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The following proceedings were held:

**Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**

Commissioner Myers noted for the record that Commissioner Franzoia was not present.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

Ray Jones, representing NEAT and Northern Nevada Transit Coalition, stated NEAT was operating without a contract. Chuck Ricker had spoken to NDOT and the federal government would not have funding until January. Ray Jones would submit a request for support of a bill to the State to come up with yearly funding to replace the federal funding. He stated Assemblyman Carpenter would back that bill. Ray Jones noted the provider had funding but there was no contract.

Commissioner Myers inquired if they would come before the County Commission. He noted historically they came before the RTC for their funding. Debbie Armuth stated that \$25,000 designation was on their RTC project listing on page 4 and came out of the Supplemental Interest Fund. Debbie stated \$25,000 it was in last year's budget but nothing was appropriated in this year's budget. She noted they had paid them \$50,000 over the preceding two years. Commissioner Myers noted this was not an action item for this agenda. Chuck Ricker stated as of October 1<sup>st</sup> they have funding coming in from State Medicaid, State Welfare and some matching funds. Chuck Ricker noted this happened every year but Coach USA had deep pockets so they could keep the system running. Commissioner Russell suggested this item be placed on the first RTC meeting agenda. Commissioner Myers asked for an overview and asked that a letter of support be brought before the County Commission for the legislative bill.

## **APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:**

The Board considered approval of the preceding minutes from the meeting held on July 6, 2006.

**MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to approve the July 6, 2006 meeting minutes. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

## **ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND:**

Debbie Armuth submitted the Quarterly Financial Report relating to the Regional Street and Highway Fund for the three months ending September 30, 2006. She also submitted the Regional Street and Highway Fund Quarterly Financial Report for twelve months ending June 30, 2006. Debbie Armuth commented that their revenues were down for 2005/06 approximately \$100,000. However, the interest was up \$60,000. She stated these figures were unaudited figures. Commissioner Myers noted the cash revenues in July also came in higher. Debbie Armuth reviewed the Project Listing on page 4. She believed the California Trail Interpretive Center had been completed. Otis Tipton stated they still had to finish that project. Debbie Armuth believed the Willow Creek guardrail had been completed. She did not believe there were any more costs in association with the Tuscarora/Midas flooding. Debbie Armuth stated Supplemental Interest was paid out for the mass transportation cost allocation and some miscellaneous sign projects. She cautioned that they did have four large projects which had not been paid out. Commissioner Myers noted that last month the Commission took action on the signs for Shanty Town.

Otis Tipton stated the funding on the O'Neil Basin had to be turned back into the account. He reported that NDOT had paid for that approach. Otis Tipton stated with regards to the Tuscarora/Midas flooding there was \$25,000 allocated to Tuscarora and \$125,000 was allocated for Midas.

Commissioner Russell inquired about the White Rock lighting. Debbie Armuth stated \$500.00 was allocated for the ongoing lighting.

Debbie Armuth stated that this would be the last appropriation for the Spring Creek Bond Payment. She noted that in the 2006/07 year there was nothing appropriated for the bond payment. She inquired about the Board's intention to continue the payments to the Association. Robert Stokes stated that the Board had decided \$150,000 was to be continually allocated to the Association each year.

Debbie Armuth reviewed the unappropriated balances for the following entities on page five: Carlin \$48,883; Wells \$16,113; West Wendover \$445,419; Jackpot \$99,747; Montello \$9,958; Mountain City \$24,161; Elko County \$452,017 and the Supplemental Reserve in the amount of \$354,580. Debbie Armuth stated page 6 thru 10 of the report showed the financial history of the entities. She stated the last page showed the apportionments for last year.

Debbie Armuth stated in FY 2007 they only have one month's of revenue received in the amount of \$130,000 which included \$10,000 in interest.

Debbie Armuth stated she would add a line item for Spring Creek apportionment in the amount of \$150,000 from Elko County's RTC apportionment.

Debbie Armuth stated the only activity that they had seen lately was with the Jiggs overlay project and the amount which had been paid out to West Wendover.

Commissioner Myers inquired about page 5 and the \$129,000 allocated to Jackpot. Robert Stokes noted there was a road widening project with NDOT and they had discussed addressing other street issues. Debbie Armuth believed they had set aside for their paving projects.

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

#### **CITY OF WEST WENDOVER:**

##### Florence Way Project:

The Board considered approval of an additional \$13,411 for the project from the City's RTC allocated funds.

Shay Stark stated they have expended \$240,000 on the roadwork for the Florence Way project but in completing the project the connecting road had deteriorated during construction. He stated they had to do additional paving, retention wall work, and relocate some power lines. Robert Stokes reported that amount was available in their account.

**MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to approve the additional \$13,411 from West Wendover's RTC allocated funds for this project. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

West Wendover Boulevard/Wells Avenue Sidewalk Project:

The Board considered approval of \$150,000 for this project from the City's RTC allocated fund.

Shay Stark stated this project was putting in 1200 feet of sidewalk along Wendover Boulevard. He stated they were also trying to tie into the sidewalks from the shopping areas to the residences and places of employment. Shay Starr stated the entire project was budgeted at \$396,416.00. He reported that the City was able to get a \$150,000 grant from CDBG for the project. When the bids came in they were under budget by \$40,000. Shay Stark stated the City was requesting \$150,000 from their RTC funds. Commissioner Russell inquired if the sidewalk would be on the commercial side of the road. Shay Stark replied it was on the south side of the road along Wells Avenue. He stated they would be filling the sidewalk in between pieces in front of the power company property and the health clinic. Commissioner Russell inquired about their plans on the north side of the road. Shay Stark stated the City complex would be put in on the north side and they were under design for that complex and those roads. He stated they would have to get approval from BLM on the purchase of property. He stated they planned on putting sidewalks on there also.

**MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to approve \$150,000 from West Wendover's RTC allocated funds for their sidewalk project. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Myers noted that would leave Wendover with a balance of \$140,000.

**CITY OF ELKO:**

Montrose Lane:

The Board considered possible RTC involvement in the effort to effect road improvements to Montrose Lane which was located on the City/County border and would see increased use due to the 2007 Fall opening of the new Elko County Middle School.

Delmo Andreozzi stated they had received complaints about traffic in that area. He stated members of the City staff, Elko County and the School District met with the BLM on site. He stated their options were to close Montrose Lane at Jennings Way. He did not like that option because there would be an impact at that intersection. He stated there was a natural conduit through Montrose Lane, from Freeport's Subdivision as well as many other homes in that area.

Delmo Andreozzi felt the best option was to extend Jennings Way to Fifth Street to make a corridor but that was expensive. He commented that the State had a huge project and NDOT had grindings available. They had discussed constructing the road; cut it to grade, put in grindings and then put in a treatment so people could use the road. Delmo Andreozzi stated currently the public road was 25-26 feet wide and they could have conflicts. He reported the City of Elko did a similar project behind Les Schwab. Delmo Andreozzi stated the School District had offered to help pay for the engineering and the construction staking. Delmo Andreozzi noted that Montrose Lane was 1,300 feet long and 1,000 feet was in Elko County. He stated City staff had requested authorization from the City Council to partner with other agencies and was granted that permission on that roadway segment. Delmo Andreozzi requested authorization to be in that roadway and also permission to use some County equipment and personnel if available. He stated they intended to do this with City staff in the winter or early spring. Delmo Andreozzi stated they submitted a letter to NDOT requesting the grindings, and indicated it was the City's priority. He stated that would make it a soft dollar expense and the School District had offered funding for the design. Delmo Andreozzi stated there was a 60 feet wide corridor and they would like to contour it like they would actually build the road. Delmo suggested grade separation between road and pedestrian traffic. He had talked to Otis about coming back after construction do a double chip seal and coating that. Delmo Andreozzi noted he was not historically involved with this project but the School District did hold up to their end of the agreement. He voiced concern that when they open that school then people would drive through the residential area. Steve Bowers believed the City would grow to the north because the City had recently acquired 37 acres in that area from the BLM which would be auctioned. Delmo Andreozzi noted there were multiple jurisdictions in the area. He noted that road would need snow removal, etc. Delmo Andreozzi stated in talking with Otis Tipton they came up with a rough estimate to do a double chip seal in the amount of \$85,000 at current prices. Delmo Andreozzi noted there may be other additional expenses for truck rental, culverts, etc. He noted next year the costs of materials could rise.

Commissioner Russell inquired if there had been any discussion of the County contributing to this project and then turning it over to the City of Elko. Delmo Andreozzi stated they had not discussed that. Commissioner Russell stated it was logical that there would be more development in that area. Delmo Andreozzi felt, in time, the City's boundaries would continue to grow because there had been a lot of annexation requests. He stated funding Montrose Lane

to be a paved road would be difficult because in the city's case development usually paid for the development of the road. He noted they already had property owners in the area but the region was not fully developed because a portion of it was BLM. He stated someone would have to fund the construction. Commissioner Russell voiced concern that it was an isolated area and isolated from the County road system. He noted they were asking the County to fund the improvement of the road and yet the County would be responsible for future upgrades and maintenance of the road. Commissioner Russell reiterated the logical thing to do, to maintain continuity in roads, would be the County contribute to the project and then turn ownership over to the City.

