

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Regional Transportation Commission, County of Elko, State of Nevada, meet in a regular session on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 in Room 105 of the Elko County Courthouse, 571 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada beginning at 10:00 A.M. (PST).

Commissioner Members Present: WARREN RUSSELL, Chair
MIKE FRANZOIA
CHARLIE MYERS

Others Present: ROBERT STOKES County Manager
CASH MINOR Chief Financial Officer
MARILYN TIPTON Deputy County Clerk
TOM STRATTON West Wendover, Mgr.
SHAY STARK AQUA Engineering
WILLIAM KOHBARGER City of Carlin
CHUCK RICKER NEAT Bus
JOLENE SUPP City of Wells, Manager
RUSTY TYBO City of Wells, Mayor
CASEY KELLY NDOT Traffic Engineer
OTIS TIPTON County Road Supervisor
DELMO ANDREOZZI Elko City Public Works Dir.
STEVE BOWERS Elko County School District
CHARLES WILLIAMS Spring Creek Association

The following proceedings were held:

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 10:00 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:

Chuck Ricker, Northeastern Transit Coalition and the NEAT

Bus thanked the commission for their support last year. He reported that last year they provided more than 40,000 rides to seniors, disabled individuals and the general public. He stated that they would be working with the State Legislature to secure transit funding starting November 2005. Chuck Ricker requested to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Commissioner Russell noted that some of the larger communities generally supported this type of service through their Regional Transportation Commissions. Chuck Ricker stated it was true. However, Reno and Las Vegas had a broader tax base than Elko. He noted that those communities usually contribute 20 to 50% of the operating costs. Commissioner Russell felt that they should come to the RTC rather than the County Commission. He stated that the City Council may be informative. However, he believed that RTC would be the appropriate place to come for funding. Chuck Ricker stated that was done in the metropolitan areas.

ELECTIONS:

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Russell noted that the Elections for Chairman and Vice-Chairman were taken out of order. Therefore, he requested that the elections be confirmed so the future elections would be held in January for each year consecutive year.

MOTION: *Commissioner Myers moved to maintain the appointments of Warren Russell as Chair and Mike Franzoia as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Franzoia seconded the motion. The motion was passed*

unanimously.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Casey Kelly, NDOT traffic engineer gave an updated written report relating to traffic counts, and discussed snow removal. He stated that NDOT supported Tom Stratton and West Wendover's request for safety funds at the intersection of Airport Way and Alternate US 93.

Commissioner Myers inquired if NDOT could drop their blades on their way out on City/County streets. Casey Kelly replied that they could not participate unless it was an emergency. He stated that involved State funding. He believed that question should be addressed to Kevin Lee the District Engineer. Commissioner Myers asked that Casey speak with Kevin Lee to seek an answer to that question.

CITY OF WEST WENDOVER:

RTC Safety Fund Request – Intersection of Airport Way and Alternate U.S. Highway 93:

The Commission considered the request for RTC Safety Fund funding for improvements at the intersection of Airport Way and Alternate U.S. Highway 93.

Tom Stratton noted that about a year and one-half ago Michael Murphy approached him during one of the RTC Technical Advisory Committee meetings and pointed out the significant flaw at this intersection. He stated they recognized this area as vital portion of the transportation corridor for West

Wendover, and a major thoroughfare for NDOT. He stated that the increase of traffic made it an increased safety issues. He stated that on the road plan the road turned to the right and the design was not the best. He stated that intersection was the site of four fatalities. He noted just last year they had one fatality in a single car roll over. Tom Stratton requested that the RTC support this project and funds be appropriated from the safety fund. He noted all four fatalities were young people. He felt it was one of the most needed projects that had come before the Commission for money from the safety fund.

Casey Kelly stated NDOT concurred it was an unsafe intersection. He commented that supra was incorrect on the curve and there was an unsafe approach next to US 93 A which did not meet their standards. He stated if this was constructed then NDOT would put up a fence or barrier to eliminate that approach. Commissioner Russell inquired if that site belonged to the State of Nevada would it have met the warrants to justify making the improvements to the area. Casey Kelly stated if it had met the warrants, they would go in, fix it, and eliminate the approach. He stated that there were four fatalities within four years at that isolated area which would be a red flag set up.

Commissioner Franzoia inquired what was the cause of the accidents. Casey Kelly stated that he had not seen the accident reports but assumed it was because of the super, which did not have the correct gravity effect to hold them on the curve. Tom Stratton stated they were single car accidents. He stated some had multiple occupants in a single car.

