

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AND HIGHWAY COMMISSION**

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
March 2, 2023**

Call to Order:

The Special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Highway Commission was called to order at 1:31 PM on March 2, 2023.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Harry Scharmann
Commissioner Justin Heath
Commissioner Myles Getto
County Manager Jim R. Barbee
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore
Naomi Steele, Office Supervisor, Road
Department
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery

ABSENT:

Public Comment:

Chairman Scharmann asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 28th day of February, 2022, between the hours of 12:00 and 5:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

**Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted.
Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

Appointments:

**A- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 4-2023 Declaring an
Emergency across Churchill County due to the threat of flooding.**

Staff will address the threat of flooding due to high waters within Churchill County and request that a Resolution be adopted declaring a state of emergency.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

RESOLUTION OF CHURCHILL COUNTY DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA, DUE TO THE IMMEDIATE THREAT OF FLOODING.

County Manager Jim Barbee said we bring forward a request with a resolution to go into an Emergency Declaration. This would be similar to the actions taken in 2017 when the Big Dig was performed to offset spring flood waters due to the melt of the snowpack. This one is different in that infrastructure already exists but what this will do is provide the county and the Road Department along with other agencies, the opportunity to react more directly to issues as they do arise and give direction to the Road Supervisor from the Road Department on moving forward with the actions that they need to take, along with forming the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that would be a result of this Emergency Declaration. We are proposing to have a representative from the BOR, TCID, the county, and the city in creating an EOC site at the former COVID emergency site where we could do sandbagging and hold EOC meetings at the headquarters building. We will have staff located to provide sandbag distribution and this would be under our Emergency Manager's command, Mike Heidemann, for the EOC portion of this.

Chairman Scharmann asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to adopt Resolution 4-2023 declaring a state of emergency under the provisions of Chapter 414 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Churchill County Code due to conditions of peril arising from the threat of flooding within Churchill County. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Granting discretionary authority to the Road Supervisor to utilize Churchill County equipment, personnel, and materials as needed to protect the community from potential flooding.

The Road Department has the experience and skill-set needed to greatly assist in protecting the citizens of Churchill County from potential flooding. Since some of this work may fall outside the normal duties of the Road Supervisor or personnel, the board's authorization is needed. In 2017, the Road Department performed critical infrastructure work, which is likely to be needed again.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The county was reimbursed for these expenses by FEMA in 2017 and would seek to do so again.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Civil Deputy DA Sanford made this presentation as outlined above.

Gary Fowkes, Road Supervisor, said, right now, we have 4-5 miles on the Big Dig where we need to do some maintenance on. That is going to start Monday. I am sure there will be stuff that will come along, like in 2017, as it seemed like every week something was going on. I just don't know what that might be. Commissioner Heath said are you going to work with TCID on that? Road Supervisor Fowkes said absolutely, it is a joint venture. County Manager Barbee said those

directives will come through the EOC.

Chairman Scharmann asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

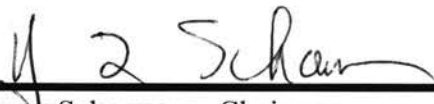
Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to grant discretionary authority to the Road Supervisor to utilize Road Department equipment, materials, and personnel to protect the community from potential flooding. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

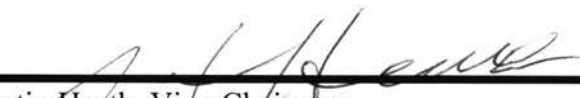
Public Comment:

Chairman Sanford asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 PM.

Approved: 
Harry Scharmann, Chairman

Approved: 
Justin Heath, Vice-Chairman

Approved: 
Myles Getto, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer


Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk