

Churchill County
Agenda Report

Date Submitted: January 8, 2008

Agenda Date Requested: January 16th
Time Requested: 2 minutes

To: Board of Churchill County Commissioners
From: Alan Kalt, County Comptroller

Subject Title: Consideration and Possible Action re: Grant request from the Fallon Convention & Tourism Authority to support Octane Fest June 10-15, 2008.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify)

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement? () Yes (X) No

Recommended Board Action:

A motion to approve/deny the request for a \$5,000 grant to support Octane Fest in Fallon on June 10-15th, 2008. **OR** A motion to approve a payment of \$7,500 to the City of Fallon to support various Centennial Anniversary celebrations throughout the year. The use of the funds to be determined by the City of Fallon.

Discussion:

As the attached letter indicates the City of Fallon is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary in 2008 and have added several new events to showcase the community. One of the more ambitious is called Octane Fest, a week of events celebrating the history of motor sports in the valley and area resources such as Top Gun Raceway, Rattlesnake Raceway and Sand Mountain. They are seeking a \$5,000 grant to assist in promoting the event.


Historically, the County has supported activities at Top Gun Raceway and Sand Mountain. This support has included financing race track improvements for Top Gun and being the granting agency for Q1 projects at Sand Mountain.

While this appears to be an outstanding event that will showcase our community and support the local economy, it would be difficult to provide financial support given our current budget situation. The County is experiencing a significant shortfall in CTX revenues and has adopted a budget mitigation plan to reduce expenditures in the current year and holding the line for future years. The County could consider giving some in-kind match or support to assist in making the event successful in our community.

The City of Fallon will be celebrating its Centennial Anniversary in 2008. The County may want to consider giving a lump-sum donation to support various programs as determined by the City of Fallon. This payment could be from the greater than anticipated Geothermal Resources collected in the current year. The payment would be made to the City and they would use it as deemed appropriate.

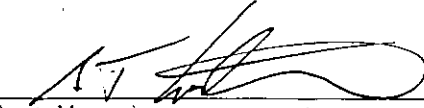
Financial Impacts:

The requested financial support is \$5,000. Limited monies have been budgeted for Community Support. This was not anticipated in the current year budget approved by the board. If this request is approved by the Commission, this would significantly limit the amount of other community support grants. The board may want to consider this request in the upcoming budget as it appears that this may become an annual event.

Prepared By: Alan Kalt 

Date: January 8, 2008

Concurrences:



(County Manager)

Date: January 4, 2008



(Comptroller)

Date: 1/4/08

(Civil Deputy District Attorney)

Date: _____

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

Aye/Nay

2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)



January 2, 2008

Mr. Alan Kalt
Churchill County Comptroller
155 N. Taylor
Fallon, NV 89406

RE: **Grant request for Octane Fest: \$5,000**

Dear Alan:

The City of Fallon is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary in 2008 and several new events are being planned. One of the more ambitious is called **Octane Fest**, a week of events celebrating the history of motor sports in the valley and area resources such as Top Gun Raceway, Rattlesnake Raceway, and Sand Mountain. It is for this event that the Fallon Convention & Tourism Authority is seeking a \$5,000 grant from the county.

The event will feature several county venues including Sand Mountain. It was the leadership the county took in creating a viable Sand Mountain management plan that has the BLM giving favorable consideration for a "King of the Hill" event at the mountain to be included in Octane Fest. This will truly be a community-wide event. And, Octane Fest will be an annual event that may grow to be a mainstay in northern Nevada.

Please let me know if you require more than this letter to consider this grant request. It is our sincere hope that the citizens of Fallon and Churchill County appreciate the effort to produce events that will have a positive impact on the local economy and improve the area's quality of life by giving residents and visitors alike great activities to enjoy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Gray".

Richard Gray
Executive Director