The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Lander County Courthouse/Administrative Building in Battle Mountain, Nevada, 50 State Route 305, on December 17, 2015, at 8:59 a.m. Transcript produced by Tiffany Elkington, C.C.R., #930.

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THEODORE HERRERA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
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BECKY JOHNSON, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of five commissioners.

Let the record reflect the presence of Austin via telephone conference.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I'd like to call the December 17th, 2015, meeting of the Lander County Commissioners, Town Board of Battle Mountain, Austin Board of Highway Commissioners to order.

And I'd like to welcome everybody to our new commissioners' chambers. And thank you for coming.

Now let's go to the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's have a moment of silence, please.

(Moment of silence)

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go to the cham- -- or commissioners' reports on meetings, conferences, and seminars attended.

Art, we'll start with you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We canceled the public lands committee meeting due to weather. So I don't have anything to report.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We had two rec center meetings. Doug was there. They'll be here today, though. They're on our agenda to present everything to us before we go out to GMP.

We had a couple district court meetings. They went very well. We'll be discussing budgets and budget time. And that's about all I had.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. Well, we've had a couple of hospital board meetings. For our search for a CEO, we've narrow- -- narrowed it down to three candidates. And in mid-January, we'll be doing in-person interviews and making a decision after that.

We did get a report back from Steve Boline. He's been doing an analysis of the hospital's financial situation and some other things. And we got the report back from him, which is really good. It gives us a much better understanding of what's going on over there and gives good direction for where we need to -- to fix a bunch of things.

We've completed three of the doctor contracts, which has been an ongoing problem. We have several more to do, but we -- we're making progress on that.

The fin- -- or our finance department, a couple of the departments have moved out of the trailers behind the hospital. And they're now situated in the John Peters Building. So that has been completed. That was really good.

And then the hospital has been working with the sheriff's office on some security issues. And the sheriff's office has been making recommendations on some things we can do to improve our security at the hospital.

Also attended a Humboldt River Basin Water Authority meeting on November 20th. And a bunch of things discussed there, but probably nothing to report here.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's cool.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And that's it.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. On November 20th, I did have a NACO meeting.

There's a couple of things that I did want to bring up and share with you. One is their series of NACO workshops, which are put on by our -- our group of emeritus.

And the first one they had actually was last week. And it was to discuss national issues that affect the counties.

And it's going to be four series of different things that they're handling, finance and such.

We actually got to talk to our legislative people in NACO in Washington, D.C. And they've been on top a lot of it.

Unfortunately, we did lose the U.S. waterways. And that -- that became rule. But they're still working on the appeal with that. And they do a lot of lobbying on that part.

The PILT, Payment in Lieu of Taxes, will be released for the end of this year.

And they're doing a proposal regarding our information, which is kind of a general information on the University of Nevada-Reno, College of Agriculture, and Biotechnology, and National Resources, and Cooperative Extension, and their agricultural experiment station. And that's been ongoing for some time. So that -- they're still trying to put that back now after the hiatus for two years.

We also have AB 191, which is coming out. And NACO is going to be helping us with that.

That's the ballot question that we need to put on for the 2016, which authorizes the county board of commissioners to impose a tax for certain motor vehicle fuels. And so that question will be on the ballot. And they will be assisting us on -- on how we're going to put it on and the terminology and such.

On December 11th, we had a Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting in Fallon. And that was excellent. That was attended by our state engineer, Jason King.

And the biggest thing there is the critical management area that was designated around Diamond Valley and Eureka. And I had reported at one of our meetings that that was apparently the first one that they had actually done in the state of Nevada. But they were real close to doing that in Pahrump. But Pahrump is doing a ground water -- ground water management plan. And

that's kind of where all the groups come together to work out something that they can all live with.

In Eureka, they said they tried to do that and many of the ranchers and farmers were saying, "We understand. We'll cut so much." And then a couple of them were saying, "No, we don't intend to cut back our water at all."

Well, you can't make somebody do that. And so the plan wasn't going very well. And so when they declared it a -- a critical area designation, that puts a little bit of teeth into it. And they do have to work around that.

So because it was declared that, now they are ongoing with their -- their ground water management plan.

And they also gave us some copies of several different areas that had finished their ground water management plan, mostly around the Reno, Truckee Valley area, and such. And they're all highlighting on their plan how they're going to come back on the Humboldt and the other places to get their water. And it just isn't -- isn't to be.

We've all got some problems. There's no question.

