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II. APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:

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MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to approve the October 7, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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III. ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND:

Review of Quarterly Financial Reports relating to Regional Street and Highway fund.

Cash Minor submitted the past two quarterly reports for September 30th and the December 31st report. He reviewed the last report. He stated upon page three it displayed the revenue collected was \$2.7 million dollars for the prior year and to-date they collected a little over \$1 million dollars for the current year. Cash Minor noted on page 4 was the list of entity projects. He questioned if the Boyd-Kennedy recycle/overlay project was overspent by \$129,000.

Terry Lister inquired if that included the Twin Bridges approach because those projects were bid together.

Randy Brown commented the School District also participated upon that project and that may be their share.

Terry Lister stated the School District was to pay for the curb and sidewalk upon their side of that project.

Cash Minor stated on the South Fork project there was no budget and it was \$26,000 overspent.

Terry Lister stated \$1.5 million dollars was allocated to the South Fork project for the 2015-2016 years. He believed the \$26,000 was for engineering.

Chairman Rice requested clarification on the Boyd-Kennedy over expenditure.

Terry Lister stated the School District would pay for the curb, gutter and sidewalk upon their side of the road; they partnered upon that project.

Cash Minor stated under the Supplement Fund the White Rock lighting project, that was paid every year, needed more funding allocation to cover that billing.

Terry Lister believed they paid \$53.00 monthly for the lighting.

Cash Minor requested that they approve \$700.00 for the White Rock lighting.

Cash Minor stated on page 5 was the recap of entity allocations. He

pointed out their Supplemental Reserve Fund was at \$138,670 and only \$60,000 was unappropriated.

MOTION: Commissioner Andreozzi moved to approve the quarterly financial report as submitted with the addition of adding \$700 to the White Rock lighting and subject to the other two items being rectified in relationship to Boyd-Kennedy Drive and South Fork. Commissioner Eklund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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IV. COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM:

Discussion on the "Complete Streets" program and possible County participation.

Randy Brown stated they received this information shortly before the agenda was posted. He inquired if they want to research this program. He stated the focus was upon heavy urban areas.

Commissioner Rice was interested in them looking into this further and noted when he registered a car this was brought up as an option at the end of the registration process. He felt they should research this but it may cost more to administer than they would benefit from that program. He noted it was a voluntary payment which would be an additional revenue resource.

Commissioner Andreozzi knew when the City of Elko went through a Master Plan update there was a section for the Complete Streets programs. He stated there was only one designated bike lane on Sundance Road and they have some county roads that were paved which have some of those amenities upon them. Commissioner Andreozzi stated since there were not at an MPO status with our Regional Transportation Commission he did not see that the RTC involvement because the entities get their funding and within their projects they incorporate those amenities. He stated some county roads could qualify such as Sundance.

Chairman Rice stated as development happens upon Lamoille Summit, such as the development across from the Hospital, there were some roads bladed in and there was some opportunity to hook in with Spring Creek.

Randy Brown would bring the agenda item back in April.

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V. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Update reporting as may be available relating to traffic counts, projects,

and other matters of interest.

Chairman Rice noted for the record that no one was present from NDOT to give a presentation at this time.

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VI. ENTITY PROJECTS REPORTS:

Report on status of entity projects financed by Regional Street and Highway Fund apportionments.

A. City of Carlin:

Carlos Esparza stated he had nothing new to report.

B. City of Elko

Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director, reported there was nothing to report at this time and was happy to answer any questions, if any.

C. City of Wells

No report was submitted.

D. City of West Wendover

Chairman Rice read e-mail into record from Bryce Kimber:

“Rob I hope you would do me a favor and let the RTC Board know that I had every intention to be at the meeting this morning, as I have not gave them an update for a while but due to the snow I was unable to attend. The city’s Florence Way Phase 2 relocation project is moving forward well and we expect to go to bid this month. I will do my very best to be to the next meeting. Thanks Bryce Kimber Jr.”

E. Town of Jackpot

Randy Brown stated they just delayed the runway project because of winter and will open that project back up in April or May. He reported there was a change order on the lighting project to add more taxiway and threshold lighting. He noted the FAA paid for the majority of that project. He stated the inspection came back approximately \$8,000 to \$9,000 higher than expected. He believed the County portion was approximately \$12,000 and they came in under budget.

F. Spring Creek Association

No report was submitted.

G. Elko County School District

No report was submitted.

H. GET MY Ride (formerly Elko Area Transit System)

Abigail Wheeler, Elko County Transit Coordinator stated ridership had increased 4% to 5% with most of the increase in the senior and Veteran ridership. She had been dealing with specific grants and they had met the goals for the grants. Abigail Wheeler stated their next priority was marketing the

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program to the public. She commented the School District maintenance relationship was doing well and this was the best maintenance those vehicles have had during their whole lives. Abigail Wheeler reported there was a savings on the fuel through the School District. She stated their fare had increased but through LogistiCare people with disabilities could receive the transportation through another funding source, Medicaid. Abigail Wheeler reported they had made six trips out of town this week to Ely, West Wendover to Salt Lake and West Wendover trips coming to Elko. She stated they were working on opening that up to the public. She stated there would be a fare association for another revenue source. Abby Wheeler stated they were actively working to sell advertisement upon the vehicles. She presented two pictures of the new paratransit models and they would purchase the model displaying the wheelchair lift next to driver's door. She stated there was a two year process to purchase these types of vehicles. Abigail Wheeler stated the Ford transit would give them a better gas mileage and would fit two wheel chairs with six passengers.

