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**I. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

No comments were submitted.

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**II. APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:**

January 6, 2016 - Regular Meeting

February 3, 2016- Special Meeting

**MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to approve the preceding minutes for January 6<sup>th</sup> and February 3, 2016. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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**RECESS:**

Chairman Andreozzi called a recess due to audio difficulties.

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**RECONVENE:**

Chairman Andreozzi reconvened the meeting and explained the audio had been lost in the meeting room and they would continue with the meeting asking everyone to speak loudly so that all participants could hear them.

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**III. ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND - QUARTERLY REPORT:**

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

Cash Minor gave an overview of page three the history of the RTC revenues. He stated their current collections for the first seven months of the year which were similar to past years and he assumed they would remain at the \$2.7 million dollars per year. Cash Minor stated on page 4 was the list of projects. Cash Minor inquired if the work had been completed on Cottonwood Bridge, Pole Creek Bridge, Boyd-Kennedy and the Silver Street traffic signal so they could close those items.

**MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to approve the Regional Street and Highway Fund Quarterly Financial Report. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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**IV. ASSEMBLY BILL No. 191:**

Discussion and consideration of AB 191 that relates to a state mandated election ballot question revising provisions governing taxes that would provide for annual increases on fuels for motor vehicles if approved by the voters.

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AB 191, enacted by the 2015 Legislature, requires Counties to place a question to the voters on the 2016 General Election Ballot regarding indexing (annual tax increases based upon economic indicators) of motor fuel taxes. The process requires the development of a ballot question with committees to provide “Pro” and “Con” statements regarding the measure. The Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) is working with the Counties to meet the requirements of this legislation.

Randy Brown stated they were mandated by the State to place this upon the ballot in November. He commented NACO was working on the questions for the ballot and the clerk was to establish a committee to establish the pros and cons upon the ballot. He noted this agenda item would be before the Commission this afternoon.

Commissioner Andreozzi stated this was just informational at this time.

Commissioner Eklund stated they had no choice in this matter because it was mandated by the State Legislature.

Randy Brown stated this could lead to some problems in the future because political issues may arise from the Legislature.

Commissioner Eklund believed this would be a horrendous fuel tax increase.

Randy Brown commented this had been implemented in Clark and Washoe Counties.

Commissioner Eklund stated they were discussing a maximum of 7% per year. He noted if they take that 7% over the 10 year period it was in excess of a 100% increase in taxes. Commissioner Eklund stated they had no choice but to put it on the ballot and the people would vote upon it.

Randy Brown stated NACO was helping to establish the general questions to place upon the ballot.

Commissioner Andreozzi noted NACO had provided a spread sheet which looks like an accumulation of the tax over a period of time.

Randy Brown clarified the money only goes to NDOT in the counties that had voted for the tax and upon NDOT projects for that County. He commented this funding would not go to the County Road Department or through any County funding sources so we would not realize it.

Commissioner Andreozzi encouraged everyone to watch this. He was grateful that NACO was working on the ballot question language to be consistent within all the counties. Commissioner Andreozzi had reviewed NACO’s draft letter and asked the entities to look at it.

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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.

Boyd Ratliff submitted the traffic counts and noted there were minimal changes in the counts. He gave an overview of the current projects: Wells bypass on I-80 where they were milling and paving from Beverly Hills to east of the Wells area; wildlife crossings project over the Pequop Summit one at the foothills on the west side of Independence Valley and the other closer to the Pequop interchange which was a two year project; the Elko City urban project continues and betterment projects on the State Routes. Boyd Ratliff commented the pavement aged due to the winter this year and the Tuscarora Highway was the worst in the County so there will be cracking and potholes throughout the State Routes. He stated there would be a 3 to 4 mile overlay in the worst areas and chipseal other than that. Boyd Ratliff stated for the annual work program they submitted the Jackpot pedestrian crossing across from the Chevron Station to put in flashers, etc. The other project was the City of Elko project from east Jennings to Autumn Colors on the east side of the Mountain City installing a pedestrian path that would connect those two areas. He believed both of those projects would be under \$250,000 and they would coordinate with the County and City on them.

Commissioner Eklund commented he had received an e-mail from Carson City regarding his discussion he initiated last year with regards to Highway 93 south of Wells.

Boyd Ratliff noted the result of that project was the passing lanes and safety slopes were added and the mill and fill projects were slated in 2018 which may be a three year project.

Commissioner Eklund stated they had discussed a reduction in speed for traffic going north of Carlin on SR 766 from Thomas Petroleum intersection because of the possible housing development. He noted if they reduce the speed limit it would reduce the amount of turning lanes needed.

Boyd Ratliff stated they had received an official request from the City of Carlin to perform a speed study at that location. He stated the result of the speed study was to increase the speed at that location based upon travelers at that location currently. Boyd Ratliff stated their recommendation was to leave it the same speed. He stated if that development went forward they would not reduce speed but it would trigger a different approach for the development for ingress or digress to that development which would be a higher cost.

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Commissioner Eklund stated it would be hard for him or the City to justify an increase in speed when they were coming up north and dropping down into I-80 on the busy interchange. He noted there were many accesses within that area also.

Boyd Ratliff stated they went with the speed posted now because they felt it was appropriate but they were going against the traffic study to keep it at that speed.

Randy Brown inquired if the traffic counts were placed on the GIS map.

Boyd Ratliff stated he could get those coordinates for him. He stated they were upon the NDOT Traffic Information site and it had the count locations map on their website.

Randy Brown stated that would help them to have the exact location.

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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 there was nothing to report.

B. City of Elko

No representative was present.

C. City of Wells

No representative was present.

D. City of West Wendover

Bryce Kimber reported the RTC project was the relocation of Florence Way Phase 2. He stated the plans were approved by the State and they held their pre-bid meeting yesterday with six contractors present. Bryce Kimber stated the bid opening was scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. He stated the Elko County School District was working on Phase 3 and they hoped to be paving at the same time.

E. Town of Jackpot

Randy Brown stated there was nothing to report.

F. Spring Creek Association

Jessie Bahr, President SCA, stated the roads were a big concern in the association. She stated they completed a road survey and prioritized the roads which need the most attention. Jessie Bahr stated with the bad winter they needed significant road repair. She stated last year they spent \$675,000 last

year and projected \$872,000 for this year's road repair. She voiced appreciation for the funds provided from RTC. She noted with overall maintenance and deferred maintenance they would have lots of maintenance this year.

Commissioner Eklund commented he and Commissioner Steninger met with Jessie Bahr several months ago regarding road funding.

Jessie Bahr stated they were looking at funding opportunities. She noted they were considered a nonprofit so the only avenue for revenue was property assessments. She reported they were looking at GID's or incorporation to get grants.

G. Elko County School District

No one was present to give a report.

H. Get My Ride

Abigail Wheeler, Elko Transit Coordinator, reported passenger trends were increasing and they were looking to move people to deviated routes. She reported there was a 15% decrease from demand response. Abigail Wheeler stated they were adjusting bus stops and removing unused stops for their flex route. She noted RTC normally contributes \$25,000 to \$40,000 in the past. She stated they would be coming in July to request that annual contribution.

I. Elko County

Terry Lister, Road Supervisor, reported he was normally spraying mag but due to the moisture it was delayed until midmonth and would continue until mid-July. He stated the South Fork Road engineering was almost completed and they had hoped to go to bid in the middle of May. He had spoken to Chris Wooster of Farr-West Engineering and they had the okay to do the culture study but they were still waiting on the permit from the BLM. Terry Lister stated if the BLM does not complete the permit by the end of April or mid-May the County would have stop the project because they would not want to leave the project partially incomplete during winter. He it was tied up with the BLM permitting and he understood NDOW found some sage grouse leks.

Randy Brown stated there had been a cultural study performed on that road when the South Fork Reservoir was done. He noted the BLM said since the cultural study was over 25 years they have to redo that study. Randy Brown stated there were two small areas that they had to apply to the BLM for a cultural assessment and there was an issue with sage grouse leks being within 3 miles of 3 or 4 leks. He stated they had to have an NDOW assessment. Randy Brown stated they were promised from the BLM last November that this permit would be issued and in place so they could go to bid by mid-March but they were still waiting for the BLM permit. Randy Brown had spoken to BLM several times and the County had to pay over \$9,000 for the cultural study. He stated the NDOW

assessment came through the State.

Commissioner Andreozzi inquired if they were still within the confinements of the existing right of way or easement.

Randy Brown replied yes.

Commissioner Eklund inquired what a cultural study was.

Randy Brown explained it was an archeology study and the road has been there for over 100 years. He noted it was the original road for the Tomera Ranch. He would bring this issue to the attention of the County Commission this afternoon.

Terry Lister stated if they cannot start construction by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July then they would not be able to do the project this season. He stated they would have to determine whether to put mag upon South Fork and wait for next year for construction on South Fork.

Randy Brown commented this was a well-traveled road and only 2,600 feet passes through BLM the rest was upon State Park but the State Park will not issue a permit until the BLM issued their permit.

Commissioner Andreozzi stated during that time they would not be in the best bidding climate.

Terry Lister stated if they do not have the BLM permit by the end of April or the first of May then have to put it off until next year.

Commissioner Eklund inquired if that would put it off until 2017.

Terry Lister replied yes, and there would be a conflict with the new sales tax plan.

Randy Brown stated he had called the BLM two times a week.

Terry Lister stated they took a tour last year and started talking about this August of last year.

Randy Brown stated they had everything they needed for design by September of last year.

Commissioner Andreozzi noted these delays cost money, time and convenience.

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#### **VII. RTC GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

General discussion of routine RTC issues for information and/or administrative direction purposes.

No comments were submitted.

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#### **VIII. July 2016 RTC MEETING:**

Chairman Andreozzi commented the next regularly scheduled RTC

Meeting was scheduled for July 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

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**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

No public comments were submitted.

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**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Andreozzi adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

APPROVED,

DELMO ANDREOZZI, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk