

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Myers led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

No public comments were submitted at this time.

APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:

October 4, 2006 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to approve the October 4, 2006 minutes for the regular meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

ELECTION:

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the Calendar Year 2007.

MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to appoint Commissioner Myers as chairman and Commissioner Russell as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND:

Cash Minor reviewed the Quarterly Financial Reports relating to the Regional Street and Highway Fund. He gave an overview of the history of revenue receipts from 2001 to 2007 on page 3. He noted they had only expended \$178.82 on White Rock lighting so there would be a correction to page four. He stated in January of 2005 the Board approved \$80,000 for Airport Way in West Wendover and that would have to be added to the schedule. He stated the Midas flood match was over budget. He commented that Otis believed there would be cost savings on the Jiggs overlay and the Bullion Bridge projects. Cash Minor stated with the adjustments their Supplemental Fund balance was now \$88,152.00. Commissioner Myers asked for a projection from Cash Minor on collections. Cash Minor noted currently they do everything in arrears. Commissioner Myers inquired about funding mass transit and if that would be included in the next budget. Cash Minor stated the Commission had previously funded mass transit at \$25,000 with a total of \$50,000 over the previous two years. Commissioner Myers believed they should review this

matter during their budget process.

MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Quarterly Financial Report. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

NORTHERN NEVADA TRANSIT COALITION:

The Board considered a request for RTC funding for the current fiscal year.

Chuck Ricker presented a written overview of the services they provide and a detailed accounting of their funding. He stated their total income was \$2,035,609.81 and their total expenses were \$2,037,008.75. Chuck Ricker noted that on page three of the handout there was a list of their current vehicles. He stated that they had requested two new busses from the NDOT. He commented that NDOT would pay 80% of those purchases but they would have to have a 20% local match in the amount of \$28,000. Chuck Ricker stated they did have some deferred maintenance during the year and for the upcoming year they would need another \$25,000. He stated they were respectfully requesting \$64,000 from the RTC Commission for the local match, deferred maintenance and operating expenses. Commissioner Myers believed that \$36,500 could be budgeted as a portion of RTC's commitment for mass transit in the 2007-08. He noted \$28,000 was needed for the local match. Cash Minor stated they would be alright to do the \$28,000 for just this year. However, he felt they should look at the County apportionments next because the Supplemental Fund was nearly tapped out. Commissioner Russell noted his written packet had information that mine workers were using the buses. He inquired if the RTC was subsidizing transportation for workers to gold mining operations. Chuck Ricker replied the mine workers were subsidizing the Elko NEAT bus. Commissioner Russell inquired if the RTC would be picking up the match for services provided to Ely. Chuck Ricker replied that White Pine County contributed between \$16,000 to \$20,000 every year. He explained the mines buses were the KT buses. He stated they were currently discussing the smaller 15 to 20 passenger buses which would stay in Elko. He stated once a year they may have to take one bus to Salt Lake or Reno. Commissioner Russell noted over a 2 year period they were asking for additional funding of \$32,000 per year to purchase two buses for the transit coalition. Commissioner Myers reviewed the 20% local match of \$28,000, the deferred maintenance of \$11,500 and the operating expenses of \$25,000 for a total of \$64,000.00 for the new buses. Commissioner Russell

inquired if the 10,000 commuters were from Elko County. Chuck Ricker stated approximately 4,000 was from the City and County of Elko. Commissioner Russell inquired if he had sought funding from the City of Elko. Chuck Ricker reported that last year the City of Elko paid \$3,500 dollars. Commissioner Russell inquired about the percentage of commuters from Elko versus the percentage of computer from Spring Creek. Chuck Ricker stated 70% of the commuters were from the City of Elko. Commissioner Russell felt the City of Elko should be monetarily more responsible for their citizens. Commissioner Myers noted RTC funding came from all entities and RTC had the designated responsibility for mass transit. Commissioner Russell stated morally they could not go back to the City of Elko and ask for restitution. However, they would be reducing the County's apportionment to provide a subsidy to the City of Elko. Cash Minor felt Commissioner Russell was referring to the use of the money through RTC because the allocations were based on assessed value. Cash Minor noted if there was a general plan in place for the whole County then they could allocate RTC money for mass transit purposes. However, because of the way they now allocate the revenues, it does make a question of one entity versus one entity.

