
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission was held on July 31, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at the White Pine County Library.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Wayne Cameron, Chairman
Richard Howe, County Representative
Mary Kerner, City Representative

ALSO PRESENT:

BJ Almberg, Basin Engineering
Lindsey Jacobson, Recording Secretary
Mike Cracraft, City Public Works
Mike Sturgeon, City Street Department
Janette Trask, City of Ely
Martin Troutt, County Road Department
Janet VanCamp, County Commissioner
Kathy Workman, County Finance Director
Nathan Robertson, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: (PUBLIC)

George Chachas
Melody VanCamp

Wayne Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3-Minute Time Limit):** - Melody VanCamp, a resident of Murry Street, voiced her displeasure with the complication that Murry Street phase two had left. Melody told the board that two years ago JCR had ripped out her curb, gutter, and access to her driveway. In December of that year, they had put back somewhat of a curb. Melody was told by a professional contractor/cement person that they were not sure what kind of curb was installed. Over the last two years, Melody has put gravel, wood, etc. to try and give herself access to her driveway. Melody would like to know if there is enough money in the retention fund for them to fix her access and several other residents' accesses, including a wheelchair-bound resident. Melody told the board that she would not put her funds into the fixing of her access if there were no funds in the retention fund. Wayne Cameron told Melody to stick around since item number 4 might answer her question.

George presented before the board that he has asked numerous times for parking permits on his property on 710 Avenue G and still has not received anything from the City or State. George told the board that he

had put in a request with the Mayor and City Council, dated November 4th, 2021, and still has not heard anything back. George stated that he is concerned that others are being allowed to park every which way, Wayne Cameron told George that the parking has nothing to do with the RTC, to which George said it's your engineers and your inspectors that are in charge of what goes on with the city streets. George also said that includes the state, George said that when he asks the state they say the same thing. Wayne Cameron said that the City of Ely controls that not the RTC, to which George said, you are giving them money so that means it falls on your shoulders. George tells Wayne not to look at the mayor for answers because he doesn't know what he is doing anyway. George asked the board to tell him who inspects state NDOT, City of Ely, and the County's projects, George said he has asked several times with no answers, George said that if they didn't know the answer to just send him a letter. George said he was left with a 1' drop on his property on 710 Avenue G. George said that the sewer connections on his property on the 700 block of Aultman need to be put in front of the lot and not in his neighbors' lot. George said that there is a city code and that it needs to be followed. George also told the board that when they did the chipping job on Avenue D there needed to be curb and gutter added. George said that with the new construction over between 14th and 15th Street, there is no ADA access and it needs to be addressed. George also brought up his concern about the drainage that runs under the railroad tracks by Orson Avenue and that it needs to be redesigned, George said that it is far too small to handle the amount of water that flows through it because of all of the erosion that is happening around it. George also asked about what happened to the culvert that was supposed to be installed on the corner of Avenue C and 7th Street East.

There was no other public comment.

***FINANCE DISCUSSION- UPDATE ON RTC BUDGET/FINANCIAL DISCUSSION-** Lindsey Jacobson told the board that some funds were moved due to the board agreeing to a number that was not in the budget for Reck Brothers doing the Murry Street Phase III. Lindsey said that Reck Brothers will need to be paid so they moved \$163,000.00 from City Road Expenditures to help with that. Kathy Workman explained that during the 5.9.23 meeting, the numbers that were explained by BJ were correct but for FY23, not FY24. Kathy explained that once the numbers are audited around December, they can see what funds were not used and can be used to augment the budget. Mary Kerner asked the board if they had the funds to move from last year, Janette Trask told her that she believes there was money left over from last year. A discussion followed between board members, Janette Trask explained that the money from a previous fiscal year does not roll over and assured the board, that going forward, if a project crosses a fiscal year, to make sure that the appropriate funds are in the corresponding fiscal year.

Kathy wanted to discuss with the board about moving funds for about \$300,000.00 from County Road Expenditures to City Road Expenditures once the proper bids are done and they have numbers. Martin Troutt mentioned that if they are going to take funds out of the County Road Expenditures for the City Road Expenditures he requests that Clark St., the county section of Campton, and the county section of Court House Canyon, also get crack sealed within the amount agreed upon when a bid is in.

Mike Sturgeon and BJ Almberg explained to the board that to meet the fall deadline they need to get the slurry project rolling by putting together numbers and yardage for the biddings.

Richard Howe told the board that the City/County agreement only has about a month left of the County supplying the City with operators and equipment and that from September 1st until the end of the season the City would do the same for the County. Janette, Mike Cracraft, and BJ all told Richard that the slurry project would be done via contractors and not through County/City employees.

Martin Troutt and Mike Cracraft told Richard Howe that the County and City are working well together to get projects done. The board continued to talk about the slurry project and what is to follow when placing the bids.

***DISCUSSION- UPDATE ON MURRY STREET PROJECT PUNCH LIST:** - BJ explained to the board that Basin Engineering had done a walk around Murry Street Phase II for the year warranty and created a punch list of items that the contractor, JCR, needs to do. JCR gave Basin Engineering a schedule of times that they can fix what is on the punch list. BJ said the list of scheduled time is around mid-August.

Martin Troutt asked BJ if the punch list would cover what Melody VanCamp had brought up in the public comment. BJ said that it is not necessarily on the punch list, the punch list items are where the concrete is failing. BJ said that the concrete is most likely failing due to the contractor trying to pour in too cold of concrete. BJ explained that his office, and Mike Cracraft, walked the project to create the punch list.

Wayne Cameron asked how much money is left in the retention funds, to which BJ said there is no retention fund, they're going back to doing their bonds. Wayne then asked what that meant for Melody's concern. BJ responded that there wasn't any budget to address the issue at hand. BJ mentioned that he had looked at the pictures provided by Melody and he thinks the difference between her access before and her access now is there were plenty of overlays with about a 3-4 inch drop whereas now she has a 6-inch rolled curb. BJ told the board that he is not sure what the options are since the RTC doesn't have the funding unless they can find other types of funding to cover the costs. Wayne Cameron said that Melody is not the only resident who is concerned and wondering what is going on. Melody told the board that nobody was watching the project while it was being done. Mary Kerner asked for clarification that the driveways were not a part of the punch list, to which BJ said yes since they are just rolled curbs just like you see everywhere else around town.

Melody told the board to go and drive up her access and that it was not a standard rolled curb. Wayne Cameron asked the mayor, Nathan Robertson his opinion, to which Nathan said he would encourage someone to go look at the profile of the plans because there is usually a design in Basin Engineering's detail, he would agree with Melody because he doesn't think it matches the forms that were in the usual standard.

Mary Kerner said that if this is a reoccurring issue, what can they do to fix it? Mike Cracraft suggested that maybe they can put a cost together and see how much it would be to fix the access issues for all affected. More ideas were talked about on how to fix the access. Mary then said that in her line of work, when they do a project, the project must be as good or better. Mary then asked Melody if she thought her curb was as good or better, to which Melody replied no. Mary then asked if the contractors were at all held responsible for that. Nathan Robertson told the board again that they should seriously look at the details and make sure that the curb installed meets the details as was designed. More talk back and forth was discussed about the access.

***DISCUSSION- UPDATES FROM THE CITY:** - Mike Sturgeon updated the board on a few things they have dura patched and cold mix. Mike also talked about the scrub seal demo that they had done on 12th and 13th Street. Mike Sturgeon explained to the board the process of how the scrub seal works.

***DISCUSSION- UPDATES FROM THE COUNTY:** - Martin Troutt updated the board on them finishing up chipping jobs in August, moving on to fog seals in September, continuing to do soil stabilization out in cross timbers, and installing about \$26,000.00 worth of culverts in the cross timbers area as well. Wayne Cameron told Martin about an area in Ruth (WP44) that needs some attention. Martin said he would look at shouldering the road. Richard Howe asked Martin about mowing, to which Martin replied that they have started mowing and they will continue to mow as they can.

***DISCUSSION- UPDATES FROM BOARD MEMBERS:** - Richard Howe thanked the city for their hard work on trying to rebuild the roads after the winter.

***APPROVAL OF RTC MINUTES (5.17.23)** – There were no corrections needed.

Richard Howe motioned to approve the minutes, Wayne Cameron seconded the Motion. Mary Kerner abstained from the motion. The motion was approved 2-1

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3-Minute Time Limit):-** George Chachas wanted to reiterate that he feels for Melody because the job was horrendous. George mentioned that when Q&D poured concrete for his property they left a 12' drop. George said that when they fixed it they paved up to the utility box and that they had to redo the job they just did a month earlier. George said that the City and State need a new inspector. George also mentioned his concern with the parking that is happening on Great Basin. George also said that he is not receiving minutes and agendas.

Richard Howe motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary Kerner seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.