

MINUTES TO THE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
NARRATIVE
November 15, 2023

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

Present: Mayor Ken Tedford, Chairman
Myles Getto, Vice-Chairman
Bob Erickson, Chief of Staff
Derek Zimney, City Engineer
Brian Byrd, Public Works Director
Glen Radke, Deputy Public Works Director
Joe Sanford, District Attorney's Office
Gary Fowkes, Churchill County Road Supervisor
Sherry Wideman, Comptroller
Jim Barbee, County Manager
Bobbie King, Clerical Specialist
Naomi Steele, Clerk of the Board

Absent:
Trent DeBraga, City Attorney

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

Verification of the posting of the agenda - RTC Secretary Steele verified she posted the agenda per NRS 241 on the 8th day of November 2023 between the hours of 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. at the locations listed on the agenda. Those locations include the Churchill County Administration Building, the Churchill County Web Site, and the State of Nevada Website.

Public Comments – Chairman Tedford asked if there were any public comments. There were no noted comments.

Consideration and possible action re: Review and adoption of agenda – Vice-Chairman Getto motioned to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by County Manager Barbee and carried by a 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 October 18, 2023, as

submitted. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Getto and carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Comptroller Wideman advised the balance on the City of Fallon's accounts does not reflect the transfers that they requested in October. She waited until the interest was posted to the account before the transfers were made.

She reported the Regional Transportation Fund 280 has a balance of \$2,583,550 of which the city has a balance of \$1,281,107, and the county has a balance of \$1,302,443. The county has an encumbrance of \$125,000, leaving an available balance of \$1,177,443.

The Public Transit Fund 395 has a balance of \$2,665,476. The county has an encumbrance of \$125,000, leaving an available balance of \$1,770,289. The city has an available balance of \$770,186.

The county's portion of the One-Cent Fund has an available balance of \$232,052.

She said that, as the road supervisor had noted, she felt the 89,150 was too low and speculated that she might have entered something over the figure from the previous year in 2023. She would correct the figures before the next month's report. She pointed out that the error would cause the percentages on the 9-cent fund report to be incorrect.

For the Public Transit Fund 395, the quarter-cent sales tax is showing an increase of 4.5% over the previous fiscal year. The One-Cent Fund, which shows us a more accurate relationship between the gas taxes, without diesel, is down 2.8%.

The gallonage report shows there were 906,771 gallons of gas and 750,840 gallons of diesel sold during August.

Vice-Chairman Getto motioned to approve the November Treasurer's report, as corrected on the 9-cent fund 280. The motion was seconded by County Manager Barbee and carried by a unanimous vote.

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

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A. Consideration and possible action re: Funding approval and encumbrance, in the amount of \$175,000 from Public Transit Fund 395 for the county's portion of the North Broadway Street rehabilitation project – Office Supervisor Steele said the Churchill County Highway Commission authorized the interlocal agreement between Churchill County and the City of

Fallon for the North Broadway Street rehabilitation project during their meeting on November 2, 2023. According to the terms of the agreement, the county will give the City of Fallon \$175,000 for the project's share that is related to its use and the advantages that the reconstruction will bring. To comply with the agreement's requirements, we are asking to encumber \$175,000 from Public Transit Fund 395.

County Manager Barbee motioned to approve the funding and encumbrance, in the amount of \$175,000 from Public Transit Fund 395 for the county's portion of the North Broadway Street rehabilitation project. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Getto, and carried by unanimous vote.

B. Consideration and possible action re: Transfer of funds to the City of Fallon, in the amount of \$175,000 from Public Transit Fund 395 for the North Broadway Street rehabilitation project -- Office Supervisor Steele said at its meeting on November 2, 2023, the Churchill County Highway Commission approved the interlocal agreement between Churchill County and the City of Fallon for the North Broadway Street rehabilitation project. The county will provide the City of Fallon with \$175,000 for the project's portion that is related to its use and the benefits that the reconstruction would provide, as was outlined in the preceding agenda item. We are asking for the money to be transferred to the City of Fallon to meet the terms of the agreement.

Vice-Chairman Getto motioned to approve the transfer of funds to the City of Fallon in the amount of \$175,000 from Public Transit Fund 395 for the North Broadway Street rehabilitation project. The motion was seconded by County Manager Barbee, and carried by unanimous vote.

General Discussion of City and/or County Matters- According to Public Works Director Byrd, Rancho Drive approaches are now paved. Hat Creek Construction has sent a draft timeline for the Court Street project showing the mobilization will start in early February. He also introduced Glen Radke, who was recently appointed the Deputy Public Works Director.

NV Energy will be moving the electricity pole on Coleman Road and Highway 95, advised Road Supervisor Fowkes. According to him, the Highway Commission has approved the funding for the project and it is currently in the design phase. Also, crews are working hard on the winter maintenance.

County Manager Barbee said they are staying in touch with the Navy over the Lone Tree Road and Sand Canyon projects. It appears to be moving forward and after obtaining an estimate of the construction costs, the Navy will be seeking emergency funding. According to Fowkes, Lone Tree will feature four-foot paved shoulders, allowing civilians to walk beside Humvees as they are driving there. The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) was going to chip seal the road and be done with it, so the county ended up arranging an agreement with NDOT to take over maintenance.

Mayor Tedford inquired as to whether the Navy would submit a bid for the work. According to Mr. Fowkes, the county will be compensated for listing it for bid. He thinks the estimate for the Lone Tree project was approximately \$6 million. He would like them to submit joint bids since a 13-14 million contract would entice some players if they could tie them both at the same time.

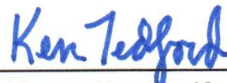
Fowkes said they drove the section through Sand Canyon that circles the camels before re-entering the canyon where it hits the DC power line, the big power line in the back. They were able to get the public access back in that area because either way the Navy was going to take that portion. The drive continued, ending at Russell Pass. Mayor Tedford mentioned the well-known archeological site of Russell Pass. Sir Russell Isaac Spit is the source of it. He continued by saying that the landfill for the City of Fallon was once intended to be located on that side of the street. After conducting in-depth engineering research and preparing to put the project out to bid, it was found that Sir Isaac Russell had brought in archeological research, including African artifacts, to that side of the highway so that archaeologists from all over the world could come take a look at this so-called "spit." After releasing the engineering firm, the City invested more than \$30,000 to verify the authenticity of the story. After receiving a ton of feedback, they also learned that Mackay School of Mines students from the University of Nevada Reno come to visit the site. That's the reason they relocated their landfill to the other side of the road. According to Mr. Fowkes, the county is taking the majority of the mountain there as part of the land swap. Mayor Tedford stated that you should use extreme caution in that area.

Future Agenda Items – There were none.

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

Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Tedford declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m. The next meeting will be held on December 20, 2023, at the Churchill County Administrative Complex, 155 N. Taylor Street, Room 102, Fallon, NV 89406.

Approved By:



Mayor Ken Tedford