

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Regional Transportation Commission, County of Elko, State of Nevada, meet in a regular session on Wednesday, July 6, 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
	CHUCK RICKER	NEAT Bus
	LYNNE HOFFMAN	NNTC
	JOLENE SUPP	City of Wells, Manager
	OTIS TIPTON	County Road Supervisor
	DELMO ANDREOZZI	Elko City Public Works Dir.
	BILL MOONEY	NDOT
	JIM AAGARD	NDOT
	STEVE BOWERS	Elko County School District
	CHRISTOPHER CARR	Spring Creek Association
	RANDY BROWN	County Planning & Zoning Dir.

The following proceedings were held:

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Franzoia 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:

April 6, 2005 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Myers moved to approve the minutes from the preceding meeting held on April 6, 2005. Commissioner

Franzoia seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND:

The Board reviewed the Fourth Quarterly Financial Report relating to the Regional Street and Highway Fund.

Cash Minor reviewed page four of the quarterly report. He believed that some of the bridge projects had been completed and he would meet with Commissioner Russell and Otis Tipton to clarify which projects had been completed. He noted that the Commission allocated \$25,000 for mass transit in 2004 but there was no funding allocated in FY 2005. Cash Minor commented that they had modified the allocation for the White Rock lighting project to \$500.00 annually. He stated the utility bills usually ran about \$350.00 to \$400.00 annually for that lighting. Cash Minor stated that there was an item which should be transferred to the County Road Construction Fund. He commented they were in the middle of doing the year end adjustments. Cash Minor stated there was an additional \$40,000.00 allocated to the Jackpot Street light project. He commented that \$13,800.00 was paid for the Carlin Chestnut Street safety project from the Supplemental Safety Fund. Cash Minor believed the \$160,000 would be expended this year by the School District from the Supplemental Safety Fund. Commissioner Myers inquired when they would set the budget. Cash Minor replied that everything they have to-date would be included within the first quarterly report and they would know at that time what was within their budget. Cash Minor stated he did not expect an increase and felt it would remain at 1.4 million from the current tax rate. Commissioner Russell suggested that after he, Cash Minor and Otis meet they should submit a page to the Commissioners to inform them of the budget.

Commissioner Myers noted on mass transit funding they had not allocated any funding for FY 2005-06 and they were back on the agenda again seeking funding. He inquired where that funding would come from. Cash Minor stated that would come from the safety fund. He commented that currently \$648,013.00 was in the safety fund which was unappropriated.

MOTION: Commissioner Myers moved to approve the Elko County Regional Street and Highway Fund Fiscal Report. Commissioner Franzoia seconded the motion.

Commissioner Russell inquired if they needed to take action upon the changes mentioned. Cash Minor replied they did not need action upon those changes. Commissioner Myers noted that those changes would be shown upon the next quarterly report.

The motion was passed unanimously.

NORTHERN NEVADA TRANSIT COALITION:

The Board considered a request for funding from the Northern Nevada Transit Coalition to support the NEAT Bus System that provided transportation services for senior and disabled residents.

Commissioner Russell noted last year RTC funded them in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Lynne Hoffman, Chairman of the Northern Nevada Rural Transit Coalition, thanked Commissioner Russell for his testimony at the legislative committee hearing. She was disappointed that more testimony was not given from other rural counties who would have received some of the funding. She noted that when the bill came up for vote one of their own congressional representatives did not even remember the bill. She felt the disabled and elderly groups were not visible enough to have made an impression to get the funding for rural transit within many rural counties. She thanked the RTC for what they have done in the past for the NEAT Bus.

Jolene Supp arrived at the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Lynne Hoffman reiterated that Elko County was represented well at the legislature. Commissioner Russell stated he was privileged to represent them before the legislature. He believed they needed better representation from Elko County and other counties during the next legislative session.

Chuck Ricker, Northern Nevada Transit Coalition and NEAT Bus also thanked them for their representation during the legislative session. He noted that at the previous meeting they had submitted their budget. He requested that they consider submitting \$75,000.00 to help them next year with their budget.

Commissioner Myers noted they allocated \$25,000 from the safety for last year. He asked what the impact to the budget would be if they were to raise that amount higher. Cash Minor reported that the Supplemental Safety Fund was only supported by the interest earned from the RTC funds. He noted that interest was down from the past four or six years. Cash Minor cautioned that they had funded several large projects out of this fund previously. Commissioner Myers inquired about the amount of interest they made each year. Commissioner Franzoia noted that page 14 showed the interest accumulated and the decline in the interest each year. He agreed with Cash=s comments that limited interest was replenishing that fund. Cash Minor commented that page 3 would also display those amounts.

Commissioner Franzoia asked where the funding for the agenda items Burner Basin access road and the Jarbidge Bridge projects would come from. Cash Minor noted that the Jarbidge road or bridge issue could come from the County or the safety fund. Cash Minor noted that Burner Basin would be a regional matter.

Commissioner Myers felt they need to determine the funding level that they could afford. He noted that there was a decrease in interest last year and they only

received \$9,700 in interest in 04-05. He questioned what the funding level should be for this agenda item with the upcoming regional issues. Cash Minor believed they could remain at the \$25,000 but if they wished to increase the funding for this item then that may be a bigger issue. Commissioner Franzoia agreed with Mr. Minor that there may be other issues out there.

Commissioner Myers felt they should fund \$25,000 now and then have the coalition come back after the first of the year. He stated by that time they would have reviewed their budget and knew where they were at with regards to the funding source. Cash Minor clarified that they were talking about the \$25,000 from the 04-05 budget and not out of the 05-06 budget. Commissioner Russell noted that repeatedly they had asked for a copy of the budget for this organization over the past several years and had only received one very broad budget. He stated for him to vote on the \$25,000, he would place a caveat that Cash Minor receive a certified public accountant=s audit report before they give them any funding. Commissioner Russell noted this Commission was responsible for the public funding. He noted that they did have a different category of legal authority in their organization but until they see a budget, he did not think they should provide the funding requested.

Chuck Ricker stated for the last three years they have been required to perform an A-133 federal audit and they would be happy to provide them with a copy of those audits to Cash Minor.

MOTION: Commissioner Myers moved that they authorize the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Supplemental Fund for the Northern Nevada Transit Coalition pending the submission of the financial audit report for 04-05 and ask them to return after the 1st of January for additional funding. Commissioner Franzoia seconded the motion.

Commissioner Franzoia asked if he wanted to amend his motion to include the 2003-04 audit because the 04-05 audit may not be completed at this time. Commissioner Myers agreed and stated that the 2004-05 budget should also be submitted once the audit was completed.

Commissioner Myers amended his motion to include the 2003-04 audit and the 2004-05 audit should be submitted once the audit was completed. Commissioner Franzoia seconded the amendment to the motion.

Commissioner Russell commented this did not reflect upon their bookkeeping practices. He just wanted to clarify that they were expending public funds and felt they should be better informed of specific use of that funding.

The motion was passed unanimously.

BURNER BASIN ACCESS ROAD:

Randy Brown reported on the cooperative effort to address Burner Basin Access Road including discussion regarding the Hamilton Stage Road and KRL Properties. He stated that at the last meeting they requested that he submit some numbers. Randy Brown stated he did not have time to come up with those numbers yet. He noted that there were significant changes which have occurred over the past few months. Randy Brown stated the KRL access was rough cut and the developer was considering the development of that road. He reported that there was a series of parcel maps and the same developer owned them all. Randy Brown stated that the developer was going back and doing re-subdivision and realigning his parcels so that access could be provided by this road. He stated the developer planned on continually submitting parcel maps to develop this road. Randy Brown stated through this process they would be able to acquire these rights of way for public purposes. He stated the developer wanted to offer these roads for dedication to the County of Elko for public use but not for maintenance. Randy Brown informed them that the developer had been in discussion with the City of Elko and Spring Creek Utilities with regards to providing water. Randy Brown stated he had driven the path and actually traveled down all three accesses. He believed that the Burner Basin access was more feasible because of the topography and the location of the people it would serve. He felt that the Hamilton Stage Road was not feasible at this time. He stated that there was a portion which could provide access to Errecart Boulevard. Randy Brown stated he would have some numbers at the next meeting on the Burner Basin access. He commented that he liked what KRL was doing and felt this would provide that area with an emergency exit corridor.

Commissioner Russell asked to change the agenda title from Burner Basin Access Road to Alternative Access Road or Spring Creek Alternative Access Road so it covered all the categories. Commissioner Franzoia suggested Secondary Access Roads to Spring Creek be the agenda title.

Commissioner Russell noted he and Randy Brown had several conversations upon this issue. However, if they wished to be included into those conversations he suggested that they just ask. He asked of Delmo Andreozzi if the County was communicating well enough upon this situation. Delmo Andreozzi stated they had preliminary discussions on this. He felt they needed to continue those discussions and believed they needed a plan in place. Delmo Andreozzi noted the City of Elko recently annexed an additional 160 acres south of the landfill which did go into this area for future expansion of the landfill. He noted that there was a lot of dirt in that site which may help to build a road. Delmo Andreozzi felt they should continue to talk and work through this together. He suggested they explore other funding mechanisms because there would be a need for another crossing over the Humboldt River. Delmo Andreozzi asked to be notified of when they were getting together to discuss this so he could join in and stay up-to-speed.

Robert Stokes noted that Mr. Carr from the Spring Creek Association was in attendance at this meeting. He felt that Mr. Carr may be interested in their conversations. Commissioner Russell suggested they meet and discuss the issues in the next two months. Commissioner Myers recommended that they do that as a workshop.

Christopher Carr stated on the 16th of May he became the President of the Spring Creek Association. He had spoken to Bob Womack with regards to KRL properties. He stated that they discussed buy-in fees per lot as he attached to the Spring Creek road system. He noted that the SCA had spent a lot of money on their infrastructure and roads. Christopher Carr believed there would be maintenance fees which would be semi-equal to what the current SCA homeowners were paying. He stated this would be equal to just the road assessment portion and assessed as the buildings were built upon those lots. He noted those fees would continue until such time as one of these alternate accesses was provided. Christopher Carr stated that the road would be the same materials and the same likeness of what the Spring Creek Association was providing. He believed that once that was provided the maintenance fee would drop off. He believed at that time the Spring Creek residents would be using their roads also. Chris Carr stated Bob Womack would have CC&Rs for his property and the SCA would aggressively pursue into the language of those CC&Rs. He believed that there was a meeting of the minds on this and did not see a problem on this. Commissioner Franzoia inquired if KRL would have an assessment district within their subdivision to improve their roads. Chris Carr suggested that he speak to Bob Womack about his CC & Rs. Commissioner Franzoia noted that was the new standards and even the Reno areas were using to make sure that the subdivisions were in good shape. He felt the CC&Rs were a good tool. Christopher Carr felt that the Spring Creek Association was providing better roads than some of the other areas. He stated they were trying to maintain a high standard. Commissioner Russell felt that the Planning Commission understood this because it was a strong position of the Elko County Commission that they would not introduce new subdivisions out into the County without a provision for road maintenance in some form or other. Commissioner Russell noted that it would no longer be standing out there for the good guys in the subdivisions to do the maintenance and the other folks to slide. Commissioner Russell commented that the Spring Creek Association=s board members were welcome to participate in meetings where subdivisions were addressed at Planning Commissions and other formal engagements. Christopher Carr thanked him for the invitation.

JARBIDGE ROAD AND BRIDGE ISSUES:

The Commission considered funding for repairs to roads, bridges and/or temporary roads and bridges in the Jarbidge area.

Commissioner Myers noted they had to put some signage up for low water crossing when they lost the two bridges in the Jarbidge area. He felt it was a regional safety issue. He asked that this be put upon the agenda but the agenda item had become broader so he did not know if anyone had some other thoughts. Commissioner Myers felt that the signage costs should come under the Supplemental Safety Fund. Commissioner Russell inquired what the cost would be. Otis Tipton stated they would have to have the signs made here to get them posted immediately. Commissioner Myers felt they needed at least two signs. Otis Tipton estimated it would cost \$500.00 per sign and they needed one on each side.

Delmo Andreozzi stated they have some sign making capability. He stated most of their signs were made because of manpower issues. He noted their machines were 30" x 30". Delmo Andreozzi offered to help with those signs.

MOTION: Commissioner Myers moved to authorize out of the Supplemental Safety Funds \$1,000 for the signs that need to be at the entrance and the exit at the Jarbidge crossing and pursue the City of Elko as first choice to make those signs. Commissioner Franzoia seconded the motion.

Otis Tipton stated they planned on putting "low water crossing, high clearance 4x4s" upon those signs. Commissioner Russell inquired how fast the City of Elko could make those signs. Delmo Andreozzi would talk to Otis after the meeting.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Myers noted that they would have a report today at the County Commission meeting today from the Forest Service about the bridges. He noted that the Forest Service agreed but they had to have approval from the NDEP and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife. Robert Stokes stated the U.S. Fish & Wildlife have given their verbal agreement and they hoped to have the permits completed by Thursday. Otis Tipton stated that the Bullion Bridge costs went from \$700,000 to 1.5 million dollars and to reduce that cost they would have to use that Bailey bridge as a by-pass. He cautioned that if the Bailey bridge was somewhere else there may be issues. Commissioner Myers felt that should be discussed this afternoon with the commission. Otis Tipton reminded them that if the Bailey bridge was installed then it would have to be removed before winter. He cautioned that it would take a tremendous effort to put it up and tear it down. Otis Tipton noted that it would be expensive to haul that bridge in. Commissioner Myers asked that Otis bring in a time line at the County Commission for the Bullion Bridge project.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Bill Mooney, NDOT traffic engineer gave an updated written report relating to traffic counts. He commented that there were contractors working on the two projects north of Wells but the 93A project south of Wendover was cancelled. He

stated that project would be put back on the schedule with another project located south of Wells which would go to bid on the 22nd of July. Bill Mooney stated there was a job in Elko on I-80 and that same contractor would do work on the Lamoille Highway. The contractor would also do some work further down the freeway near Carlin.

Bill Mooney submitted copies of the traffic manuals and stated that information was also available upon the internet. He noted that if they had questions regarding the traffic counts, they could get that information from Casey Kelly, their Traffic Engineer.

Commissioner Myers asked about the projects located outside of Wells. Bill Moody stated there were two projects north of Wells on 93 with pilot cars.

Commissioner Russell noted that in the State of Wyoming they had pull outs. He noted they saw rest stops on I-80 in Nevada every 70 miles or so. He noted that the rest stops had dumpsters in Wyoming and those roads were really clean. Bill Mooney inquired why the pull offs impressed him. Commissioner Russell replied because the pull-outs were more frequent in Wyoming.

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 present

City of Elko

Delmo Andreozzi stated they redid the joints and a chip seal on the Twelfth Street Bridge. He stated there would be a bid opening for a chip seal project and slurry seal project. Delmo stated he would request authorization from the City Council to go to bid on the replacement of joints on the Errecart Bridge. He stated they had gone to bid for the Juneau Street project but no bids were received. He believed all the contractors were busy. He commented that the weather had affected the construction schedule.

City of Wells

Jolene Supp stated they were doing some maintenance with regards to pot holes. She hoped to go to bid on road milling some of their streets and believed they would go to bid late August or September for those projects.

City of West Wendover

No one was present to submit a report.

Town of Jackpot

Robert Stokes stated the County had signed an interlocal agreement with NDOT on the widening project. However, those costs have come in higher than the estimates and both the County and the State have stepped forward on the project

funding increase.

Spring Creek Association

Christopher Carr, President of SCA, stated they would pave the last 15 miles of roadway which had never been paved by the Association. He requested information upon the funds that the RTC Commission had given Spring Creek in the past and funding that may be available in the future. Commissioner Russell suggested the Chris speak to Cash minor upon that matter.

Elko County School District

Steve Bowers stated the Board had approved Phase 1 of the Middle School which was site development to include the extension of Jennings up to Montrose Lane and the intersection of Jennings and Montrose. He stated they would be asking for the funding set aside for those two projects. Steve Bowers stated the lights for the intersection of Mountain City and Jennings would not be necessary until the school was built. Therefore, that funding would probably not be required for another fiscal year or two. Commissioner Russell inquired if there was a State Public Works Board and received an affirmative response. He noted that Assemblyman Carpenter had spoken to him about a bill which would have exempted schools. Robert Stokes commented that specific bill draft had failed in legislature.

Elko County

Otis Tipton stated there would be a photo shoot for the Interpretive Center tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. He noted that the Bullion Bridge project was ongoing. He reported that the Lamoille Highway safety project was still in progress.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF RTC ISSUES:

No discussion was held.

The next regular quarterly meeting would be held on October 5, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. (Pacific Time).

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

APPROVED,
WARREN RUSSELL, Chairman

ATTEST:
MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk