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Chairperson Peterson answered in the affirmative. He explained that there are many unknowns at this point, but the structure they have devised with the billing “buckets” should provide a reliable view of the hours needed by the end of fiscal year 2022. He then reminded attendees that the contract amount is “not to exceed” and explained that if expenses were to run heavy on the front end of the contract, the Commission would have the ability to amend and increase the contract amount in the future if needed. He stated that he is comfortable with the contract as presented.

Vice Chair Mitchell reiterated his support of the contract.

Chairperson Peterson asked if any Commissioners had questions for Mrs. Bolton. Treasurer Dotson asked Mrs. Bolton about communication, stating concern that there was some confusion from outside entities about proper contact information. Chairperson Peterson stated that those issues would be addressed very soon.

Mrs. Bolton stated that she was excited to be on board and eager to get started. She stated that she already has meetings scheduled with Commissioners and Rail Events and is looking forward to getting started right away.

Chairperson Peterson opened the floor for any further questions. There being none, he requested a motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Hicks moved to award contract No. FY21-C004 to Atypical Consulting and Events. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Dotson and carried 5-0-0.

9. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

MONTHLY NON-ACTION ITEMS:

A. ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mike Rowe noted that the agenda did not include an approval of the agenda and suggested such be added to future agendas. He also stated that at the previous meeting, it was recommended to include a Discussion Only sub-item for an Engineer’s Report; however, such is not included on this agenda.

Chairperson Peterson stated that the Engineer’s Report was initially included on this agenda; however, Ken Door asked to remove it and instead add the item to the June agenda. Regarding the agenda item to approve the agenda, Chairperson Peterson stated that the Commission follows the example of Carson City with Agenda Management in lieu of such an agenda item; however, he stated that the item could be added to future agendas if Mr. Rowe believed it was necessary.

Chairperson Peterson asked Mr. Rowe if he had any recent communication regarding the Draco property. Mr. Rowe answered in the negative. Chairperson Peterson requested that Mr. Rowe follow up with the title company so that it could be determined whether the property would be

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part of the fiscal year 2021 budget. Mr. Rowe stated that, in his most recent communication, the funds had been deposited into the title company's trust account and the contract was referred to their legal department. He committed to following up on the matter.

Vice Chair Mitchell added that he also had not had recent communication with the title company but would work with Mr. Rowe to seek a resolution.

B. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chairperson Peterson read the following into the record:

- **V&T Railway Commission: Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM STAFF

Chairperson Peterson opened the floor for Commissioner comments, announcements and requests for information from staff. Commissioner Wells referred to two emails sent in early April. The first email was from Mr. Dorr regarding storm water/sanitary sewage permits, and Commissioner Wells requested that the Administrative Manager ensure the necessary reports relating to these permits were submitted. The second email included a suggestion from Mr. Rowe that an amendment be added to the Railbikes contract requiring a monthly ridership report. Commissioner Wells asked if such an amendment would be forthcoming.

Chairperson Peterson stated that there is a report forthcoming detailing April ridership and revenue but a contract amendment had not been requested. Commissioner Wells asked that the amendment be pursued.

Mr. Dorr noted that Railbikes had provided ridership information to him the previous day and felt that the reports received were sufficient for this month. However, he agreed that a contract amendment would be helpful. He added that he intended to work with Atypical regarding NDEP permits and would provide Mrs. Bolton with the information needed to move forward with these permits. Mr. Dorr, attending the meeting remotely, also apologized for not attending the meeting in person.

Chairperson Peterson committed to sending the April ridership reports to the Commission and to working on a contract amendment requiring monthly reports on ridership and revenue.

Mr. Dorr stated that Railbikes is already planning to provide that information. He also noted that he would review FRA reports with Mrs. Bolton.

Chairperson Peterson opened the floor once again, and Commissioner Hicks stated that she spoke with Public Works regarding issues with landfill trash. She shared that Public Works committed to clean up the area and look into the issue of the trash blowing over the fence and onto V&T property. They are glad to assist. She also extended her thanks to Mr. Dorr and Gabe Willaman for providing a high rail tour for herself and Chairperson Peterson. She noted that she

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has a better understanding of track maintenance and railway operations as a result. Chairperson Peterson agreed.

Commissioner Wells stated that he also took part in a high rail tour with Mr. Willaman and extended his thanks as well. He also reminded the Commission of the need to update the ethics and conflict of interest policy.

Chairperson Peterson agreed and noted that the policy will be on the June meeting agenda and that Mr. Rowe was working on a new policy draft. Chairperson Peterson also stated that the online ticketing for Railbikes was now operational and that there is a high interest from the public regarding Railbikes, train operations and The Polar Express.

Treasurer Denton agreed that there is pent up demand for train operations but that there exists questions and confusion among the general public. He suggested setting up a call center/routing center to assist with this issue. Chairperson Peterson and Mr. Dorr agreed.

Vice Chair Mitchell asked if the Budget Hearing had taken place at 1:00 p.m. Chairperson Peterson responded in the affirmative and noted that the Hearing concluded at 1:05 p.m.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Peterson entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

11. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN

MOTION: Treasurer Dotson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wells and carried 5-0-0.

Chairperson Peterson adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.