Commissioner Myers inquired if the 1,000 feet that belonged to the County was on both sides or split down the center. Delmo Andreozzi noted that County owned both sides of the road for a segment and then there was another segment that ownership was split down the center. Commissioner Myers stated he would like to speak to Otis Tipton and then have it come back once they have the engineering performed on it, to look at the exact costs. He would like to have diagrams of the road in association with where the residents were, to make a determination of what their funding level should be. Delmo Andreozzi stated there were some unknowns. He noted that the school would open next fall and they wanted to make the area safe. Delmo Andreozzi believed that if they do not do nothing to the road, that road would still be used and he felt this would be a corridor. He stated the only option was closing off that road.

Commissioner Russell stated the County would have to send someone out to remove the snow and then they would hear complaints about why the county did not continue down the road. Commissioner Myers noted that the County went down Bullion Road and heard complaints from City residents why the County did not maintain the entire Bullion Road. Commissioner Russell stated most of the roads in Spring Creek were used for residential and not used for the School District. He stated that a School road usually meant an increased level of costs. Commissioner Russell stated there was an issue because this road was not contiguous with the other County roads.

Otis Tipton, Elko County Highway, stated the School District and the Engineer was present. He believed they were looking for a commitment out of the safety funds to cap this with a double chip seal and purchase some culverts which were the hard costs. Otis Tipton stated it was a new safety issue because of the school and especially when the children started walking down the road. He did not know how this road was not taken care of and developed

when this project was originally started. Otis Tipton believed that they need to address that oversight because it would become a huge problem. Otis Tipton did not know what was done between the City or the School District on this design.

Commissioner Russell inquired if anyone considered this road when they started to design the project. Otis Tipton stated he could not answer that because he was not include on the design of this project. Commissioner Russell inquired who was responsible for making those decisions specifically on the development of the traffic patterns and the engineering of the project. Delmo Andreozzi stated he was not involved in those negotiations seven years ago and could not tell them about those situations on the design.

Delmo Andreozzi drew a map showing the approximate locations of Montrose Lane, Wright Way, the City border, the segment to Jennings Way, private parcels, the location of the school, and the BLM ground. Commissioner Myers felt at some point in time Montrose Lane would certainly be within the City of Elko.

Robert Stokes noted this agenda item was both on the RTC agenda and on the County Commission road agenda tomorrow afternoon. He noted the request was for financial participation from RTC.

Delmo Andreozzi asked for permission for the City to get on the County portion of the road to get an engineer's design and if County crews were available could they assist. Once there was a design, then they would have a better idea for the project. Commissioner Russell felt that the City was planning a reasonable project and anticipated County participation.

Otis Tipton stated to get the project started they were looking for some funding in the amount of \$100,000 to get the chip seal done and possibly put in some culverts and signs. He stated then they could design that road for a chip seal.

**MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000 for this project from the RTC Safety Fund pending the approval of these two items by the County Road Commission. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Myers clarified that they were authorizing the \$100,000 pending the approval of the County Highway Board authorizing access and use of county crews on the project. Commissioner Russell felt in the long term it was appropriate to move this road into the City of Elko.

Silver Street Rehabilitation Project:

Delmo Andreozzi gave updated report regarding the Silver Street Rehabilitation Project that was funded, in part, by RTC funding.

Delmo Andreozzi stated the City of Elko had gone to bid and awarded the bid to Staker-Parsons Paving on this project. He stated the low bid was \$359,696.30. The design engineering cost was \$18,500 and QUAC cost was \$17,500 which was awarded to Chilton Engineering. Delmo Andreozzi stated they hoped to get the project completed before winter came. He acknowledged the RTC participation and suggested a photo session after the construction.

Sagecrest Street:

Delmo Andreozzi gave an updated report regarding the proposed agreement between the City and NDOT to turn the Sagecrest Street (old State Route 51 alignment) right of way from Connolly Drive to the Mountain City Highway over to the City. He stated there was lot of contributing factors and recapped the history on the Street. He stated there was an Agreement between the Helen Harris Estate, the City of Elko and the County of Elko for the waterline extension and the construction of Sundance Drive. He stated this action would include NDOT relinquishing their right-of-way. Delmo Andreozzi noted the LDS church built off of Sagecrest and the Mountain City Highway. He stated El Armuth was not dedicated to the City. Delmo Andreozzi stated there was a deal in the works which would reconstruct Sagecrest, to Connolly, and to El Armuth but removes the balance of Sagecrest on the Harris property. He stated if there was a change in the political atmosphere then they may get something less. Delmo Andreozzi noted the City had executed the agreement and sent it on to NDOT for their approval. He understood there was funding appropriated to reconstruct that road way segment. Delmo Andreozzi stated they were working with the LDS Church because the road was upon a portion of private property.