But it's interesting. When you write the plan, at least you have something go by. So everybody needs to get that one in.

And we monitor right now, under the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority, 51 domestic wells. And those are showing, interestingly enough, like, a foot lower or sometimes a couple of feet lower. But the statewide, our engineer is saying, that's pretty average. And he's not concerned. But when they come back and look at ones that have dropped 20 feet, we've got some real problems. We didn't have any that we were monitoring that are in that area. And of course, we're just talking our -- our central and northern area on that.

Yesterday, we did have a Kingston meeting, the Kingston Town Board. And they've -- they're still working on their water management plan.

They're making some plans around El Niño too. Because the last time we did have one of those, we did have some flood water come down through the valley. So they're on top of that. And they have a big -- a big firefighters' Santa day that's coming up this Sunday in Kingston for the children.

And they're also starting on their budget.

So good news all around.

And may I take the opportunity to say a special happy holidays and Merry Christmas to all of you. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Merry Christmas, Patsy.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I had a convention and tourism meeting. And the one main -- well, we had Cookhouse Museum request a grant or aid for a grant because they would like to build a building out there that is exactly the same as the old original depot here in Battle Mountain. And they want to put it out there for use for -- to use for meetings and stuff like that. But it would be exactly the same, but it'd be a new structure.

And then also we had Jay Fisher who's working on our water right extensions for the three wells out by the baseball fields and the golf course. Because even though they use them for the golf course, they are in the convention and tourism name for the --

Their -- their name. So we -- we don't know if the county's up -- keeping up on those water rights or how it is. But we want to make sure it's covered so that we get back --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, the county's always kept up on them.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah, but we don't know if -- because now that you've got to put meters on them and monitor it, we want to make sure that it's taken care of.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They have meters on them.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do they?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They always have. It's just county equipment.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And then I had a -- a LEPC meeting. And they discussed their drill that they had. There was a joint, multi-agent drill -- drill out. And David Wall from BLM was the one that oversaw it all.

And then I received a letter from the office of the county manager at Pahrump, Nevada. And it just stated that in the next few months Congressman John Shimkus, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy plans to hold a hearing to build his case for a bill to advance the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository.

Nye County will be invited to offer brief oral testimony

but will also be permitted to submit a longer written statement, as will the State of Nevada.

In March of 2011, your board adopted Resolution 2011-5 supporting completion of the NRC's review of the Yucca Mountain license application. Several other Nevada counties adopted similar resolutions.

Nye County intends to reference these supporting resolutions in our oral and written testimony before Congress and wanted to notify you of our intent to do so.

We are sincerely appreciative of your support and encouragement we have received from Lander County on this and other issues.

Please don't hesitate to call us if there is anything we can do to return your kindness.

Pam Webster, Nye County Manager.

And that's all I have.

And I'd also like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Merry Christmas.

STAFF REPORTS

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Now we go to staff reports on meetings, conferences, and seminars attended.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Good morning.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Nan and I did have a meeting with Newmont to go over the taxation for next year and in the future. We'll be reporting on that in a little more detail in the future with budgets and so forth.

We had a meeting with Ken Brown regarding the -- our RS 2477 roads. We received a lot of good information on RS 2477 roads. And we'll be looking at some -- some things in the future on it -- on the roads as well.

We did have a meeting yesterday to discuss the buildings, the vacated buildings and the furniture. We'll be bringing a list to the commission -- I'll be bringing a list to the commission in January to discuss furniture and so forth.

I met yesterday, briefly, with our AWOS contractor, which is

our automated weather service. That contract's coming due. Myself and Commissioner Mills have a conference call with her this afternoon to discuss the future of AWOS for our airport.

And then -- and then the move that everybody was consumed with.

So that's -- everybody's well aware of.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Everyone survived.

KEITH WESTENGARD: So far.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: There's one thing I -- I want to mention about the meeting with Ken Brown. I attended it also.

And there was something really significant to me during this meeting that was mentioned and that's that even if the BLM builds a road and you have ten consecutive years of use and you can prove that, that road cannot be shut down.

And we have a road off of Mill Creek, North Fork Road, that's been shut down for a long time.

So I want to, next year, dig into this situation and try to get North Fork reopened.

Because not only did they shut it down, but they altered the flow of the water. So I think there's two things that we can look at there and move forward to get that open again because figure we can prove 70 years of consistent use.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Now we'll go to public comment for non-agendized items only. Is there any public comment?

BEVERLY LASSITER: These chairs are heavy.

Hi, I'm Beverly Lassiter with JOIN. And we are a work force development agency serving northern Nevada, including Lander County.

And -- and we're starting a new program this year. And I just handed out some flyers about that. And I wanted to just give you a brief announcement about that program.

The program is called Work Force 60. It's for young adults ages 18 to 24. They must be residents of the -- of one of the northern Nevada rural counties to participate.

And what we're doing is providing car- -- paying for career training, identifying any obstacles they may have to -- to attending that kind of training, and helping them find ways to address those obstacles, in some cases paying for supportive services for them as well. And then the real cherry to this is after they finish their training, we're able to provide up to 12 weeks of subsidized wages for them in their new jobs.

So it's a great double win for, I think, any county who has young adults. I believe Lander County has about -- we're estimating between 400 and 500 young adults in this age range.

We hope all of them are employed and don't need this program. But for those who aren't, we could really use some help identifying them and getting them the help that they need in order to -- to be a great part of your community.

So I -- I have lef- -- left you with my business card and two flyers.

The second part of this flyer is -- or the second part of this program is also a great boon for, I think, local businesses.

So anyone who is hiring someone and may be an entry level kind of position, 18 to 24 years old, we can go straight into the subsidized employment if -- if -- for up to 12 weeks for that person.

So if you know of any businesses that are planning to do any hiring in your areas, that would be a great resource for them as well, if they're looking to hire someone who's probably going to be around that age range anyway.

They would need to co- -- to contact us, though, before they actually make that offer. So it's always good to just know a little bit about that.

I don't want to take up too much of your time today. I will tell you I'm here in town to -- to make contact with the library and also with the local high school for folks that maybe they may already know who are -- who are in this situation or may soon be in that situation.

And -- and we're looking forward to working with you guys.

So please, I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

And Commissioner Clark, I wanted to thank you for your service on the Nevada Works board. And -- and for your help with reviewing all those proposals. This is one of the

proposals you reviewed. So...

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

BEVERLY LASSITER: Thank you. And I -- you had mentioned you wanted to meet. I'm happy -- I'm around this morning all morning so I don't know if you have any availability, but I'd be happy to meet with you today.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right after the meeting I'll be more than willing to meet with you.

BEVERLY LASSITER: Perfect. Great. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Ms. Lassiter.

ANNA PENOLA: Anna Penola with the Building Department.

I just want to publicly thank everybody that has helped me keep this building clean until we get the janitors.

I've been given the task to oversee the janitors. We're interviewing tomorrow.

But everybody has stepped up, helped out, pitched in. And I just want to thank everybody. Thank you, guys.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks Anna.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Jim.

JUDGE SHIRLEY: Hey. Well, I just -- while I was here, I thought I'd stop in and update you a little bit on what's going on and what we're doing. And I want to, first of all, express appreciation to both Commissioner Bakker and Commissioner Clark.

We've had several meetings during the last few months and I appreciate their time and their effort, as well as your district attorney.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Judge? Would you identify yourself for the record for us?

JUDGE SHIRLEY: I'm sorry. Jim Shirley, for the record, district court judge.

And I'd also like to appreciate -- express appreciation for Nan. She's been very helpful in sitting down and talking about budgetary issues. We're through the first half year of the new Eleventh Judicial District. And it's been a -- it's been a fun ride, a little roller coastery, but it's been a good ride.

We appreciate all the support and we love the new courthouse. We've already had two days of hearings. So it's

been pretty unique to sit in that courtroom. It's almost intimidating at times because it's so big. But it's very nice.

We had our first hearing last -- first day of hearings last week. And we had a law in motion on Mon- -- on Tuesday.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Jim.

JUDGE SHIRLEY: Mr. Herrera came in and broke the courtroom in so that was good.

When we set the budget for the Sixth last year, we weren't planning on splitting like we did. And I appreciate the fact that you allowed me to take the 20 percent that you were contributing to the Sixth and use it for the Eleventh.

We're well within budget right now.

When I prepared a new budget for the -- for the Eleventh, I wasn't sure what the -- what the workload would be like for my staff and that type of thing. So I prepared a budget up that had a empty secretarial position that I would fill if need be.

My judicial assistant has been averaging over 80 hours a week. And she works weekends. She works nights.

So I've determined to fill that position. If you want to formally discuss that at some point as a board -- with me as -- at a board of county commissioners, I'm glad to come back and do that as a formal agenda item. But it -- it'll still be well within the budget. And we'll actually still have a savings because I didn't do it for the first six months.

I had hoped that during those six months that the workload would go down. But it's -- but it was increased when we divided and it stabilized at about 80 hours for her. So I'm going to do that.

I understand that budgets are tight everywhere. We're hoping that next year we get a better contribution from Mineral County, that we'll actually have some savings on our actual budget anyhow. So that's to be determined during the budget process.

If you have any other questions, I'm glad to answer those, but otherwise I -- I appreciate the opportunity to come before you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Jim.

JUDGE SHIRLEY: Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you, --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Jim. Merry Christmas, Jim.
JUDGE SHIRLEY: Merry Christmas to you.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Merry Christmas.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do we have any other public comment?

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's go on to consent agenda.

All matters listed under this consent agenda are considered routine and may -- may be acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners with one action without extensive discussion.

Any member of the board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon separately during this meeting.

Consent agenda materials are available at the Lander County Clerk's Office for viewing, and copies are available for a nominal charge.

The items are one, approval of the agenda notice, December 17th, 2015; two is November 19th, 2015, special meeting minutes; three is payment of the bill; and four is the payroll change request.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: No changes this time?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we approve the consent agenda.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All -- any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONERS

1) **Discussion for possible action regarding the 2014-2015 Audit Report presented to the commissioners by Drake Rose & Associates, LLC, Lander County's external auditors, and other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We'll go to Item Number 1. Discussion for possible action regarding the 2014-2015 Audit Report presented to the commissioners by Drake Rose and Associates, LLC, Lander County's external auditors, and other matters properly related thereto.

Good morning.

KIM PLUMMER: Good morning.

I'm Kim Plummer with Drake Rose and Associates.

I appreciate the opportunity to be here to discuss the audit results for fiscal year 2015.

I want to first extend our thanks to the personnel that assisted with the audit throughout the county.

We tend to start this process in May/June time frame. And we come out and get into the various departments and ask a bunch of questions. And everyone's very helpful in addressing all of our requests.

And also I want to give a big thanks to the Finance Department. Nan and her staff are very helpful in meeting all of our requests in everything that we ask for.

So two new items you're going to see are -- I guess one new item you're going see in your audit report are there were two new standards that were implemented this year.

And it's GASB 68 and 71. And both of those standards are related to pension liability and the -- those new standards offer information about what the county has promised to current and retired employees in the form of pensions.

So in your audit reporting package you should have received three items. There is a letter addressed to the board. And we'll go over that shortly. There is your audit report. And this contains both your financial and compliance audit. And then there's graphs that we've prepared.

So I'd like to start with your audit report. If you'll turn to the first page, behind the tab labeled "Financial Section,"

this is our report on your financial statements. And it's laid out in sections.

The first paragraph describes what we are opining on. The second paragraph describes management's responsibility. And basically they're your financial statements; therefore, you're responsible for them. The third paragraph describes our responsibility. And that is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. And an audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.

So the procedures we select depend upon materiality, auditor judgment, and a host of other factors that we consider to determine what's the most appropriate procedures for that particular area we're auditing. We cannot and we do not look at every transaction that took place throughout the year.

So based upon the procedures we performed, we believe that we obtained sufficient appropriate evidence to provide our opinion. And that's located on the top of the second page.

So Lander County did receive an unqualified or a clean opinion, which basically states the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

This next paragraph describes an emphasis and matter. And again, that's related to those two new accounting standards that were implemented for this year.

Other matters. This just describes other reporting require- -- other matters and other reporting required to be presented in your financial statements.

And then the last paragraph is other reporting required by government auditing standards. This is your Yellow Book report. It's related to compliance. It's in the back of the financial statement and we'll go over that here shortly.

So right behind our opinion, beginning on page 4-1, is management's discussion and analysis. This was written by Nan. And it's a very good synopsis of what's contained in the rest of your report.

So if you haven't already read this report, I encourage you to at least read this. It's only eight pages. It's not that bad. Not too bad.

So right behind management's discussion and analysis, on page 5, is your statement of net position. This is a snapshot of the

county as of 6/30/15. And it's broken down between governmental activities and business-type activities.

And your business-type activities are your proprietary funds, which is Water, Sewer, and Mount Lewis.

And new this year on this report, you're going to see three new line items, which are deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources. And under the liability section, there's a line item called "net pension liability."

So as of June 30th, the net pension liability for Lander County was $11.6 million. And even after bringing on that pension liability, your overall total net position still increased by approximately 4 million over prior year.

And that's very impressive. We've actually seen some entities end the year with a negative net position due to this new pension liability that they brought on. So very impressive.

And then I just want to point out that the deferred outflows and deferred inflows, that just related to timing differences in contributions, expenses between the PERS report and your report.

So if you'll skip over to pages 11 and 12, this is the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance.

And if anybody has any questions, please interrupt me and ask.

Sorry.

So this is the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance. This is for your governmental funds only. It does not include any proprietary funds or trust or agency funds.

So how this statement's shown is it shows your total inflows less your total outflows to get to your net change in fund balance.

Your total inflows were approximately 36 million. And you're up about 2 million over prior year.

Your total outflows were approximately 41 million. And that was up about 11 million over prior year. And it's mainly due to all the capital projects going on. You have a lot going on.

So overall, the net change in fund balance did decrease by about 5.6 million. But again, it's related to the capital projects.

So skipping ov- -- any questions on this statement? Okay.

Beginning on page 21 are the notes to the financial

statements. And the notes present useful information regarding the accounting policies the county follows, cash investments, capital assets, pension liabilities. A whole bunch of information is contained in here.

I do need to point out on page 31 is note 2. And that is compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes. And unfortunately, there is one budget violation that's cited here in this -- in the financial statements.

Any questions over the note?

Okay. So we have prepared some graphs of just selected financial data to make it a little bit easier to digest.

If you'll turn to Exhibit 1, this is the comparison of ending cash balances for the funds, except trust or agency funds.

And you can see that cash balances grew slightly in all of your funds except your Capital Projects Fund, where it actually decreased by about 7 million over prior year.

And then overall, the county was holding approximately 155 million in cash and investments as of June 30th.

And just want to emphasize the importance of monitoring those investment- -- investments and making sure you're adequately insured in your accounts.

Exhibit 2 is regulated by source for your General and Special Revenue Funds only. And your General and Special Revenue Funds are where the day-to-day operations take place.

So Special Revenue Funds include funds like Landfill, Road and Bridge, Town of Battle Mountain.

And your top three revenue sources are taxes, intergovernmental, and charges for services. Intergovernmental includes such items as PILT, consolidated taxes, fuel taxes, and grant revenues.

Overall, revenues were down approximately 1.5 million over prior year. And that was mainly due to less -- a little bit of less tax and grant revenues received.

Expenditure -- Exhibit 3 is expenditures by function for your General and Special Revenue Funds.

Your top two functions for expenditures continue to be general government and public safety.

Overall expenditures are down approximately 3 million over prior year. And that was mainly due to -- you had a grant to Austin in FY '14 of about 2 million in the prior year that didn't

take place in the current year. So overall down about 3 million over prior year.

Exhibit 4 is the comparison of revenues versus expenditures for your General and Special Revenue Fund. And as you can see, there's a slight decrease in revenues over prior year. And expenditures also decreased over prior year.

So your spending was approximately 16.3 million versus 19.6 and 18 million in the previous two years.

Exhibit 5 is the comparison of ending fund balance for General and Special Revenue Funds. And fund balance continues to grow. And it's grown by about 4 million per year over the previous two years.

So Lander County is still in a very healthy financial position.

Then the last graph is the comparison of revenues versus expenses for your proprietary funds. Again, that's Water, Sewer, and Mount Lewis.

And operating revenues were lower than operating expenses by about 300,000. Non-op- -- non-operating revenues were just down slightly over prior year. And your non-operating revenues include that quarter percent sales tax. That's what is mainly comprised of that.

So are there any questions on the graphs?

FRANK WHITMAN: Austin here. Hello. Austin down here.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Go ahead, Frank.

FRANK WHITMAN: We can barely hear you. I wonder if you can crank up the power on your mics or something. But we really have to lean in to -- to listen to anything. Can you help us out, please? Thank you.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Actually, you just have to speak very loud.

KIM PLUMMER: Speak very loud?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: That one's all the way up.

KIM PLUMMER: I will try. Okay.

So if there's no questions on the graphs, can --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Keith, move the microphone closer.

KIM PLUMMER: Can I just pull it or...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, go ahead.

KIM PLUMMER: Oh.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: It's wrapped around the table thing.
UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: You've got to pull it.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Pull it from there.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: You're having a hard time hearing as well?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Austin, they're trying to get the microphone a little bit closer. See if this helps a little bit at all.
KEITH WESTENGARD: That any better, Austin?
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Actually, they can't hear you as well, Kim.
KIM PLUMMER: Okay. I'm sorry. I will try to speak louder. Is that better, Austin?
FRANK WHITMAN: Very good. Thank you. Thank you very much.
KIM PLUMMER: Okay. So were there any questions over the graphs? Or something I haven't covered?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We're doing good so far.
KIM PLUMMER: Okay. Sounds good.
Then the last item you would have received in your audit reporting package is the letter addressed to the board.
This is required communication at the end of the audit.
You also should've received a letter at the beginning of the audit that was also required communication. And we'll briefly go over this letter.
So this one just kind of outlays how the audit went.
Under the heading labeled "Significant Audit Findings." This first paragraph right there describes the two new accounting standards that were implemented. And below that, describes the significant accounting estimates that are used by the county. Those include depreciation, which is based on estimated useful lives and also two other estimates used are post-employment benefits and net pension liability. And those are calculated by an actuary, but they are estimates.
On the second page, difficulties encountered in performing the audit. Extens- -- extensive efforts were required to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence, corrected and uncorrected misstatements.
There were no uncorrected misstatements; however, there was one significant corrected misstatement. And that was a journal

entr- -- journal entry for approximately $945,000. And that was related to property tax billings.

Disagreements with management. We're happy to report there were none.

Management representations. We do require certain representations from you in management. And we did receive that in the -- in a signed letter.

Management consultations with other accountants. As far as we know, there were none.

And then other audit findings and issues. This just covers other items that are in your financial statements.

Any questions on this letter?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Could you give us an idea on the time frame on that, like, when the ledger was improperly -- the 945,000, like, was it recent or a year --

KIM PLUMMER: It was --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- ago?

KIM PLUMMER: I believe it was property tax billings for the FY '14/'15 year. So whenever those went out.

When we were auditing property taxes is when we discovered the error. So it was property taxes for FY '14 and '15. And it's my understanding that '15/'16 also contained an error. But I believe that's been corrected.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

KIM PLUMMER: Okay. So if there's no questions on this letter, we can jump back over to your audit report.

And if you'll turn to the tab labeled compliance (indiscernible), this report on page 128 is the Yellow Book report I mentioned earlier. It's related to requirements by government auditing standards.

And there were two internal control findings sited in this report. Those are located on pages 136 and 137.

The first finding is what we term a material weakness. And a material weakness is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

So the material weakness was the property tax billings I just mentioned. And I want to point out that it's not that an error occurred. We're human. We all make mistakes. But it's that

there was no internal control process in place to catch it before it got here. So that's what the finding's related to.

Then the second finding is what we term a significant deficiency. And that's a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness yet important enough to merit attention. And that was just related to investments -- investment earnings and the inequitable distributions that was made to the funds.

So...

Any questions on this report?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Have we made corrections for those deficiencies?

KIM PLUMMER: Well, we have for FY '15. But we do encourage the county to adopt an investment policy as soon as possible to avoid any problems in the future.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's the treasurer, not Finance; right?

NAN ANCHO: Yes. Grace will be coming before you to adopt a policy when she has it ready.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Excellent.

KIM PLUMMER: On page 130, this is a report on compliance required by OMB --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm sorry. On what page number?

KIM PLUMMER: Oh, I'm sorry. 130.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: 130?

KIM PLUMMER: 130.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: One, three, zero.

KIM PLUMMER: One, three, zero. So this is your report on compliance related to OMB circular A-133. It's related to your federal awards.

We did have one major program that we tested and that was the US Department of Transportation Airport Improvement Program. And there were no finding or instances of noncompliance. So everything was good there.

And then the reporting behind the tab labeled "Auditors Comments" is compliance with state requirements. And there's special reporting related to management's assertions over fund balance and net position being reasonable and necessary. And there's also reporting on compliance for funds created under NRS, which is basically just your CCP Fund.

So any questions?

Then just to wrap up. At the end of the audit, we did have what we call an exit conference. And we met with Nan, Keith, Grace, Lura, and Sean. And we discussed a variety of issues related to the audit and some suggestions that the county may wish to implement for next year.

So some of the items we discussed included an independent review of the monthly bank reconciliation. And that's where Grace would prepare the bank rec and then provide it to Nan for review.

Also independent contractor services. And this is an area we're encouraging all of our entities to watch. So if you have an independent contractor, you want to make sure you have a contract in place, a workers' comp certificate if applicable. And you really want to watch this area due to the ramifications from the Affordable Care Act, payroll taxes, and PERS.

So a big area there.

And then new hor- -- new accounting standards on the horizon for fiscal year 2016, there is a new standard. It's GASB 72, and it's related to fair value measurements.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Fair value related to...

KIM PLUMMER: Fair value measurements, so investments -- I haven't dug too deeply into --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

KIM PLUMMER: -- it yet. But mainly, like, investments and then any items that are required to be measured at fair value.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a question.

KIM PLUMMER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's been maintained by a person that came in front of us requesting that we lower taxes in Lander County that we have in the bank, per resident of Lander County, $28,000, that we have between 150 and $160 million sitting in a bank account.

Do we?

KIM PLUMMER: Well, you would have to look at cash.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, I just -- I mean.

KIM PLUMMER: But you also have -- you also have --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do we have that much in savings? Or is that what we operate off?

KIM PLUMMER: Well, you have a hu- -- I believe you ended

at 6/30 with about 155 million. But you also have liabilities. And not all of that necessarily is just free money that's available.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you. That's what I wanted to --

KIM PLUMMER: Right.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- hear.

KIM PLUMMER: Right.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

KIM PLUMMER: So...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good deal.

KIM PLUMMER: Okay. Thank you. If there's --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

KIM PLUMMER: -- no --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

KIM PLUMMER: -- no questions, again, thank you for the opportunity to be here. I was very excited to see the new building. It's very nice.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

KIM PLUMMER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I will make a motion that we approve the fiscal year '15 audit -- 2014-2015 audit report presented by Drake Rose and Associates, LLC.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

2) **Discussion for possible action to appoint a replacement to fill vacancy for Lander County Hospital Board of Trustees member at-large Seat C; all applicants to include: a) James Richard Matheus, b) John Smith; and with no formal recommendations made by the Lander County Hospital District Board of Trustees, and other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go to Item 2. Discussion for possible action to appoint a replacement to fill vacancy for the Lander County Hospital Board of Trustees member at-large Seat C; All applicants to include James Richard Matheus and John Smith, and no formal recommendation made by the Lander County Hospital District Board of Trustees, and other matters properly related thereto.

KEITH WESTENGARD: These are the board vacancies within the hospital district. You should have the letters within your binders of interest by the two interested parties.

And...

Up for you to make a decision or appoint someone.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. I think probably we should hear from the applicants at least.

I believe they're both here.

So let's -- Mr. Matheus first. You're listed first on the agenda item.

JAMES MATHEUS: My name's James Matheus. James Richard Matheus. I go by Trapper.

I've applied for this position, and it came open on the hospital board.

Basically two reasons. One of them, I'm adept at correcting problems. I can look into data and see what problems occur, what happens. And I have an analytical mind. I can look at these things and make suggestions, put together plans, formulate things, like that.

Secondly is, I think that -- I'm a resident of Lander County, have been for a long time. I plan on being here until they probably put me in the ground. Consequently, medical care in the county is a must.

And I see a direction that the hospital may be going in that I don't think if we don't diversify some type of other income in this county that the hospital may not be here in the future for my needs and my family's needs and your needs.

And those are the two top reasons I put in for this position.

Any questions?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes, Mr. Matheus. Thank you. We always appreciate when citizens step up to help us on -- on our

boards and such.

Have you attended any of the hospital trustee meetings?

JAMES MATHEUS: Yes, I have.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And --

JAMES MATHEUS: I've sat in --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you're --

JAMES MATHEUS: -- on the last few. Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And --

JAMES MATHEUS: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and it's your opinion that after watching some of that that you could be an asset to that board?

JAMES MATHEUS: Definitely feel like I can be an asset to this thing.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And you said you've been here some time. How long have you been in Battle Mountain?

JAMES MATHEUS: I came to Battle Mountain in 1978.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, that's some --

JAMES MATHEUS: I left for a year --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- time.

JAMES MATHEUS: -- in '84. And I came back in '86, and I've been here ever since. I've raised three children here and presently have grandchildren going to school district here.

So I plan on staying. I'm not going anywhere in a hurry.

And it's just, I see -- I see a direction that all county government can go in.

And I've been involved in it upon the outside.

I'm also chairman of the Lander County board to direct wildlife, for the wildlife commission.

