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## **II. APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:**

January 8, 2014 - Regular Meeting

**MOTION: Commissioner Williams moved to approve the January 8, 2014 meeting minutes. Commissioner Guttry 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 gave an overview of page 3 which was the history of receipts for the RTC. He noted in the last six months they have collected \$1.6 million dollars in receipts and collected \$17,000 in interest which went to the supplemental funds. He believed the revenues would exceed last year's amount.

Commissioner Guttry inquired if the difference in revenues was due to the approval of the two and one-half cents additional gas tax.

Cash Minor stated that was the difference and it was a big difference.

Cash Minor noted on page 4 there were overages on the County side relating to road striping and cattleguards so they may have to adjust those budgets. He noted under Kittridge project there was an amount of \$405.47 and understood that project was within the next fiscal year so it was probably an early engineering payment. He stated there needed to be a discussion upon the traffic signal maintenance (\$2,056.00) and the Devil's Gate Road (\$1,658.43) because historically those were not paid from this fund.

Commissioner Williams inquired if the discussion would be at the meeting.

Cash Minor stated that discussion would be at staff level.

Commissioner Rice inquired what traffic signal maintenance was this addressing.

Cash Minor stated the County had a traffic signal at the Lamoille/Jiggs Highway intersection and historically it had not be funded from this fund. Cash Minor stated under the supplemental funding they pay for the White Rock lighting and they have used up their \$500 allocation so they would have to reallocate funding to that project to continue paying the light bill. He explained the lights were under the underpass.

Chairman Rice inquired if they could get some solar apparatus to keep the lights running in perpetuity.

Commissioner Williams inquired if they just paid the electricity.

Cash Minor stated the electricity historically was paid through the RTC and the \$500 allocated lasted for 4 or 5 years but they have to readjust the budget by

July 1<sup>st</sup> for the next fiscal year.

Cash Minor stated on page 5 it depicts what amount was appropriated by each entity and what was available. He noted under the Supplemental Reserve there was a negative balance of \$59,970 which was a reflection of value of investments on a market to market rule. He explained the market to market rule was you have to value the assets at fair market value not the cost basis so they had unrealized gains and losses flowing through the accounting system.

Commissioner Guttry stated on page 4 it listed the Cottonwood and Pole Creek Bridges and inquired when the project budget would be updated and reflect the ending fund balance. He noted there was lots of money sitting there.

Cash Minor did not believe the projects were completed so they were working on the budgets.

Commissioner Guttry stated they came in at \$360,000 or \$320,000.

Cash Minor stated they wait until they complete the project and update it through the budget process.

Cash Minor commented if they have solid bids and know what the costs would be then they could adjust for those the next budget year.

**MOTION: Commissioner Guttry moved for approval of the quarterly financial report. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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#### **IV. SPRING CREEK TO ELBURZ/INTERSTATE 80 ROAD:**

Discussion and consideration of a request to build a highway from Spring Creek to Elburz and Interstate 80. A few years ago, this request was made to the RTC for consideration. Lack of available funding at the local or state level was considered the main obstacle to this project.

Chairman Rice stated this item was requested to be tabled.

Commissioner Williams recommended that this item be tabled and the presenter had requested that it be rescheduled for the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. He noted the presenter had made a recommendation a year ago that the Commission look at the possibility of having a road coming into the Boyd-Kennedy Road which came out of the Halleck area. He understood NDOT would look at it but there were no funds established for construction of that road. Commissioner Williams noted the presenter had asked for information and requested that NDOT bring in information to the next meeting whether there was funding or if they would even look at it.

Commissioner Guttry did not see spending a lot of time in the future on this

because there was no funding and it was a huge project. He had heard it would cost anywhere from \$30 million dollars to \$80 million dollars.

Commissioner Williams stated when they have requests made from the public they should reply to those requests.

Boyd Ratliff, NDOT Traffic Engineer, stated NDOT agrees the route would be beneficial to public safety and access but the costs were high. He stated if NDOT doesn't have a current right of way then it was almost impossible to get a right of way. Boyd Ratliff stated there was appetite to have this conversation and look at the different angles to try and figure out how they would have an access route through there.

Chairman Rice suggested NDOT bring back an outline of the process and give them a ballpark million dollars

Boyd Ratliff replied \$1 billion dollars.

Commissioner Rice noted it would be a twenty to thirty mile road.

Boyd Ratliff stated just to pave it, it would cost \$1 million dollars a mile excluding right of way, environmental, any embankment, or culverts etc.

Commissioner Rice stated when he was on the Planning Commission the County's Transportation Master Plan did not have that route on it.

Commissioner Williams stated this was not the only person out there talking about another route because of the congestion, safety and fire issues. He stated it should be a part of the Master Plan because there were lots of people living in the Spring Creek area. He noted that was not the only spot the road could go through. He believed they could go through the Burner Basin but he did not want to bury this discussion. Commissioner Williams stated 15 to 20 years there may be more traffic out there with more safety issues and he thought they should discuss it.

Boyd Ratliff stated NDOT would like to look at all the possibilities.

Chairman Rice asked Terry Lister work with Boyd Ratliff and brush off the master plan which might mean updating the master plan.

Commissioner Guttry commented 30<sup>th</sup> street up Burner Basin was discussed as a \$30 million dollar project 15 years ago.

Chairman Rice stated they also discussed Hamilton Stage Road hooking up with Lucky Nugget in South Fork as another route.

Boyd Ratliff stated a route from there to Exit 298 was also discussed.

Commissioner Guttry stated getting that funding would be difficult.

Chairman Rice believed this was outside this committee's scope but the Congressional Delegation might help.

Boyd Ratliff stated possibility there may be private participation from the future oil and gas companies.

Commissioner Williams suggested they research what was needed so they could start setting money aside to take care of that obligation. He believed they should be discussing this at RTC because it was a safety issue.

**MOTION: Commissioner Williams moved to table agenda item IV discussion which was a request to build a highway from Spring Creek to Elburz and Interstate 80 until the gentleman who wanted this brought to our attention is here and in the meantime we look at other alternatives and get a report back from NDOT as to where we are at on this issue. Commissioner Guttry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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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, NDOT District III Traffic Engineer, reported there were construction projects at the Carlin tunnels, Emigrant Pass, Dunphy to Emigrant Pass bridge work, and the Elko urban job. He stated the new project of new pavement and right-of-way fence would go to bid this fall. The project was from Exit 303 to Osino which would meet the previous project that went from Osino.

Commissioner Guttry inquired if the Carlin tunnel would be closed all summer.

Boyd Ratliff stated it would be a repeat of last year and the other tunnel would be worked on this summer.

Commissioner Williams noted they had delays on the Mountain City Highway project and inquired if that would move back the completion date.

Boyd Ratliff stated they were ahead of schedule initially and there were 200 working days so it was planned as a two year project with the weather conditions.

Commissioner Williams noted a lot of the work was at night so there was not much impact at this level.

Boyd Ratliff stated all lane closures in the urban area would be at night and they would not see lane closures during normal business hours.

Chairman Rice had observed, while driving through in the evening, some delay but it was what you would expect. He commended NDOT for being proactive with meeting with the businesses to decrease the impact.

Boyd Ratliff stated that was a specification written into the bid that the contractor must meet with the businesses once a week.

Commissioner Williams commented with the new traffic control, flagging,

etc. it was easier to know where to go and where to stop for night travel. He believed the new apparatus informed the public and they did not see the accidents so it was safe for workers and the traveling public.

Boyd Ratliff stated if a member of the public saw something that may be unsafe they can call NDOT 24 hours per day. He stated you can make a customer service request and they will follow that up as a standard operation procedure.

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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:**

No report was submitted.

### **B. City of Elko**

Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director, reported they had tentative approval on the traffic signal at Errecart and Silver Streets. He stated on July 1<sup>st</sup> they would move forward with the project and it should be up and functioning by late fall. He noted that was the only major item regionally.

Commissioner Williams inquired if on the Errecart traffic signal did it have infrastructure previously.

Dennis Strickland reported the conduits and signal pole bases were already established at that location. He noted they would bring in a consultant for the design.

Commissioner Williams inquired at the corner of Idaho and Silver Streets would there be a lot of construction.

Dennis Strickland stated there was lots of work at that intersection. He noted there would be realignment of signal poles and creating a free right turn off of Idaho onto Mountain City Highway. He stated they want to straighten up the alignment and NDOT was upgrading signals on the Mountain City corridor. Dennis Strickland stated once the project was finished all signals would speak to each other and they should be able to move traffic more fluently.

Commissioner Williams stated there would be a lot of people using Errecart to miss traffic and inquired if that would stagger with construction.

Dennis Strickland stated there would be communication with NDOT and hopefully it would not be invasive to set poles and hopefully not disrupt traffic.

### **C. City of Wells**

No report was submitted.

### **D. City of West Wendover**

No report was submitted.

**E. Town of Jackpot**

No report was submitted.

**F. Spring Creek Association**

Terry Lister, Spring Creek Association Chairman, reported they did six miles of crack sealing on Spring Valley Parkway costing approximately \$72,000 and they have locked in oil prices for the year. He stated they would be doing 30 miles chip seal this year.

**G. Elko County School District**

Steve Bowers, Elko County School District, reported the new school in West Wendover was out to bid including several street projects.

Commissioner Williams stated he had been working with Bill Micheli and commended him on his work upon the busing and school crossings.

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

No report was submitted.

**I. Elko County**

Terry Lister reported the Pole Creek Bridge was awarded to Granite Construction and they would start late summer. The Cottonwood Bridge was awarded to Remington Construction and they plan on starting that late this summer. He stated the Boyd-Kennedy Road modification and overlay had bid opening scheduled on the 14th of April and would award the bid on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. He stated their magnesium chloride projects start on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> in Pilot Valley.

Commissioner Williams inquired about the turnaround at White Rock Road and the bus turn around. He would speak to Randy Brown about the easement on that.

Terry Lister noted they pay \$50.00 per month for lighting the White Rock underpass.

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**VII. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ROUTINE RTC ISSUES:**

No comment was submitted.

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**VIII. JULY 2014 RTC MEETING:**

Chairman Rice commented the next regularly scheduled RTC Meeting was scheduled for April 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

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**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

No public comments were submitted.

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**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Rice adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

**MOTION: Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn. Commissioner Guttry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVED,

JOHN PATRICK RICE, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk