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## **ECEDA will discuss railport**

ELKO — The Northeastern Nevada Regional Railport is expected to have a \$21.5 million impact to Elko County by the end of the year, according to a study conducted by the University of Nevada, Reno.

Elko County Commissioners will hear a non-action presentation Wednesday from the Elko County Economic Diversification Authority about the “2010 Economic Impact Analysis,” conducted by UNR’s Center for Regional Studies.

Pam Borda, executive director for ECEDA, said Monday the study was requested by ECEDA and paid for by the Nevada Commission on Economic Development.

“It’s an overwhelmingly positive document,” she said. “Commissioners should be applauded for doing the railport.”

The objective of the study is “to provide a more thorough understanding of the total economic value that the NNRR project returns to Elko County,” according to the executive summary of the report.

The railport will have an impact on 305 jobs in Elko County, 60 of which are permanent, according to the report.

Construction on the railport and industrial park began in 2008.

SAS Global, Pacific Steel and Recycling, Liebherr and Savage Services are currently operating at the railport site, according to the report.

Between 2002 and 2009, the number of businesses in Elko County increased about 26.5 percent. The report also breaks down employment by industry in 2009 compared to 2002.

The county commission meeting begins at 10 a.m. in suite 102 of the Nannini Administration Building, 540 Court St.

During their meeting, commissioners will also:

- Hear a presentation on a housing and commercial development north of Interstate 80 and potential impacts to State Highway 776, including a letter of support to the Nevada Department of Transportation for a highway improvement grant application.



- Consider participating in the cost to update ECEDA's collateral information used to market Elko County to businesses.
- Hear a presentation from the Nevada Department of Agriculture on noxious weeds and county programs.
- Consider a resolution to assign the fund balance of the Lander-Eureka Library contracts to a specified purpose.
- Consider several issues under the Board of Highway Commissioners agenda item, including a proposal to complete maintenance work on Harrison Pass Road and purchase equipment for the highway department.
- Consider amending the liquor license for Khoury's Market to include the new facility of Khoury's Fresh Market. Commissioners will also consider a liquor license application for Troy Lionel Wadsworth from the Cowboy Bar in Montello.
- Hear a presentation from the Bureau of Land Management on the Jarbidge Draft Resource Management Plan environmental impact statement.
- Consider an invitation to be a cooperating agency or provide comments for the Gateway West Transmission Line Project.
- Discuss and possibly approve a commission statement regarding capital projects.
- Discuss issues related to the upcoming 2011 Nevada legislative session and consider renewing the county's professional services lobby contract with Public Policy Innovations LLC.
- Consider approving an interlocal contract for fire district management services between Elko County and the Nevada Division of Forestry.
- Hear reports on the Nevada Cattlemen's Association on the anticipated conversion of the Spruce Allotment to a proposed wild horse sanctuary and the association's comments on the China Mountain Wind Project Sage Grouse Conservation Plan.
- Conduct a public hearing at 3:30 p.m. for the 2011 Community Development Block Grant program.
- Conduct a parcel map appeal hearing at 4 p.m. as requested by Jill Oswald and Mike Gerber.