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ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,
COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA, REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD IN
THE ELKO COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOM 105, 571 IDAHO STREET, ELKO,
NEVADA, BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M., PACIFIC TIME.**

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Regional Transportation Commission, County of Elko, State of Nevada, met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 in Room 105 of the Elko County Courthouse, 571 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada beginning at 10:00 A.M. (PST).

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

Others Present: CASH MINOR CFO/Asst. County Mgr.
MARILYN TIPTON Deputy County Clerk
OTIS TIPTON County Road Supervisor
DELMO ANDREOZZI Elko City Asst. Manager
MICHAEL MURPHY Asst. District Engineer
PAM BORDA Spring Creek Assoc. Pres.
BRYCE KIMBER, JR. W. Wendover Public Works

The following proceedings were held:

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

Commissioner Franzoia was not present at this time.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Myers led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No public comments were submitted at this time.

II. APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:

July 11, 2007 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to approve the July 11, 2007 minutes for the regular meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Commissioner Franzoia was absent during the vote. The motion was passed.

Commissioner Franzoia arrived at 10:03 a.m.

III. ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND:

Review of Quarterly Financial Reports relating to Regional Street and Highway fund.

Cash Minor presented the written quarterly report. He reviewed the revenues received in FY 2006-07. He commented upon the decrease in revenues within the current year. Commissioner Franzoia stated there had been comments made that the reason was because of more diesel vehicles, better vehicle mileage, or inflation. Cash Minor reviewed the magnesium and lig projects completed. He noted there were items for the Middle School in the amount of \$160,000 and an item for Montrose Lane in the amount of \$100,000. He asked if those were two different projects or one in the same. Otis Tipton replied the \$160,000 was budgeted for the conduit on the Mountain City Highway and \$100,000 was budgeted for Montrose Lane. Commissioner Myers inquired about the FEMA reimbursement. Cash Minor stated they were still waiting for that funding. He reviewed the RTC apportionments that were allocated to the entities from the FY 2006-07 collections.

MOTION: Commissioner Russell moved to approve the quarterly financial report as submitted. Commissioner Franzoia seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

IV. MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX DISCUSSION:

Discussion and consideration of issues related to the October 17, 2007 County Commission Public Hearing scheduled at 3:00 p.m. to evaluate interest in a motor vehicle fuel tax increase to be used for road maintenance and improvements by various local government entities and all other matters related thereto.

Commissioner Myers stated in July 11th they recommended to the County Commission to impose a two and one-half cent gas tax. He asked that anyone interested in the tax should attend the Commissioner meeting that was scheduled today to give their views. Commissioner Franzoia noted that revenues had declined and felt the gas tax increase was needed to keep up with inflation. Commissioner Russell stated at the last citizen's advisory meeting the biggest issue was the funding. They had anticipated by change of management, techniques, new technology and methodology there would have been more funding available. However, after a historical review, the group drew a conclusion that there was only a marginal impact. He stated that there was an increased need for financial support regardless whether it was the County or the City. He believed the advisory group would recommend the increase in the gas tax. Commissioner Myers encouraged all meeting participants to attend the afternoon hearing. Commissioner Russell noted that the Road Services Advisory Committee felt they should go for five cents and several committee members felt that there should be a sales tax imposed rather than the gas tax. Commissioner Franzoia stated the public would expect that with the revenue increasing, they would do their best with methodology, technology, and equipment. He stated the City had also brought people from the private sector to help but those actions were only a short term fix. He felt the next step was to increase the revenues. He suggested that, whether they decide to do a sales tax or a gas tax, an increase of 2% with a cost of inflation factor of 3% built-in and with those increments they could eventually increase the gas tax up to the full five cents increase. Cash Minor reminded them that the hearing was at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon before the Commissioners. Commissioner Russell commented that they could increase it two and one-half cents then increase that a ½ cent each year. Commissioner Myers noted they would discuss that this afternoon. He stated there had been opposition voiced already.

V. ELKO COUNTY:

Spring Creek Area Intersections:

Traffic Signals, Roundabouts or other Options:

Update report and consideration of possible options to address traffic management issues at intersections in the Spring Creek area. Representatives from Elko County, NDOT, Spring Creek Association, the Elko County School District, Assemblyman John Carpenter, Spring Creek area residents and other interested parties attended a January meeting in Spring Creek in which NDOT Officials discussed possible options or solutions to traffic issues in the Spring Creek area. A tentative date for the next meeting is October 20th as of the writing of this agenda.

Chairman Myers stated the tentative meeting was scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on October 20, 2007. Mike Murphy understood the meeting would be held at the Spring Creek Middle School. Commissioner Russell noted there was no official design or strategy for the improvements.

VI. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Update reporting as may be available relating to traffic counts, projects, and other matters of interest.

Michael Murphy, NDOT Assistant District Engineer, reported that most of their projects were stopped for the winter season. He stated the Pequop project on the east side would continue for a week. Commissioner Myers inquired if they had a stockpile of grindings available. Mike Murphy stated there was a stockpile but several projects were designated for those grindings. He noted the request from the rifle range would have to go through the state process.

VII. 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 report.

City of Elko:

Delmo Andreozzi stated they would go into the Montrose Lane area next week and also do improvements to Jennings Way to extend that street to Rocky Road. They felt that would provide better circulation to the Middle School and noted that was a collaborative effort with the County, School District and NDOT to make that area safer. Delmo Andreozzi stated the City Council had taken one million dollars in excess revenue, and distributed \$500,000 toward slurry seals (an additional 14 miles); and \$100,000 toward storm drains, valley gutters, concrete line item; an \$150,000 toward their asphalt budget for additional overlays; and

\$250,000 to their capital project fund. He reported their capital project was the Fifth Street reconstruction project from Cedar Street to Willow Street inclusive of curb, gutter and sidewalk. Delmo Andreozzi stated an archery member had discussed Errecart Boulevard with the City Council. He reported that the City took some of the NDOT grindings and improved that segment of the roadway. Commissioner Myers asked were on Errecart the grindings had been spread. Delmo Andreozzi stated from the asphalt by the hospital up to the cattleguard.

Michael Murphy noted NDOT and the City did the reconstruction from Sage Crest Drive from Connolly to El Armuth. Michael Murphy reported that the ownership of that roadway was transferred to the City of Elko. Commissioner Franzoia stated they were able to pave the section behind the apartments and along Home Depot. Delmo Andreozzi stated that the School District had committed funds for the pedestrian lighting at Jennings Way and Mountain City Highway. He noted the City and NDOT was working with the School District to facilitate that.

City of Wells:

No report was submitted.

City of West Wendover:

Bryce Kimber stated they did not have any RTC projects presently. He stated the City was ready to complete the Red Garter/Wendover Blvd project with street lights. He stated they had put out the bid for Gene L. Jones Way, the street leading to the Government Complex, and it would be awarded by the end of the month. He stated there was a pre-bid meeting yesterday on building of the governmental complex. Bryce Kimber stated they had awarded the bid on the industrial park which included a portion of the intersection that the RTC Commission had given them \$80,000 of safety funds. He felt the Airport Way portion on the east side of US 93 may be completed within that project also.

Town of Jackpot:

No report was submitted.

Spring Creek Association:

Pam Borda, Spring Creek President, stated they were closing down for the winter. She thanked the County for the funding. She stated they had appointed a temporary road committee and were in the process of developing a permanent road maintenance plan. The members of that committee had performed a road tour of the area.

Elko County School District:

No report was submitted.

Elko County:

Otis Tipton reported they were getting their snow plows ready. He stated they would finish their gravel hauling and would work with the City on Montrose Lane. He stated they had just finished the Kittridge Canyon project with the grindings from NDOT. He stated the double chip seal was performed by Frehner Construction. He noted their goal next year was one-half (½) million dollars for another chip seal on the Jiggs Highway, over the recycle-in-place.

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ROUTINE RTC ISSUES:

No discussion was held.

IX. OCTOBER 2007 RTC MEETING:

Chairman Myers noted the next RTC regular meeting was scheduled for January 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

APPROVED,
CHARLIE MYERS, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk