

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION
September 11, 2023

The Board of County Highway Commissioners met in regular session on the above date at 11:00 a.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—phone in
Harry Scharmann, Commissioner—phone in
Joe Sanford, District Attorney's Office
Naomi Steele, Recording Secretary

Gary Fowkes, Road Supervisor
Bobbie King, Clerical Specialist
Sherry Wideman, Comptroller
Jim Barbee, County Manager

Those absent were as follows:

Myles Getto, Vice Chairman

Call to order – Chairman Heath called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Verification of the agenda posting – Recording Secretary Steele verified the agenda was posted per NRS 241 on the 6th day of September 2023 between 2:30 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 – Commissioner Sharmann motioned to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Chairman Heath and carried by a unanimous vote.

Appointments-

A.Consideration and possible action re: Authorization for the Road Supervisor to purchase a 2021 John Deere 6105E tractor with a 75" side mount flail mower in the amount of \$99,999.82 -- The Road Department has requested a motion to allow the Road Supervisor to spend \$99,999.82 on a 2021 John Deere 6105E tractor with a 75" side mount flail mower, according to County Manager Barbee.

Road Supervisor Fowkes stated, that each year, weeds are removed mechanically when complaints are received or when they obstruct the view of oncoming traffic. Each time this is done, it costs approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 because they have to peel them off, load them into a truck, and transport them away. He said the flail mower we received quotes for is similar to the one used by Truckee Carson Irrigation District (TCID). The mower is side-mounted and equipped with an upslope and a downslope. The tractor is a 6105E, John Deere tractor with 100 hours on it. The cost of the tractor is \$65,909.09 and the mower costs \$28,000 plus an extra \$6,000 for freight and installation. Gary said that two more quotes were provided, one for \$149,945.00 from Pape, and one for

\$128,624.12 from Tiger Mowers. Diamond provided us with a quote, but they had to go through their supplier which is Pape.

This acquisition will be very beneficial to the Road Department if granted. Currently, they are renting a skid steer with a mower attachment. The monthly cost is \$5,500. Gary said although it isn't the ideal equipment for our requirements, it is the only option available. He said the only drawback is the flail mower is 18 weeks away. For crews to continue their work on clearing the weeds from the county, Gary would be asking the Parks and Recreation Department to borrow their brush hog and use the tractor.

Chairman Heath inquired if the board or staff had any other discussions or remarks. According to County Manager Barbee, the staff is in favor of the acquisition.

Commissioner Scharmann made a motion to authorize the road supervisor to purchase a 2021 John Deere 6205E tractor with a 75" side mount flail mower, in the amount of \$99,999.82. Motion seconded by Chairman Heath, and carried by unanimous vote.

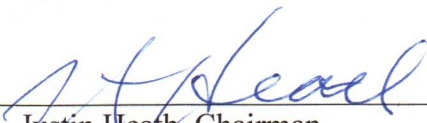
Future Agenda Items – There were none.

Public Comments – There were none.

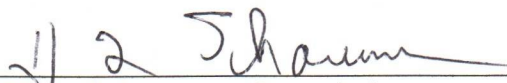
Adjournment - With no further business to come before the Board, Vice-Chairman Getto declared the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 5, 2023, at the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 N. Taylor Street, Commissioner's Chambers, Fallon, NV at 1:15 p.m.

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Approved By:


Justin Heath, Chairman


Myles Getto, Vice-Chairman


Harry Scharmann, Commissioner