Commissioner Myers noted that Wendover would put in

\$50,000 together with the acquisition of the property for the right of way. He stated that there may be additional reclamation work in that area needed to be done. Commissioner Myers inquired what amount they were asking for from the safety fund. Tom Stratton replied \$265,349.20. Commissioner Myers inquired how much was remaining in the safety fund. Cash Minor replied there remained unappropriated \$627,633.00 in the safety fund.

Commissioner Franzoia inquired why the RTC would fund a new road at the intersection if there was a sloping issue. He felt that RTC funds should be allocated to regional roads. He felt that West Wendover should come up with a sizeable amount and then RTC could subsidize the project. Tom Stratton stated that the whole configuration should be moved to the South. He stated that if they look in the City's Master Plan Airport Way was a major arterial road. Tom Stratton commented that at that intersection there was a combination of traffic in/from the waste water treatment/compost facility, the traffic going across the street over toward the West Wendover dog pound, with the traffic going to the main arterial street was all in that area. Tom Stratton stated this new construction would be for the improvement of a major arterial road within their regional transportation plan.

Commissioner Franzoia inquired if NDOT could shut that approach off automatically. Casey Kelly stated that technically they could. Commissioner Franzoia stated they would still want to correct or modify that curve to keep people from rolling their vehicles. Casey Kelly stated that they would also like to address that road that parallels US 93 A. Commissioner Franzoia noted

that with the limitations of funding he believed that their first issue should be fixing the intersection which would be more regional. He noted that the safety funds were rather limited.

Commissioner Franzoia inquired what amount remained in the safety fund. Cash Minor noted it was interest earnings in the safety fund. He stated it would probably increase by \$30,000 from last year. He stated that amount would increase as the interest rates increased. Commissioner Franzoia was concerned with limited funding issues. He felt the Board should address intersection but questioned whether the RTC should be obligated to build the extension.

Commissioner Myers inquired what the costs would be for the super to make it safe. Tom Stratton believed to improve the intersection, the road to the trailer park would have to be addressed. He stated that intersection of the mobile home park and the super flowed through that area. Tom Stratton stated that they might not save money by removing that super.

Shay Stark, AQUA Engineering, stated that they had not specifically looked at that. He stated they first looked at the location of this intersection which was at the toe of the overpass. He stated NDOT was interested in shifting that intersection further west. He stated then they discussed the consolidation of all these roads into one intersection. Shay Stark felt that the intersection should be moved to the west due to the parallel road. He did not know what issues they would have in acquiring the land. He believed the problem was that there were several roads coming into the same location in a short distance. Commissioner Russell inquired if the accidents were attached to the Wendover road or

due to the State Highway location. Tom Stratton stated it was on West Wendover's roads but it was a twofold problem. He stated that they were originally approached by NDOT who had voiced concern about that intersection being at the toe of the interstate. Tom Stratton stated the viaduct was right at the intersection and Mike Murphy's biggest concern was that intersection caused a visibility problem for the cars coming off of the overpass or having people turning right and attempting to go up the overpass. Tom Stratton stated that there was concern with the faster traffic coming from US 93. He stated there were a lot of intersections which were congested. He stated the second problem was that super was built for speed and that was where the fatalities were happening. Tom Stratton stated that this construction plan would take that super out of the picture. Commissioner Myers inquired if this intersection was identified in their regional master plan. Tom Stratton replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Myers noted that they had \$332,000 in the RTC road budget. He inquired if that was unappropriated. Cash Minor stated the \$332,000 was unappropriated. Tom Stratton commented that this commission had approved a project on Florence way so a portion of that fund was already appropriated. Cash Minor stated he did not have a dollar amount for that project. Tom Stratton stated that later within the meeting they would give a review on the dollar amount of RTC funding going toward that project on Florence Way. He stated that their project was being held up due to the CDBG requirement for environmental work.

Commissioner Russell stated the board had the option of

approving or disapprove. He believed the Board's second option was to approve the amount requested. He stated the third option would be to substitute a share of whatever this project involves out of the RTC funds. Commissioner Franzoia believed that another option was to grant a certain amount of funds. He cautioned they were only looking at estimates and the project may come in at a higher price.

