
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission was held on January 27^h, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at the White Pine County Library.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Wayne Cameron, Chairman
Richard Howe, WPC Commission
Jim Alworth, City of Ely

ALSO PRESENT:

Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director
Martin Troutt, Road Superintendent
Mike Sturgeon, City of Ely
Mike Cracraft, City of Ely
Janette Trask, City of Ely
BJ Almberg, Basin Engineering
Lindsey Jacobson, Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT (Public):

George Chachas

Wayne Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. The meeting began with roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Time Limit):** - George Chachas, a citizen of White Pine County, stated his concerns about the design of the intersection of Aultman and Great Basin, He said it needs to be fixed. He also mentioned his concerns in regards to the one-foot drop behind his property. He said that BJ and the State told him he has to have a permit in order to park on the backside of his property. He also said he is still waiting on curb and gutter installation on the Mill Street overlay. He mentioned the regrind that occurred on Avenue D, there is still no curb and gutter installed.

The three-minute time limit was reached

***DISCUSSION- UPDATES FROM NDOT:** - There was no comment in regard to this agenda item.

***DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL- DEFINITION OF A PAVED ROAD VS. A SURFACE TREATMENT ROAD FOR ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC TRANSIT**

FUNDING:- Jim Alworth asked for the definition of a paved road versus a surface treatment road. He expressed his concern about the City/County distribution miles and how they affect the allocation of public transit funds. Bill Calderwood said that the way they handle the percentages is the same way the state and other counties do as well. BJ stated that he doesn't think we want to reclassify how we report to the state or anything else, what he's specifically referring to is the county ordinance that created the public transit. That's the one that actually creates the divide between the City and County and has nothing to do really with how you report. BJ also pointed out how the County has so many more miles of roads versus the City only having roughly 52 miles. Richard Howe also expressed his concern about having to take on more roads since the population is growing.

The discussion among members and attendees continued and it was decided to table the agenda item and come back to it next meeting for more clarification.

Wayne Cameron motioned to come back to table this item. Richard Howe seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0

The wrong County budgets were printed out, so the order of items discussed was changed until new budgets were brought.

***DISCUSSION/ACTION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL- CITY TENTATIVE FY2023 PUBLIC TRANSIT BUDGET:** - Mike Sturgeon went over the city's budget request for \$251,050.00. (See attached) He also explained all of the expenses and increases they foresee for the fiscal year 2023.

Jim Alworth made a motion to approve the city's tentative FY23 public transit budget of \$251,050.00. Richard Howe seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

***DISCUSSION/ACTION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL- CITY TENTATIVE FY2023 RTC BUDGET:** - The city presented its numbers for FY23 (see attached). Jim Alworth asked Mike Sturgeon if he considered price increases for his number figures, and Mike said yes. Jim asked about the Grizzley screening device, and if it's a portable unit, Mike explained what the unit is for and what they plan on using it for.

Wayne Cameron asked about the continuation of the Murry Street Project, BJ explained that the next phase is included in the figures, but they are going to try and roll about \$300,000.00 of that over into the next phase to finish the project.

Jim made a motion to approve. Richard seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

***REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:** - There was no comment in regards to this agenda item.

***APPROVAL OF RTC MINUTES (1.10.22):** - Members said the minutes looked satisfactory.

Jim motioned to approve the minutes. Richard seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Time Limit):-** George Chachas said that in order to use RTC money for use in the city, they have to follow the code. So when you put in a new curb and gutter, handicap access is required, which was also the case on 13th and Avenue M, Avenue C and 11th, you can't circumvent that. He said, "If you don't put in curb gutter handicap access with your funds, that's fine. But once you're in the city, you don't have a choice. You have to follow code, not mine, it's federal". He also mentioned his concern along with this new project, He said "I've told you they don't meet minimum ADA. No one's address that, you need to address that". He also mentioned that on the corner of Avenue C and 7th, the drop in what was supposed to be installed along with the curb and gutter. It was supposed to be done with the NDOT project. George also mentioned the railroad crossing when North Street turns into Avenue C, the NDOT project installed fence posts within the railroad right away, which impedes the safe passage of a train engine or other device. The fencing needs to be removed. It has barbed wire, they can't do that.

The three-limit time limit was reached.

***DISCUSSION/ACTION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL- COUNTY TENTATIVE FY2023 RTC BUDGET:** - Bill presented the counties numbers for FY23 (see attached). He explained all increases and decreases within the budget. Jim Alworth had some questions in regards to the RTC grader repair costs, sand, and oil costs. Bill and Martin Troutt explained why the increases were necessary.

Jim motioned to approve the county's tentative FY23 RTC budget. Richard Howe seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

***DISCUSSION/ACTION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL- COUNTY TENTATIVE FY2023 PUBLIC TRANSIT BUDGET:** - Bill presented the county's public transit budget for FY23 (see attached). Jim asked if the Ely Buss gets charged to use the red building as their dispatch center. Bill believed that there wasn't a fee, but he was not sure. Bill and Martin continued to explain all increases and decreases within the county's budget.

Richard made a motion to approve the county's tentative FY23 public transit budget. Jim seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

Jim Alworth motioned to adjourn the meeting. Richard Howe seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved 3-0.