Chuck Ricker stated the City of Elko had granted them property in the value of \$450,000. He stated they were not in the position to accept it at this moment.

Commissioner Russell believed it was reasonable that the City of Elko share in some of the costs. He commented that the buses went to the other communities but with their marginal usage compared to the City of Elko those community may not be supportive.

Cash Minor suggested that they put on an agenda item to discuss this issue with all the other entities to allocate a set amount of monies for mass transit fund. Commissioner Russell felt that would be more equitable. However, they would have the same problem with most of the passengers being from the City of Elko. Commissioner Myers noted most of the City of Elko's RTC funds were previously committed. Cash Minor noted the only bond issues were with the City of Elko and the Spring Creek Association. He commented that usually the larger jurisdictions would have more bonding than the smaller communities.

Commissioner Russell suggested that the RTC provide \$25,000 and ask the City of Elko to provide \$3,000. He believed this funding issue should be reviewed.

MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to provide \$25,000 and that a letter is written asking the City of Elko to provide \$3,000

**for purchase of the buses as the local match.
Commissioner Myers seconded the motion.**

Commissioner Russell noted the \$25,000 was coming from the County's apportionment so he did not believe the expectation for the City's participation was unreasonable.

The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and consideration of legislative issues for the upcoming legislative session.

Commissioner Myers noted the Nevada Department of Transportation was considering having the counties take over the mass transit coalitions rather than having the State run them. Commissioner Myers stated there was a meeting scheduled this month to discuss this issue. He did not think Elko County was financially able to take over mass transit. Commissioner Russell noted that Elko County would be available to testify at any hearings for this type of population.

Chuck Ricker voiced appreciation for Commissioner Russell's previous testimony before the legislature.

Otis Tipton stated 50,000 population was the cap for the RTC funds for maintenance. He urged them to take legislative action to change that to a 75,000 population. Robert Stokes noted Carson City, Douglas, and Lyon counties were working on this issue. Commissioner Myers felt they need to find who would sponsor that bill. Robert Stokes stated that he would be at the legislative meeting next Tuesday and inquire about that item.

ELKO COUNTY:

Spring Creek Area Intersections:

Traffic Signals, Roundabouts or other Options:

The Board discussed a Study Committee Meeting to be held on January 20, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Spring Creek Middle School Gym to review possible options to address traffic management issues at intersections in the Spring Creek area. Representatives from Elko County, NDOT, Spring Creek Association, the Elko County School District and Assemblyman John Carpenter have been contacted. Spring Creek area residents and other interested parties were welcome to attend.

Commissioner Myers inquired if RTC was hosting it. Michael Murphy stated this would be jointly sponsored by the County, State and the Spring Creek Association. Michael Murphy stated that they may be discussing

intersections other than on the State system because they wish to educate everyone they possibly can about roundabouts and signals. Robert Stokes commented that the RTC could host it as a workshop/ joint meeting with RTC, NDOT, and the Spring Creek Association. Commissioner Myers recommended that this workshop be agendaed for a quorum setting.

Pam Borda, SCA President, volunteered to co-host the meeting. She stated they have held public meetings at the Spring Creek Elementary School if there were scheduling problems with the Spring Creek Middle School.

ENTITY PROJECTS REPORTING:

Spring Creek Association:

Pam Borda, President of SCA, understood that their bond would be paid off this year and asked for assurance the \$150,000 annual payments would be continued to the Spring Creek Association after the bond was paid off. Robert Stokes stated it would not show up as a debt service but it would show up as a direct payment from the County.