Commissioner Eklund inquired on the long distance rides from Ely to Salt Lake City or Elko to Salt Lake City, who pays for those trips.

Abigail Wheeler replied LogistiCare pays for the people that were upon Medicaid. She stated this helps pay for the transit program without affecting County dollars. She noted they have reduced the County out of pocket in 2015 to \$65,000 by increasing service and providing LogistiCare service. She stated the income from LogistiCare helped create the match for the local cost. She had set a fare schedule that covers the cost of trip and it helps meet the grant match.

Commissioner Eklund inquired if she anticipated that GET My Ride would be a self-sufficient entity based upon revenue generated from people paying for their rides or LogistiCare.

Abigail Wheeler replied on local transportation they could not base it upon fares alone. She stated the fare only covers approximately 5% of the cost of the local cost. She stated the long distance trip covers itself.

Commissioner Andreozzi believed Abby was trying to make it as self-sufficient as possible but they rely upon grants and was subsidized by federal grants. He was glad they were getting cooperation from the Elko County School District in sharing resources and asked that she passed that appreciation along. He felt they all benefit from those types of partnerships.

Abigail Wheeler stated it was a huge savings and they were receiving better maintenance because their mechanics were specialists on busses. She had written into her budget for more maintenance so that would be a big savings.

Abby Wheeler stated they receive better maintenance which keeps the vehicles on the road which benefits the community and their passengers.

Commissioner Eklund supported the program but he had concerns with regards to the budget. He questioned whether in the future grant funding would be available. He inquired if they were showing profit margins for the long term sustainability.

Cash Minor stated if there was no federal grants there would be no program because the County could not take this program on by itself.

Chairman Rice commended Abigail Wheeler on keeping it cost effective. He suggested they speak to their congressional delegates about sponsoring these types of programs. He noted the larger communities could afford these due to more ridership.

Abigail Wheeler stated in Utah the UTA had dedicated tax revenue so their options were different.

Chairman Rice stated the need would not go away even if the funding did go away. He encouraged the Board members that when they meet with their congressional delegates they need to discuss the importance of this program.

Abigail Wheeler stated she treated the regular service with federal grants as its own entity because she cannot use federal funding to do certain things. She stated in order to make money she could use the vehicles that were no longer under federal auspice because they termed out of their useful life. Abby Wheeler stated those vehicles could be used for other things such as LogistiCare trips. She stated the federal portion was for local transportation with regular routes. The outside route for LogistiCare was a separate operation and it benefited them because it can be used as grant match money.

I. Elko County

Terry Lister, Road Supervisor reported they were doing engineering on the South Fork project and hoped to go to bid in February for the first Phase. He stated the remaining RTC funds left in the current budget would be rolled over into next year's budget to pay for the first phase of the project. He stated that section was from the State Park to the causeway which would require the most engineering and most work.

Randy Brown stated they were working with State Lands and the BLM to acquire easements and the design was almost complete. He stated Farr-West Engineering has almost completed the basic design.

Terry Lister stated if they go to bid in February they cannot start construction until July due to the RTC funding availability. He stated they were plowing snow within County with very little complaints. He stated most of their complaints were from residents that were upon non-maintained roads.

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Commissioner Eklund inquired if it was a little over one mile on the South Fork project.

Terry Lister replied yes, it was 1.7 miles.

Commissioner Andreozzi noted they have received a lot of moisture and there were a lot of dedicated professionals delivering quality service to all of our residents. He noted they were chasing the constant changing of priorities; they were trying to deal with snow issues, keeping the drainage open, mud, flooding, and more snow removal. Commissioner Andreozzi publicly thanked the people that provide that services to all of our citizens. He noted a lot of the storms came during Xmas and the folks were out in the trenches providing services to the citizens and he felt they should be commended.

Commissioner Eklund thanked Randy Brown and Terry Lister for their coordination on the event in Carlin and the manpower provided them. He stated those partnerships benefit the communities within Elko County.

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VII. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ROUTINE RTC ISSUES:

Randy Brown stated one portion of the meeting agenda was missing which was the organizational election. He stated they would hold a special meeting on February 3rd to do the organizational portion.

Chairman Rice stated he could do that at 9:00 a.m. and gave direction to have it scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2016.

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IX. APRIL 2016 RTC MEETING:

Chairman Rice commented the next regularly scheduled RTC Meeting was scheduled for April 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

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X. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No public comments were submitted.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Rice adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

APPROVED,

JOHN PATRICK RICE, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk