

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

No comments were submitted.

APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:

The Board considered approval of the preceding minutes from the meeting held on April 5, 2006.

MOTION: Commissioner Franzoia moved to approve the April 5, 2006 meeting minutes. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion.

Otis Tipton noted that on page 3 it stated "Otis Tipton commented that because it was federal funding anything over \$300,000 they had to do the design, engineering and bid process on the Midas Project." He asked that amount be corrected to \$3,000.00.

The motion was passed unanimously.

ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND:

Cash Minor stated they would submit the Quarterly Financial Reports relating to the Regional Street and Highway Fund in the next week or two.

SPRING CREEK ASSOCIATION:

Pam Borda, SCA President, discussed the SCA road and street issues including the financial challenges of additional chip seal activities, and maintenance of existing roadways. She commented that historically Elko County had given a portion of its RTC distribution to the Spring Creek Association to help fund the Association's road related activities. She reported that Spring Creek Parkway was falling apart and they were behind in maintenance. Pam Borda asked that the County continue to fund the SCA at the same amount or more if additional funding could be found. She was currently working on a Road Master Plan for permanent maintenance on the road. She noted the bad weather had torn up their roads. Pam Borda reported they had spent almost the entire budget for preparation of the chip seal. At the end of July, there would be no more road funds after this last chip seal.

Cash Minor reviewed the history wherein the Spring Creek Board in 1996

decided to maximize their RTC funds by bonding. Cash Minor reported that the final bond issue payment was due July 1, 2006. He stated that if they follow that same schematic as in the past there would not be any funding available until July 1, 2007. Cash Minor commented they made the final bond payment on July 1, 2006. He noted the allocation of RTC was based on assessed value and that was what they did when Spring Creek's assessed value was \$150,000. Commissioner Myers noted that the County had made the last bond payment. Pam Borda requested that they continue those annual payments to the Spring Creek Association. Commissioner Myers noted that last time RTC approved it for ten years but prior to that they were getting some money. Cash Minor reported that at that time the Commission allowed the \$150,000 to go to the SCA for the bonding. Commissioner Myers felt that they could continue that and see how the revenues came in.

Commissioner Franzoia inquired if this was an Elko County allocation and asked if the County Commission had approved. Cash Minor replied in the affirmative and noted that if it was authorized by the County Commission they would allocate it beginning next year. Commissioner Franzoia noted to continue the allocation it would be subject to approval by the County Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Franzoia moved to continue the Spring Creek Association's RTC funding from the County subject to the County's approval. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion.

Commissioner Myers clarified that there would be continued funding but rather than paying for the bond they would allocate the \$150,000 to the Spring Creek Association. Cash Minor noted there would be no additional funding available in the 2006-07 fiscal year.

The motion was passed unanimously.

ELKO COUNTY:

Midas Road FEMA Repair Project:

Otis Tipton stated this project was at a dead stop. He reported that on May 25, 2006 a Project Worksheet was issued from FEMA to Elko County. He noted the Project Worksheet detailed the length of the project, and what would go into that project. On June 5th, they held the final closure meeting in Rob's Office. However, on June 26th they decided to review it and sent them a new Project Worksheet which had changed the scope of work. Otis Tipton noted they had already started the engineering. He stated they had awarded

\$425,000 less to the project. Otis Tipton noted that FEMA stated they would not pay for the engineering already performed. He did not think there was a lot of recourse so he would discuss this with the County Commission. Otis Tipton felt Newmont Mine and the Midas residents would not be happy because their proposal would not put the road back to the pre-disaster profile. He felt that the County Commission and the Assemblyman may become involved. Commissioner Myers clarified that they received a Project Worksheet on May 25th, with a final close on June 5 in Rob's office and then there was another review on June 26, 2006 which indicated \$425,000 less. Otis Tipton stated the project review on May 5, 2006 was in the amount of \$650,000 and on June 26, 2006 the revised review was \$425,000 less. Commissioner Myers felt they should put together a packet and endorse it from the County Commission this afternoon and give a copy to Assemblyman John Carpenter. He noted they proceeded based on the May 25th Project Worksheet funding level. He did not believe they should be able to reduce the scope of the project once they have started on the project. Commissioner Franzoia inquired if FEMA representatives were at the closing and it was agreeable on June 5, 2006. Otis Tipton noted FEMA representatives gave them the Project Worksheet in Robert Stokes' Office on that date. He commented that Robert Stokes, his secretary and Debbie Armuth was present at that June meeting also. Commissioner Franzoia felt they need to go over someone's head. Otis Tipton noted at the County level they were at a stalemate. Commissioner Russell felt that there were two levels and suggested they send a letter from RTC as well as the County Commission. Commissioner Myers felt they could send a letter supporting the County Commission endeavor to correct this problem but would like to address the June 5th closure meeting where they anticipated funding in the amount of \$658,000 and they proceeded based on that amount.

MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to support the County and send a letter from the RTC; the contents to be drafted by the Manager and the Chairman of the RTC.

Commissioner Franzoia suggested that it include language that at the time of the closing date all parties were in agreement based on Project Worksheets wording that the cost allocation from FEMA for the project completion was at \$658,000 along with the funding provided from RTC for reconstruction of the road to historical standards.

Commissioner Franzoia seconded the motion.

Otis Tipton commented that when the original Project Worksheet was issued to Elko County on May 25th he took it to Chilton Engineering. He stated

Chilton Engineering did all the stations on the road and they were getting ready to go to bid when they received the new Project Worksheet. Commissioner Myers asked that Robert Stokes have copies of all that information and draft a letter with all three signature blocks on that RTC letter.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Franzoia believed it was important that they stay with the original closing agreement of \$658,000. Otis Tipton voiced concern about the winter approaching and if the road was not reconstructed the Midas people would not get in or out. Otis Tipton stated Newmont Mine had donated more than \$60,000 on the repair to this road. Commissioner Myers felt RTC should send a letter to Newmont Mine thanking them. Otis Tipton stated that they had already sent a letter. Commissioner Myers suggested the County also send a Thank You letter to Newmont.

Jarbidge Bridge Replacement Project – Second Time:

Otis Tipton gave an updated report on the status of the replacement of the two Forest Service bridges destroyed by flood activity last year and the status of the replacement project for the bridge destroyed this year in the Jarbidge area. He stated the Forest Service put in the Bailey Bridge at the location of the bridge they lost this year. He reported that road was opened before July 4, 2006. Otis Tipton had talked to Jack and Dot Creechley who reported they had a big crowd for the 4th of July.

RTC Safety Fund Request:

Street Signs:

The Board considered a request for RTC Safety Fund funding for street signs in the Last Chance and Shanty Town communities.

Commissioner Myers reviewed the request from Last Chance Ranches for 30 signs in the amount of \$4,500 and 50 signs at \$7,500 for Shanty Town. Commissioner Myers noted that citizens in both locations stated they would install those signs. Commissioner Myers felt they needed a written contract with these individuals before ordering the signs and materials. He read Randy Brown's letter dated June 29, 2005 to Robert Stokes into the record. Commissioner Myers noted Randy Brown's estimate contained 2001 prices for the materials. Robert Stokes stated there would be a cost increase for those materials since 2001. Cash Minor stated there was \$340,000 remaining in the safety fund. He stated in the past they had approved signs. Commissioner Myers inquired if they had previously approved signage for this particular area.

Commissioner Russell felt that because they did not have previous community participation from Shanty Town they did not complete that sign project. Commissioner Franzoia inquired if they would have to fund signage on all the other projects also. Commissioner Myers felt most of the subdivisions had signs. Commissioner Franzoia suggested they fund a partial of the costs for signage or on a fifty percent basis. He noted that signage was a requirement of the developer.

Otis Tipton stated he did the ordering of the signs for these projects and noted that Elko County had requirements on new subdivisions but these were old subdivisions from the 1960s. He commented that Shanty Town was originally subdivided by the federal government. Commissioner Franzoia inquired why they needed signage for Shanty Town because of the lack of traffic. Otis Tipton replied it was for safety issues for fire, ambulance, etc. He noted that once the roads were named Peggy Fitzgerald would work on an addressing system for the houses. Commissioner Russell stated their previous approach was the citizens' contribution was to do USA dig and install the signs. Commissioner Franzoia felt a responsible party should guarantee that the signs get put in. Robert Stokes stated that was usually put in a contract. Commissioner Myers felt part of their motion should be contingent upon a written contract for installation by the individual parties.

MOTION: Commissioner Franzoia moved to authorize monies to be expended to Last Chance Ranches for signage as well as Shanty Town based on the letter submitted to the County and RTC by Randy Brown and both areas have an agreement in place for responsible parties to install the signs in Shanty Town and Last Chance Ranches. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Mike Murphy, Asst District Engineer, stated Casey Kelly had gone into the private sector so he did not have a written traffic count to submit at this time. Mike Murphy stated there was a lot of construction going on and would submit numbers at a later time. Commissioner Myers noted that Lamoille Highway was in better shape this year than it was last year. Michael Murphy noted the construction company was on schedule. He stated there were a lot of projects from here to Jackpot and on I-80. He asked for their patience during the construction delays. Commissioner Myers noted on the overpass at K Mart

there had been a walkway path but it had been ripped out. Commissioner Myers believed they were going to put in a turning lane to the right but then they installed a sidewalk. Mike Murphy stated the traffic control box was in the way of the turning lane. Therefore, they decided to realign the sidewalk away from the roadway. He stated the barrier rail was removed in this project. Mike Murphy believed the city would apply for a grant and hoped they would have a turn lane installed in the next few years. He believed there would be a signal project to relocate the controller box and the extenders. He stated they would move 100 feet of the curb and gutter.

Commissioner Myers asked about the time frame on the I-80 project within the city limits. Mike Murphy stated it should be completed by the end of August. Commissioner Franzoia noted they had not put up signage very well and cautioned that if they got on I-80 they may not get off on the right ramps because they were closing exits. Mike Murphy noted they were working with the contractor on signage and noted some of the signage was not very visible. Commissioner Myers expressed appreciation for all the projects in Elko County. He inquired about the concrete area before Battle Mountain. Mike Murphy noted the cost of highway materials and fuel had slid more of their projects back on their work schedule.

ENTITY PROJECTS REPORTING:

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

City of Carlin:

No one was present to give a report.

City of Elko:

Dennis Strickland, Public Works Superintendent, stated the signs were made for the Silver Street cooperative project. He reported the City had entered into an agreement with Chilton Engineering for professional services and hoped to go to bid in early September.

City of Wells:

No one was present to give a report.

Town of Jackpot:

Robert Stokes stated they were anticipating the highway widening project in Jackpot.

City of West Wendover:

Bryce Kimber, Public Works Director, inquired if they had to agenda their

request for funds for the new projects and received an affirmative response. Bryce Kimber inquired about the allocated funds on projects previously approved. Commissioner Myers suggested that he contact Robert Stokes or Cash Minor to receive those funds and requested he put their new projects on an upcoming agenda. Bryce Kimber stated the project on Florence Way was 99% complete. He stated there was a punch list for the contractor. He stated that project enhanced the area and gave a safe commute for joggers, bikers, and pedestrians. Bryce Kimber stated they were working on the Wells Avenue/Wendover Boulevard project consisting of sidewalk, curb and gutter. He stated the Airport Way project was still in SHPO and they may start it next spring.

Spring Creek Association:

Pam Borda, Spring Creek President, stated there was nothing to add since her previous comments.

Elko County School District:

No one was present to submit a report.

Elko County:

Otis Tipton stated they had managed to stay in the budget on the Bullion Bridge project. NDOT had found a 95/5 match so the County would pay 5% on the construction but 20% on the design portion. He stated the contractor and NDOT would be present this afternoon to discuss the design on the bridge.

Otis Tipton stated the second bidding on the Jiggs Highway was within budget so they would start July 17th on the recycle in place project.

Otis Tipton stated the paving project was on hold for the California Trails Interpretive Center until the construction of the center was completed.

Otis Tipton stated the City and County was involved with the Kittridge Canyon project and on the 18th of July at 3:00 p.m. the city and county would open bids at City Hall. He explained it was a chip seal project wherein the city had supplied the engineer and the county would help with the mobilization.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ROUTINE RTC ISSUES:

There was no discussion held.

OCTOBER 2006 RTC MEETING:

Chairman Myers noted the next RTC meeting was scheduled for October 4, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Franzoia 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