Commissioner Myers inquired what the remaining balance would be in the West Wendover RTC funds after their project was completed on Florence Way. Tom Stratton stated he did not have that amount. Commissioner Myers felt that the four fatalities brought up a grave concern for the RTC but he questioned whether the RTC should be funding the entire intersection reconstruction. He felt they should take care of the safety issue with the RTC funds. He cautioned that if they funded the entire project there would only be approximately \$300,000 in that safety fund for the rest of the year. He commented that funds did not build back very fast. Commissioner Russell stated that fund was for subsequent years. Commissioner Myers believed that the RTC could support West Wendover financially to correct the problem. He stated then West Wendover could apply their remaining RTC funds toward the remaining program and make the additional corrections.

Tom Stratton inquired if RTC could specify an amount they could contribute toward the project. Commissioner Myers noted that was why he had asked the engineer if he had an estimate what it would cost to correct the safety issue.

Commissioner Franzoia noted that the problem was the

limited funds. He stated that they need to modify the issue related to fatalities and correct that existing intersection.

Tom Stratton stated Mike Murphy had made the initial complaint on that intersection being at that location. Tom Stratton questioned whether they would be throwing good money after bad. Commissioner Franzoia believed that they could build what they could afford today with the anticipation what they would need in the future. However, he stated they could not afford building it today. Commissioner Franzoia questioned how long that road was connected to the State Route. Tom Stratton believed it had been there for a long time. He did not want NDOT thinking that the City of West Wendover was not cognizant to NDOT's concerns on that intersection. Commissioner Franzoia suggested that they do the best that they could. He stated it may not be the best solution because they did not have the budget. Commissioner Myers felt they were cognizant that funds were limited in rural Nevada.

Commissioner Russell clarified that there was no disagreement that there was a safety problem due to the four fatalities and the configuration of the road. He stated there may be willingness to support this project. However, he requested an estimate which would comprise a baseline fix of the safety problem.

Robert Stokes noted that he had received the information from the April 7, 2004 meeting minutes that the Florence Way project was approved for \$231,589.00 out of the West Wendover apportionment. Cash Minor stated that \$101,000.00 was remaining in West Wendover's apportionment.

Commissioner Franzoia reviewed the letter from Tom Stratton to the State and noted that they would have to acquire land from a government agency. He felt that they should first acquire the government land which would take time. Tom Stratton stated that this had been going for a long time. Commissioner Franzoia stated it took seven to eight to get land for the landfill. Shay Stark stated he had talked to Air force to get the land. He stated that Congress had already signed off to turn the land over to West Wendover and this was sitting on a General's desk for a signature.

Shay Stark felt the environmental would take three months. Shay Stark believed that they could survey and come up with a boundary description. The Air force stated they would push through the right of way easement if they needed it immediately.

Chairman Russell tabled this presentation for a few minutes to give the engineer some time to come up with some estimates for the project.

ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND:

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

Cash Minor reviewed the Quarterly Financial Report and the history of the revenue. He stated that they had only collected \$451,000.00 so far this year. He noted that the only additions from the last meeting were the \$13,800 from the safety funds for the Chestnut/Fifth Street project in Carlin and \$40,000 for the lighting project on US 93 in Jackpot out of safety funding. Cash Minor stated the Board may want to talk to the School District upon the \$160,000 allocation for the middle school

improvements. Cash Minor stated the only payments from the last quarter were the debt service payments for Spring Creek and the City of Elko's Errecart Bridge project.

Commissioner Myers felt that on the middle school improvements they should send a letter to the school to see what their schedule was. Commissioner Myers noted that with the limited funding they may have those funds available if there was a delay on the school project. Cash Minor noted that the City had another project. Commissioner Myers inquired about the traffic light maintenance. Cash Minor replied the traffic light maintenance came from the road construction fund. He stated that funding would be moved. Commissioner Russell inquired if the \$30,000 for the technical committee was set aside for studies or were there particular uses. Robert Stokes noted the Commission had approved the funding for the RTC Technical Committee if they used professional services during the gas tax review. He stated that funding was not expended. Commissioner Russell suggested that they eliminate that. Cash Minor stated they could de-obligate that.

Commissioner Myers inquired about the funds for the White Rock lighting. Cash Minor stated there were monthly electrical bills. Commissioner Myers felt that monthly lighting cost should be budgeted and then the \$20,000 could be de-obligated.

Commissioner Myers inquired about the \$409,000 for a turn lane. Otis Tipton stated that was the turning lane on Lamoille Highway. He stated that there was and increases in the cost for the project due to the fuel and material increase on that project.

Commissioner Myers inquired about the funding obligated

for the Last Chance road study. He felt they could return that \$31,005.00 back into budget.

Commissioner Myers inquired about the O'Neil approach. Otis Tipton stated that project would be done this year in conjunction with an NDOT project on Highway 93.

Commissioner Williams noted that some of the funding set aside for traffic studies--Last Chance was to look at other routes for a connection from Last Chance area through the Burner Basin to connect to Spring Creek. Commissioner Williams noted that the Spring Creek Association had some concerns with the development around us and through us and the potential impacts on the roadways that the SCA pay for. Charles Williams stated those subdivisions may have their routes through Spring but were not participating in the SCA. He felt that the Last Chance area should come off of the list but asked that the Commission leave a line item in their budget for traffic studies. He believed that there would have to be regional traffic studies required whether it was for a Spring Creek connection to Elko or other plans connecting to NDOT. Charles Williams felt that those reviews and studies may be needed and they may need someone from the outside to perform those studies. He noted there were few traffic engineers within Elko County. He suggested that they set aside \$1500 for studies. He felt that the Spring Creek Association would be coming forth to them requesting studies and in particular the 200 tract area where there may be an impact from that new development. He stated that new development West of Spring Creek Association did have a collector which was being developed. Charles Williams did not know if they had direct

access to NDOT through the tower road access or if they would filtrate through the Spring Creek Association on Spring Valley Parkway. He felt they needed to look at that development of a Burner Basin connector.

Charles Williams noted that the turn lanes on SR 227 included more than just Corral Lane, it included several intersections in that area. He stated that thanks to Otis' coordination with NDOT they had put this project together to help them with the traffic movements out there. He stated that there were preliminary counts. He felt that a realignment of Corral Lane back into the intersection with the High School may need to be looked at, as originally planned. Charles Williams agreed with Robert Stokes regarding the RTC Technical Committee funds.

Charles Williams inquired if the RTC would like to pay for lighting at the intersections on Lamoille Highway. He stated that the SCA paid for the intersections lighting inclusively of the street lighting at Spring Creek Parkway and Palace Parkway. Charlie Williams stated his constituents had asked that question. Commissioner Myers inquired what those costs were. Charles Williams replied approximately \$116.00 per month, per intersection for lighting and they did the maintenance also. Commissioner Myers requested the estimates.

Commissioner Russell stated he would like to speak to him about the Licht intersection before the next meeting. He stated that there was no study performed by NDOT due to the weather.

Commissioner Franzoia felt that these changes to the budget should be brought back on the next agenda.

Commissioner Myers inquired about the cost allocation. Cash Minor stated that was part of the cost allocation that the county implemented two years ago. He suggested that Last Chance be taken off and pull \$25,000 which left \$6500. He stated that depending upon what happened on the School District improvements they may be able to move \$235,700.00 back into the safety fund.

Steve Bowers of the Elko County School District stated they would go to bid this Spring for the development of Jennings way and next spring they would go to bid for construction. Commissioner Myers felt they could move the \$75,000 over on the next agenda. Commissioner Myers suggested that they review the budget at the next meeting to ratify the changes.

MOTION: Commissioner Franzoia moved to accept the Quarterly Financial Report for the Regional Street and Highway Fund as presented, and to bring back the potential changes on the next agenda. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:

October 6, 2004 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Myers moved to approve the minutes from the preceding meeting held on October 6, 2004. Commissioner Franzoia seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

CITY OF WEST WENDOVER - CONTINUED:

RTC Safety Fund Request - Intersection of Airport Way and Alternate U.S. Highway 93:

Tom Stratton the engineer had submitted estimates for the super in the amount of \$80,000. He stated that would be for the removal and the restructuring of the super. He commented that to bring the frontage road which paralleled US 93 back to the East would be additional \$30,000. He stated to put the type four approach required by NDOT would be an additional \$20,000.00.

Tom Stratton stated the total estimate was in the amount of \$130,000.00.

Commissioner Russell inquired if the remaining Commission felt it appropriate to designate a dollar amount on this project and not specify how the project could be done. He stated that West Wendover may decide to do the whole project with another funding source for the remainder of this project. Tom Stratton felt that the RTC safety committee had addressed the area with regards to the main safety concerns which were the primary responsibility of the safety funds and the RTC committee. He noted that the City had done all they could do to alleviate the problems. Tom Stratton stated that if the City came up with sufficient funds and do the remainder of the project, then the safety committee wishes had been addressed. Commissioner Franzoia suggested that they grant \$80,000 for the intersection. He cautioned that was an estimate and felt that the difference should be picked up by the City.

Commissioner Stratton stated they appreciated the \$80,000

which would address the supra but would not address the other intersection coming into that area. Tom Stratton stated that they appreciate everything they have done. Commissioner Russell noted that he had heard the comment that the County never did anything for West Wendover. Tom Stratton stated that Commissioner Warren Russell never heard that comment from him but could not speak for everyone else.

MOTION: Commissioner Franzoia moved to authorize an \$80,000 grant for safety and road issues at the intersection of Airway Way and Alternate U.S. Highway 93 for the City of West Wendover from the safety funds. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

ELKO COUNTY:

RTC Safety Fund Request: Street Sign

The Board considered a request for RTC Safety Fund funding for a street sign at the intersection of Mountain View Drive and Westlund Drive in the Lamoille area.

Commissioner Russell noted that historically the RTC had used safety fund money for street signs. Robert Stokes noted that they had a memo from their Planning and Zoning Director which informed them this was a new development. Robert Stokes stated historically they utilize the safety funds for street signs in old subdivisions without signage. He stated it was the Planning and Zoning Director's recommended that the developer pick up the costs. Robert Stokes asked that they be allowed to

purchase the signs so it would conform to the County's street signs and then they could charge them to the developer.

MOTION: Commissioner Myers moved that they authorize the purchase of the street signs so that they conform with the standard County signs and that the developer be charged for those costs. Commissioner Franzoia seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Franzoia inquired if that was a subdivision. Otis Tipton replied that was a subdivision of large parcels. He stated it was now being subdivided down into smaller parcels. He noted that historically the RTC safety funding had been used for signage for the benefit of ambulance services. He stated that funding was only being applied for the old subdivisions started back in the 1960's when the roads/signage were not required. Otis Tipton stated that on the new subdivision it was up to the developer of a new subdivision to put in the roads and do the signage. He stated this was a newer subdivision. Commissioner Franzoia noted this was for interior signage. Otis Tipton agreed and stated it was off of a County road.

ENTITY PROJECTS REPORTING:

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

City of Carlin

Bill Kohbarger stated they were getting ready for future paving. Commissioner Russell inquired about the Chestnut

Street project. Bill Kohbarger stated the project was completed and he would submit the bills to Cash Minor.

City of Elko

Delmo Andreozzi stated they were digging out from the storms. He stated they were re prioritizing their work with NYTC and with the Sheriff's trustees to open up driveways for the disabled and the elderly. He stated they do have a new plowing procedure in place and it was working quite nicely. Delmo Andreozzi stated the biggest concern was the shortage with salt sand. He stated there was also concern with cutting edges for their plows. He stated there had been no accidents with the equipment. Delmo Andreozzi stated that last year they had seven accidents with the old equipment.

Commissioner Myers noted that NYTC crews had cleared off the sidewalks in the parks. Delmo Andreozzi noted that the parks and golf had some new equipment. Commissioner Myers complimented them upon their efforts.

Commissioner Russell suggested that they look at areas wherein the County could cooperate with the City when there may be down time for the County or City equipment. He noted the City had helped them out with the County parking lot. He felt there should be interaction between the County and the individual communities.

Commissioner Myers noted they held a meeting with the City Manager, Delmo Andreozzi and Otis Tipton. He stated if the City declared an emergency then they could contact Robert Stokes and Otis for their assistance.

Otis Tipton stated that they have a crew in another location

in Wells and for years the County has been working and coordinating with the City of Wells. He felt that they had also coordinated with the City of Elko. Commissioner Russell noted that there may be limitations with working in Spring Creek. Otis Tipton stated they coordinated with Spring Creek too.

Commissioner Russell noted that as RTC chairman and Chairman of the County Road Committee he would like to see cooperation among the entities.

City of Wells

Jolene Supp inquired if Cash Minor needed a letter to appropriate the \$115.00 for the intersection. Cash Minor requested a letter.

She stated they received the environmental assessment for the CDBG grant pertaining to the sidewalks around the school area so that project would go out to bid this month. She stated felt it was the board's intention to continue work on their paving projects. Jolene Supp stated that there were several issues with Shoshone. She stated they would have to decide how wide they would have to pave that road. She stated that would be board decision. She stated there was a question whether some of that land would be deeded back to property owners. Jolene Supp stated that there also was a question as to how far out they intended to pave on that road. She noted that there was lots of traffic in that area.

Commissioner Myers noted that Jolene had a sidekick with her today. Jolene Supp stated that Mayor Rusty Tybo had retired from UPS and had journeyed over with her.

City of West Wendover

Tom Stratton stated that their RTC project was awaiting the

cultural and environmental studies to be for the matching monies.

Shay Stark of AQUA Engineering stated that they were in the process of meeting all of SHPO's demands. He stated this project would be over previous BLM property and they had prepared an archeological study in that area. He stated that after the SHPO clearance they would turn the project over to CDBG for their approval. Shay Stark stated that their goal was to advertise this as soon as possible. He stated the design was 80% complete on this project. He stated they hoped to put this project out to bid this Spring.

Town of Jackpot

No report given.

Spring Creek Association

Charles Williams stated they were happy with the snow and all the calls. He stated that were in the process of planning the surfacing of their roads and completing those projects started in 1996. He stated they were using double chips on top of the road way surfaces to complete the road plan established in 1996. He stated they would do an additional 14 miles this summer. He stated that the 1996 plan was scheduled for thirteen years but they were now looking at a ten-year plan. Charles Williams stated that the water company had submitted a master plan to the Public Commission on their improvements. He stated there were some areas designated for transmission lines. Charles Williams stated they would be coordinating with them on the paving projects. Charles Williams commented that they spend over 1/2 million dollars a year on their roadways to bring them up to

standard. He stated over the 10 years there was subtle improvements. He stated they do have pot holes and have addressed the road problems. Charles Williams stated there were some concerns with the developments growing outside and adjoining the association. He stated they would be visiting with the County Commissioners upon some road way concerns and the air quality concerns. Charles Williams stated that they would work with the Commission on the NDEP concerns. Charles Williams commented that Elko County and the SCA had been working together. He stated that the SCA appreciated the assistance of Otis and his staff. He stated that there were really no boundary lines on some of the projects they work on with regards to snow removal and road repairs.

Charles Williams noted that they heard from NDOT that they could not drop their plows. He stated that was due to the liability issues. He noted they had heard this from them before. He felt they should seek help from the administration in Carson City rather than to contact the local guys. Charles Williams stated that they would hear from NDOT that they were appropriated funds to take care of the roads themselves. He stated maybe with the new legislature in session there may be some changes that would occur policy wise at NDOT level. Charles Williams stated that they do get support from the local guys. He stated that if they wanted more coordination with the NDOT then they should seek that at the State level. Charles Williams felt that within the County, the entities coordinate.

Elko County School District

Steve Bowers stated they were going forward with the middle

school project. He stated they were within the plan review stage. He stated they would forward a copy to the City so they would be in agreement with the improvements planned on Jennings.

Elko County

Otis Tipton stated the Thorpe Creek Bridge and the Secret Creek Bridge was completed. He stated that they have the preliminary plan design for the Bullion Bridge. He reported that they would be doing the final inspection on the Bull Run Bridge on Monday. He stated next year they would be looking at the Lamoille Highway projects.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ROUTINE ISSUES:

The Board held a general discussion of routine RTC issues for information and/or administrative direction purposes.

Commissioner Myers noted that the City of Elko put some spray over the top of roads before the snow. He inquired of Delmo what that spray was. He also inquired if the SCA did that. Delmo Andreozzi replied that was a tactic employed by people in Colorado and the State of Nevada. He stated it was a pretreatment of mag chloride. He felt that the salt worked best. He stated that the mag pre-treat was a brine solution. Delmo Andreozzi stated that the treatment would start to dilute so it was best for small snowstorms. He stated that pre-treat gave them more time to plow. He stated that they had a tremendous amount of snow with a high water content so the pre-treat was not as effective. Delmo Andreozzi stated that there was a debate whether to use it on a snow-packed road. He stated they could use that pre-treat on bare roads before the storm. He stated that

the State had been doing that program for several years. He stated that some other products were Ag products which came from corn. He stated that worked in low temps but was expensive and they needed to store this. Delmo Andreozzi stated they had consolidated their fleet so it did not take as much manpower to perform this task.

Charles Williams noted that the airports started that program.

He stated that the Spring Creek Association was not upgraded but they were looking at it specifically on their parkways, school bus routes, and intersections. Commissioner Myers suggested that they combine their purchases to receive a better price for the product. Charles Williams felt NDOT would be their primary source of that product.

The next regular quarterly meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. (PDST).

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

APPROVED,

WARREN RUSSELL, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk