

MINUTES TO THE  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
NARRATIVE

**April 21, 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  
Jim Barbee, County Manager  
Gary Fowkes, Churchill County Road Supervisor  
Brian Byrd, Public Works Director  
Derek Zimney, City Engineer  
Sherry Wideman, Comptroller  
Naomi Steele, Recording Secretary

Absent: Lem Mackedon, City Attorney  
Ben Shawcroft, District Attorney's Office  
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 16th day of April 2021 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.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 March 17, 2021, as submitted. Motion seconded by Chairman Tedford, and carried by unanimous vote.

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

Comptroller Wideman said looking at the April Treasurer's report the Regional Transportation Fund 280 has a balance of approximately 2.1 million dollars; of which \$1.7 million is the City of Fallon balance and \$438,000 is the county's balance. 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 \$150,000.

Comptroller Wideman advised the RTC revenues are up about five percent. On the quarter cent, we are showing an increase of approximately 40%. The One Cent fund, which mirrors the nine cent, is up about five percent. The diesel tax would have generated about \$29,000 in additional revenue.

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

**County Manager Barbee motioned to approve the April 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 will begin their slurry seal project on May 1. The contractor will be slurry sealing and striping approximately 1 million square feet of city streets. The Maine Street project, if the schedule holds, we will be paving on May 5. The Front Street project is progressing as scheduled, and they are constructing manholes and sewer reconstruction. The grading has started on Esmeralda Street. In addition, City Engineer Derek Zimney has completed his work on the traffic control plans for the Sheckler Road and US50 signal. Mayor Tedford suggested a copy of the plan be sent to the Sheriff's Department for their review. Mr. Byrd advised, for the record, if there were a power outage, the light would go into flash mode and be a four-way stop immediately, with no manpower needed.

**County Reports** – County Road Supervisor Fowkes said the Road Department crew is getting jobs ready for chip sealing and crack sealing various county roads.

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

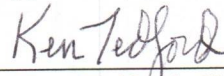
**Public Comments** – Chairman Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. Resident Conrad Lowrey introduced himself and advised he lived at 4672 Benson Lane, which is a half-mile dirt road with a cul-de-sac at the end. He said all the residents get their mail up on Benson Lane, which is paved. There are fourteen residences and 40 plus people that live on the road. He was told by the commissioner's, after four years of meetings, that if he wanted the road paved, he should attend the RTC meetings. He stated that he had five pages of petition's that he brought to the meeting today. The first page is signed by all the resident's that live on the road. The second page has signatures of the people that use the road, such as UPS, the mail carrier, Fed Ex, Waste Management, Budget Septic, and the ambulance, sign the second page. Page 3 is the business's that use the road, although not all of them would sign it, citing a conflict of interest. The fourth



page is an aerial photo of the road he lives on. The final page is an aerial view of the area. The part he has circled is of the expanded area where he lives. He said there are no homes, fence posts, buildings, intersections, no nothing, it is all open prairie, and the road department paved 2.7 miles of road out there. There is no traffic or people out there and they paved it. He said they could have paved our road 5 ½ times, for what they paved that for. He informed the board that he went out there on a Monday morning at 9 o'clock, and sat in the middle of the road, and no one passed. He went out again on Tuesday at noon, sat there for an hour, and nobody passed him going either way. On Wednesday, he went out at 3 o'clock, and nobody passed him. He was told that the people out there need access to Highway 50, but there is nobody out there that needs access. Then they paved two miles of Reservoir Road, and there is only one residence there. He believes that nobody lives there; they only park a bunch of equipment. Instead of paving the two miles there, they could have paved his road four times. Although there is some traffic on Reservoir, there is more traffic on his road. Last, they paved one mile on Wildes Road, and the bad thing about that is, Wildes Road was already paved. He said they would have given anything to have that pavement they paved over. He then thanked the board for their time. Chairman Tedford requested a copy of the paperwork from Mr. Lowrey. A copy of the paperwork is attached for the record.

**Adjournment** – With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Tedford declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m. The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2021 at the Churchill County Commissioner's Chambers.

Approved By:



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Ken Tedford, Chairman