Commissioner Russell stated the facts have illustrated to him that there may be more accidents and more fatalities when they put in traffic signals when there were not sufficient warrants within that time period. He had traveled through the roundabout in Fernley and felt that a roundabout may be a viable solution. Commissioner Myers noted there were pros and cons to roundabouts.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Michael Murphy noted that the NDOT had a new Director, Susan Martinovich, and R. Scott Rawlins was now the Deputy Director. He stated Jim Souba would be the Division Administrator of Engineering. Michael Murphy noted that Commissioner Ellison was involved in Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force. He stated the State Transportation Board would be restructured with new members due to the election. He believed there would be some changes in policies. Commissioner Myers noted there was a combination of elected officials and citizens who sat on the Transportation Board. He questioned Tom Gust's interest in Elko County. Michael Murphy commented that Tom Gust represented District III which also included Lander County, White Pine County and Eureka County, etc. He stated Tom Gust did keep in contact with the local NDOT District. He believed Tom relied on their information. Michael Murphy noted there was discussion to do away with the appointed membership on the Transportation Board and Tom Gust had voiced concern. Michael Murphy stated in the rural areas that Transportation Board was one of the few places

where they had a voice on the Boards. Michael Murphy stated through NACO they may watch wish to look for that legislative action being taken.

Mike Murphy noted Randy Hesterlee, Traffic Engineer, was present to submit written traffic counts. He noted there was a trend of 5% increase over the past several years. Randy Hesterlee submitted the traffic counts. He noted there was the same amount of continued growth over the last five year trend.

ENTITY PROJECTS REPORTING:

The Board received status reports on entity projects being financed by Regional Street and Highway Fund apportionments.

City of Carlin:

No one was present to submit a report.

City of Elko:

Delmo Andreozzi reported that Silver Street Project was completed. He stated Montrose Lane was still in design. He commented that the Errecart Bridge joints were replaced. Delmo Andreozzi stated the City of Elko had gone through some reorganization and he was now the Assistant City Manager and Dennis Strickland was promoted to the Public Works Director. Delmo Andreozzi submitted the *Year in Review* written report.

City of Wells:

No report was submitted.

City of West Wendover:

No report was submitted.

Town of Jackpot:

No report was submitted.

Spring Creek Association:

Pam Borda had submitted a report previously.

Elko County School District:

No report was submitted.

Elko County:

Otis Tipton noted the California Trails Interpretive Center's road would be probably be completed next year. He stated the Midas Road was 95% completed. He stated they had performed the walk through with Frehner Construction on that project. Otis Tipton reported that the Bullion Bridge project had been started but would not be completed until next year, it was under winter shut down. Otis Tipton stated the Jiggs Highway would be discussed tomorrow by the Elko County Commission. He noted that they had received an offer from

the contractor on the Jiggs Highway Project but it was not in litigation. Otis Tipton stated the contractor was willing to work the problems out.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ROUTINE RTC ISSUES:

Michael Murphy noted they had previously set aside RTC funding for a traffic signal at SR 225 and Jennings Way for the future middle school. He stated NDOT had not been contacted and inquired who would be the lead agency on that signal. He suggested that be taken care of before that school was open up. Mike Murphy noted the improvements done by Home Depot may have take down the costs or may counteract the inflation for the installation of that signal.

Commissioner Russell had spoken to Delmo Andreozzi about long range projects such as an alternate access to the Spring Creek area. He stated there was an interest for continuing dialog with the City.

Commissioner Myers met with the City of Elko about the traffic signal at the intersection of Lamoille Highway and the Jiggs Highway. Commissioner Myers stated at the time of their discussion the City was two people short in their traffic signal department. He stated that in speaking with the City Manager that position was a \$60,000 to \$80,000 position. Commissioner Myers stated they had discussed a partnership. He noted the County had offered funding and a vehicle for that position. Commissioner Myers would want to present that position to the RTC and the County Commission with the possibility of three way funding split for that position. Commissioner Myers stated it would be a City position with 1/3 or 1/2 from the City with the remainder from the County for lighting issues. Commissioner Myers noted the County only had one light. Commissioner Russell noted that there was no real three way split if it came from the RTC. He felt that the apportionment for that position would only come from the County's RTC apportionment. Commissioner Myers suggested that the RTC funding come from the Safety Funds. Commissioner Myers asked Robert Stokes to get the salary numbers from Curtis Calder at the City of Elko.

APRIL 2007 RTC MEETING:

Chairman Myers noted the next RTC regular meeting was scheduled for April 4, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

He reminded them of the January 20th special meeting scheduled at 10:00 a.m. in the Spring Creek Middle School Gym.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Commissioner Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED,

CHARLIE MYERS, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk