

MINUTES TO THE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
NARRATIVE

March 17, 2021

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission held on the above date at 9:30 a.m.

Those present were as follows:

Present: Mayor Ken Tedford, Chairman
Lem Mackedon, City Attorney
Gary Fowkes, Churchill County Road Supervisor
Brian Byrd, Public Works Director
Ben Shawcroft, District Attorney's Office
Sherry Wideman, Comptroller
Naomi Steele, Recording Secretary
Jim Barbee, County Manager
Derek Zimney, City Engineer

Absent: Pete Olsen, Vice-Chairman

Call to Order – Chairman Tedford called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Verification of the posting of the agenda - RTC Secretary Naomi Steele verified she posted the agenda in accordance with NRS 241 on the 11th day of March 2021 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the locations listed on the agenda. Those locations include the Churchill County Road Department, Churchill County Web Site, and the State of Nevada Website.

Public Comments –Chairman Tedford inquired if there were any public comments, but there were no noted comments.

Consideration and possible action re: Review and adoption of agenda – County Manager Barbee motioned to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Chairman Tedford, and carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Review and Adoption of Minutes – County Manager Barbee motioned to approve the minutes of the regular RTC meeting of February 17, 2021, as submitted. Motion seconded by Chairman Tedford, and carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: March Treasurer's Report – Comptroller Sherry Wideman presented the March Treasurer's report as follows:

Comptroller Wideman said looking at the March Treasurer's report the Regional Transportation Fund 280 has a balance of approximately 2.081 million dollars; of which 1.6 million is the cities

and \$272,000 is the counties. The city and county both have encumbrances. The Public Transit Fund has a balance of approximately 2.1 million dollars, of which \$125,000 is encumbered by the county. The One Cent Fund has a balance of \$145,000.

Comptroller Wideman stated the December 9 cent gas tax is back to normal. We had a few high months this year, but we are back to the standard amount of taxes that we receive. However, we are still 7.9 percent higher than the previous fiscal year. The quarter cent sales tax is looking good; we had a big December. We are showing an increase of 11.8 percent higher over the prior fiscal year and 38.6 percent above the 18-year average. The One Cent Fund, which mirrors the 9-cent fund, is also showing an increase of 7.9 percent.

She noted that if we were receiving the diesel tax, it would amount to approximately \$31,000 in additional revenue.

She asked the board if there were any questions, but there were none.

County Manager Barbee motioned to approve the March Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Chairman Tedford and carried by unanimous vote.

City Reports and/or Requests- The City does not have any requests.

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General Discussion of City and/or County Matters-

City Reports – Public Works Director Brian Byrd advised the City of Fallon is waiting for spring to officially arrive so they may continue with their road maintenance program. The city has two noteworthy projects occurring. The Maine Street project is ahead of schedule. The contractors are pouring the sidewalks and finishing up on the curb and gutter. The Front Street project still has about 60 days remaining to complete the project. All the underground utilities are completed on Esmeralda Street and Humboldt Street, and they are moving onto the middle of Front Street. He would like to thank all the residents and businesses who have worked with them during this project.

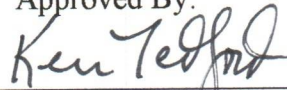
County Reports – County Road Supervisor Fowkes said regarding the Nevada Department of Transportation priority list, if the city agrees we will leave Sherman Street as number two, and 95 south as number one. He asked the board what they would consider the number three priority. Road Supervisor Fowkes advised the county manager and he discussed it this morning, and felt combining the York Lane and Gummow Drive intersections as the third priority. Chairman Tedford said he believed the #1 and #2 priority are correct, and that priority #3 is good. County Manager Barbee said they are probably going to look at our consolidated list. In terms of the top three, that is all that really matters, and that is what we were thinking we were going to propose.

Future Agenda Items – Chairman Tedford asked for future agenda items, but there were none.

Public Comments – Chairman Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. Resident Conrad Lowrey introduced himself and advised he lived at 4672 Benson Lane, which is a half-mile dirt road with a cul-de-sac at the end. He said all the residents get their mail up on Benson Lane, which is paved. He advised he has been attending the Road Department meetings since early 2016. He has made almost every meeting for the past five years, although he has missed a few meetings because of his hip replacement, then his wife's hip replacement. He said he made a couple of meetings where he was the only one there, and come to find out the meeting was cancelled and he did not know about it. He figures he has made about fifty meetings, trying to get their half-mile road paved. He was told after going to those meetings for five years, that in order to get the road paved, he had to go to the RTC meetings. He questioned what the RTC meetings were. He lives on this half-mile dirt road off Benson Lane, with 14 homes, and 40-50 people. He said it varies because kids are born, or leave home, and five deceased, two from respiratory problems. He went on to say that his road was installed in 1980, forty years of dust and mud, and it is past due for pavement. He then thanked the board. .

Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Tedford declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2021 at the Churchill County Commissioner's Chambers.

Approved By:



Ken Tedford, Chairman