**ELKO COUNTY:**

Spring Creek Area Intersections:

Michael Murphy, NDOT Assistant District Engineer, discussed forming a study committee to review possible options to address traffic management issues at intersections in the Spring Creek area. Potential committee members could include representatives from Elko County, NDOT, Spring Creek Association, Elko County School District, Spring Creek area residents and other interested parties.

Mike Murphy felt that if there was community involvement there may be some community based solutions through their public meetings. Commissioner Myers liked the suggestion and asked who would take the lead. Michael Murphy suggested that the Regional Transportation Commission take the lead for the committee.

Commissioner Russell had observed the roundabout through Fernley. He believed the roundabout was time consuming. He questioned if a round-about would be effective at the Spring Creek intersection. Commissioner Russell voiced concern that the drivers would be more concerned with entering the correct lane than watching for pedestrians or the children. Michael Murphy stated they don't have any answers but through the committee they could educate themselves. He stated they want to form a study committee to come up with the right answer because a round-about may not be the right answer for this area. Commissioner Russell and Otis Tipton had volunteered to sit upon the committee.

Assemblyman John Carpenter commented that they had been trying to do something at that intersection for years because it was a dangerous intersection. He felt that if it met one of the warrants then they need to go forward with a stop light at that intersection. Assemblyman John Carpenter had not heard about the roundabout but felt they needed to do something with that intersection.

Commissioner Myers asked if Assemblyman Carpenter would participate on that committee and he agreed to sit upon the study committee. Assemblyman Carpenter commented that the County did have an application in for a grant for funding a light signal which should also be considered.

Pam Borda, SCA President, liked the recommendation for the study committee but felt they need to look at more than one intersection in that region. She suggested they gather input from the community and felt it would help educate the residents. Pam Borda offered to participate on the Board for the Spring Creek Association.

Steve Bowers, Elko County School District, stated the School District would like to participate also.

Commissioner Myers believed they should send out invitations to all the entities seeking members to sit upon the study committee and suggested that Commissioner Russell be Chairman of that committee.

**MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved that they develop a committee upon the recommendation of NDOT to look at**

**Spring Creek intersections. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

#### **NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:**

Kevin Lee, Elko District Engineer, introduced Randy Hesterlee as their new Traffic Engineer. Randy Hesterlee stated he had been within the State for approximately seventeen years.

#### **ENTITY PROJECTS REPORTING:**

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

##### City of Carlin:

No report was submitted.

##### City of Elko:

Delmo Andreozzi submitted a handout of their projects. He stated they had their semi annual Take Pride in Elko Day on October 14 wherein the fees would be waived at the landfill for clean up. Delmo Andreozzi stated the City entered into a contract with Frehner Construction to remove the south abutment joint on the Errecart Bridge. He reported that they had just completed their slurry seal project and the West Main re-construction project was underway. Commissioner Myers commented upon the amount of construction going on in the City of Elko. He felt the Elko City residents appreciated their efforts.

##### City of Wells:

No report was submitted

##### City of West Wendover:

Shay Starr stated their Airport Way Project with the Air Force was stalled by the BLM with more environmental studies. He hoped to get that bid out by next spring.

##### Town of Jackpot:

No report was submitted.

##### Spring Creek Association:

Pam Borda, Spring Creek President, stated there was nothing new to report.

##### Elko County School District:

Steve Bowers commented that Delmo Andreozzi gave a good update on Jennings Way. He hoped this spring they would be doing the traffic signals or

some type of caution light on that project. Steve Bowers thanked Delmo Andreezzi for partnering on the Montrose project.

Elko County:

Otis Tipton stated the Midas bid was opened and would be presented Thursday to the County Commission. The road project ran from the Midas school turnoff to the main road intersection. He reported that Newmont had put in ½ million dollars into the main road. He noted now the Ivanhoe Mining District was putting in money on that road. Otis Tipton stated after looking at the bids they received on the town section of the Midas Road; the \$650,000 FEMA had initially estimated would not have been enough for the flood damage that happened there. He stated their Jiggs project was mostly completed and they would stripe it on Friday. They would still have to finish the guardrail and put up signage. Otis Tipton stated they had a meeting with NDOT and Frehner Construction on the Bullion Bridge Project and they would start on October 23, 2006. He believed the road would be closed over the stream after that date until construction was completed. He stated when the Interpretive Trail Center was constructed they would be ready to work with the paving.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ROUTINE RTC ISSUES:**

Commissioner Myers noted in the last minutes they had discussed sending a letter asking for FEMA to reconsider full funding for the Midas Road repairs. Robert Stokes stated that was still in the works.

**JANUARY 2007 RTC MEETING:**

Chairman Myers noted the next RTC meeting was scheduled for January 3, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Myers 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