



## **NYE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES**

**January 22, 2020**

**9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Blundo  
Commissioner John Koenig  
Mr. Tim Carlo

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF: Mr. Tim Dahl  
Ms. Lynnette Atkinson

Commissioner Blundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Eric Whalen from Pahrump Valley Transportation stated that they are coming into their 2<sup>nd</sup> year and now have over 4,000 more riders than last year. He also stated that they have expanded their hours to 6 am to 6 pm so that people can get home from work.

Mr. Whalen distributed some back-up that was not included in the Agenda.

Commissioner Koenig made a motion to accept the additional back-up and Mr. Carlo second. Approved.

Mr. Whalen stated that the RTC was kind enough to give them match money in the amount of \$20,504.83 to purchase two (2) transit vans. In the additional back-up you can read that Ford Motor Company no longer offers the diesel vans that Pahrump Valley Transit wanted to purchase. They do however have a gasoline van that will work just fine and save them 6,000.00. Mr. Whalen requested that the check for \$20,504.83 be voided and that we issue a new check in the amount of \$19,644.43.

#### **COMMISSIONER/MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Tim Dahl stated that we have seen an increase in our online maintenance requests. In the last 90 days we have had 53 pothole requests, 14 weeding requests and 11 gravel road maintenance requests that have been taken care of.

Mr. Dahl also asked the Board if any of them were interested in attending the Nevada Transportation Conference this year. It will be held in Las Vegas, May 12-13<sup>th</sup> and the cost is 150.00 per person. Tim also stated the he and two other staff members went last year, and it was very interesting to see how our neighboring areas are doing things. Tim stated that he

would like to continue to attend this conference so that he can stay updated on the newest projects, ideas and funding.

Commissioner Blundo asked if anyone on the board was interested in going. No one was.

Commissioner Koenig stated that he had a constituent call him and ask that his road be chip sealed. It is about 2 miles on Linda just past Harley's house. Commissioner Koenig asked Mr. Dahl to give him an update as soon as possible on the chip seal program.

Commissioner Blundo asked that Tim check with finance regarding the check for Pahrump Valley Transit and make sure that everything is good before we cut a new check for Mr. Whalen.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and decision regarding the approval of the Minutes for the August 14th, 2019 Meeting.**

Commissioner Koenig motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Carlo second the motion. Approved.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION- regarding SB48 that was approved by the Senate.**

Tim Dahl stated that last year the Senate approved SB48 which gave the smaller municipalities the authority to implement a diesel tax of up to .05 cents by either:

1. Approval by the Board of County Commissioners. OR
2. Have it put it on a ballot for the tax payers to decide.

Tim would like to get this on a ballot and is asking this board for direction on how to get the citizens of Nye County to understand and support it. Tim suggested a public workshop, public outreach or advertising.

Commissioner Blundo stated that we need to get to work on this and we need to have a program and workshops to inform the public. Blundo also stated that taxpayers want to know where their money is being spent and that it is being spent wisely. Commissioner Blundo stated that we need to get this to the Board of County Commissioners and then they can make the determination of whether the Board wants to vote on it or if they want to put it out on a ballot. Commissioner Koenig stated that his thoughts are the only way he would approve it is if it went to a ballot question. Koenig also stated that he does not want to impose a tax on the citizens of Nye County even though he feels that this is a great way to fix more roads. Commissioner Koenig stated that he would like Tim to continue going down the path of getting a ballot question put together for the SB48 that can be presented to the Board of County Commissioners and be heard by the public. Koenig stated that the NRS states that the money can only be used for the roads and that should be made very clear to the people of Nye County. He would also like to know how much money it might generate and how many roads can be fixed with that money.

Mr. Carlo stated that it would be a similar template of when we went from .04 cents to .09 cents on the gas tax.

Mr. Dahl stated that he will ask the DA to create a ballot question, he will also ask that they create pros and cons to go along with it and then bring it to the Board of County Commissioners to see if it is something they want to implement as a ballot question. Tim stated that in the meantime he would like to get support from this Board to educate the public. He thinks the reason these things have failed in the past is because the public is unaware of the benefits that this tax will have on our community. Tim stated that the largest pieces of equipment we have using our roads are creating the most damage and they aren't paying for any of the repairs to fix those roads. Tim would like the opportunity to convey that and help the public understand whether it be through radio, TV, newspaper, websites, social media or workshops.

Mr. Carlo asked if he was thinking of holding workshops in Tonopah, Round Mountain, Pahrump and so forth. Mr. Dahl stated absolutely because this is something that affects our entire county.

Commissioner Blundo reminded Tim that the last workshop he did for encroachments was not successful. Mr. Dahl stated that he would like to do these workshops in conjunction with the various Board Meetings so that there is an audience.

Tim Dahl stated that this tax doesn't have to be .05 cents. It can be up to that amount.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION-regarding the updated Lumos Study.**

Commissioner Koenig made a motion to continue this item to the next meeting. Tim Carlo, second. Approved.

**ACTION: to set the time and date of next meeting.**

Commissioner Blundo stated that we need to have an election for Chair and Vice-Chair at the next meeting. Mr. Carlo suggested we meet sooner than later so that we can go over the timeline and funding on Leslie.

Commissioner Koenig suggested that the next meeting be on February 10th at 9:00 am. Mr. Carlo second. Motion approved.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: (second)**

No public comment.

**ADJOURN:**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynnette Atkinson