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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:03PM

### II. ROLL CALL

Present: Pat Jennings *Vice Chair*  
 Joan Dewey  
 Jennifer Dobson  
 Naim Shabani

Absent: Sharon Sigmon *Council Representative*  
Excused absent: Johnny Furlong *Chair*

Ex-Officio Present: George Young *Fire Chief*  
 Andre Achee *Police Lieutenant*  
 KaJena Baty *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

*No one present to be heard.*

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED:</b>	Dobson	Motion to approve the agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Dewey	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED:</b>	Dewey	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2014.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Dobson	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

## VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

George Young *Fire Chief*- Believes alcohol abuse has declined, cab drivers are not making as much money, heard Camai was slow this year. When the town went from damp to open there was a lot of worry that things would sky rocket, but an Ace employee said it was really only busy during the first week then tapered off. Suspects' kids today may be smoking pot instead of drinking. Is for the ballot initiative to decriminalize it. Has never seen a violent crime result from smoking pot in 32 years of ambulance calls. Bethel Winter House has really served a real need.

Andre Achee *Police Lieutenant*- Business as usual. Stats were done after we went from damp to wet status, initially there was a spike in the first month (October) but there would have been anyway due to PFDs, as it does every year. Our CSP program and the Sobering Center frees up the ER and State Jail for more violent offenders. A Chauffeur had driven through Standard Oil Rd to Pacifica cut directly across the road and T-boned another car. Will be suspended under the authority of the Transportation Inspector and we will look to revoke. Will also be charged for Reckless Driving which is a criminal offense. The Police Department still has many vacancies, 2 vacant CSPs, 2 vacant Dispatch positions, 2 sergeant vacancies, and 1 Chief of Police vacancy. Dispatch is doing a phenomenal job covering four shifts with three people.

## VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

KaJena Baty- Alaska Cab Co. did all of their inspections for the month of March they have 13 cab permits that they dispatch for. There were 4 vehicle transfers, 3 permit renewals, 2 chauffeurs switched between companies, and 3 chauffeurs renewed their permits. *See Transportation Inspector's Report for complaints.* A Kusko Cab driver had their permit stolen out of their vehicle.

## VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Sigmon- *Not present to be heard.*

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*No Items*

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Consideration of A Summer Recess.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Shabani	Motion to recess for the summer months of June, July, and August.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Dewey	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

### B. Revocation of Chauffeur Permits.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Dobson	Motion to postpone the topic of revocation of chauffeur permits until the next regular meeting.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Dewey	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**I. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Joan Dewey- Prayers to the family of Bing Santamour. The month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. They just had the Choose Respect march, there was a good turnout. In the past springtime and December were the two highest times of Sexual Assaults.

Naim Shabani- Looks forward to working with everyone and doing good things for the city.

Jennifer Dobson- Would like to thank everyone at the Police Department who has been working long hours. Noticed the packets were emailed at an ungodly hour of the night.

Pat Jennings- Thanks everyone for coming, was surprised at the sudden death of Bing has known her for many years.

Andre Achee- At the last council meeting a new ordinance was put into effect, no cell phones for cab drivers. Wanted to know if there was any negative feedback from the cab drivers. The mural in the entry was done by the Bethel High School Art Department, they did a fantastic job we really appreciate it.

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Dobson	Motion to adjourn.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Dewey	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

APPROVED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF September, 2014.

  
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 KaJena Baty, Recorder

  
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 Johnny Furlong, Chair  
 For Johnny Furlong,