeting, but that was inaccurate. At the next meeting, the then county manager told everyone the dates of the first meeting he attended, the dates of the meetings he was not present, and the dates of the meetings in which he had made a public comment. He said County Manager Eleanor, was very organized, she had records on everything he had said. That meant that somebody out there was listening to what he was saying. He was told that the meeting records are destroyed after twelve months. His road was installed in 1980, which was 41 years ago. He stated it was past due for pavement, and they would like to see this half mile to be designated as a county maintained road and paved. He asked the board if they had any comments or questions. Commissioner Olsen said the board was not supposed to converse during public comment, they are to listen. Mr. Lowrey said his understanding was that the board could comment, but they cannot vote on a decision. Civil DA Shawcroft clarified that the board can comment on public comments, but cannot get into what you would call deliberation over the matter. He noted that Mr. Lowrey has come before the Highway Commission before, and a decision was made and voted upon. Chairman Heath asked what the decision was. Mr. Shawcroft said that Mr. Lowrey requested his road be entered into the system as a county maintained road, and the request was denied.

Adjournment - With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Heath declared the meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 6, 2021 at the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 N. Taylor Street, Commissioner's Chambers, Fallon, NV at 1:15 p.m.

Approved By:


Justin Heath, Chairman


Greg Koenig, Vice-Chairman


H. Peter Olsen, Commissioner