And I've ran for a commission position at one time also.

So I think that the hospital is a nonprofit organization. But you can't continue to run an operation when you are living off of revenues from taxes. And at $7 million in the hole every year is not an acceptable deal to continue to operate a medical facility.

There's plenty of nonprofit, zero balance hospitals in the United States that actually either end up with a zero balance or actually produce a profit.

Several Catholic hospitals are in the 7- to 8- to $10,000,000 a year range. Which they're large hospitals. I can understand that.

But there's absolutely no reason that a small hospital should be living in -- in this type of arrears.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Actually, they were in the black for many, many, many years.

JAMES MATHEUS: Yes, ma'am. They were. I agree with that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

JAMES MATHEUS: That's it?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, Trapper.

JAMES MATHEUS: Thank you.

JOHN SMITH: Hello. My name is John Smith.

I am a recent transplant to the whole state of Nevada.

I hale from Texas. I am the local pastor of First Baptist Church.

I put in for -- to be on the board of directors for the hospital for several reasons, several reasons.

One thing, I am a member of this community now. I've been here approximately -- a little over a year and a half.

And I come to the table with quite the résumé.

Although I have been pastor and executive pastor of very large churches with multi-, multimillion budgets. There are a couple of things that I've done that makes it kind of appealing to be on the board of directors.

First of all, I have a bachelor of science degree in nursing. I have run a hospital from a nursing administrative point of view. At one point, I had 725 to 750 nurses up under me.

I was also chairman of President Bush -- at time he was the governor of Texas -- his Medicaid/Medicare reform committee.

I have a certification called Black Belt in Six Sigma, which is a statistical analysis program to -- basically, what I did was go into companies and figure out what was the cause of moneys being gone and statistically analyze and fix the problem. The average project that I've completed over the years amounts to about $450,000 per project.

I've done stuff with national restaurant chains. I've done stuff for city governments, such as in Costa Rica in Puerto Limón, which is a province -- which is the capital of a province called Limón province.

Also in that, I have extensive training in team building.

I am also a part -- I'm very, I guess, fiscally responsible and fiscally aware. I am a part of a think tank that is rated with -- in the top three in the nation and in the top five in the world.

At my last meeting with this particular think tank, Pope -- the current pope -- sent his representative. I was in New Jersey while the pope was in New York City. And he sent his representative to tell us how -- a couple of his representatives -- to tell us how great our work was in that think tank. That think tank is called the Acton Institute, which is a phenomenal think tank about economic issues and how do you approach that from a Christian perspective and -- without violating the Constitution but promoting the idea of a free market society. I bring all of that the table.

I also bring to the -- to the table my commitment to people. I have been a pastor for over 20 years. I have pastored in very small towns, in very large cities. I've dealt with people of various faiths. I am a consensus builder, you know, very much so a community person.

Now I do admit that I am not from Battle Mountain. Sometimes that can be a detriment if you're not from a city. But sometimes it can also be an asset that you actually have a fresh set of eyes to look at a problem that may have existed or may have developed among people who may have had issues that have been unchecked and you can be a non-biased opinion.

Also, I have not attended any of the hospital board meetings. For one reason -- well, for a couple of reasons. First of all, I knew the tension that existed inside of the board meeting. And if I was going to be elected or appointed on this board, I did not want to come to this board with any previous prejudices concerning anybody on the board already or the issues. I didn't want to make any judgments before I am on the board if I end up being on the board.

There's a method for my madness. I want to be fresh eyes if I'm on the board. I don't want to be guided by what I'd previously seen or previously heard. As a matter of fact, I don't talk to anybody about the activities at the hospital because I don't want to know that kind of thing.

You know, I've had a relationship -- because he's a member of

my church -- with former C- -- administrator for the hospital, Phil Hanna. He and I do not discuss that kind of thing. I am his pastor. I am not his career adviser.

And I pastor a lot of people in this city. And I try my best to stay out of their work environment. It's kind of hard to pastor people when you're involved in every aspect of their life, you know.

My thing is I want to help people.

And I do have -- you know, as a pastor in the town, I do have a touch on the heartbeat, the pulse of a lot of people because of the fact of the nature of the business that I'm in. And I have to be able to help all people and speak to all issues. And that's one of the reasons why I applied for this position so that I can situate myself in a way that is not completely time-consuming, to help my community.

Are there any questions?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I have none. Thank you.

JOHN SMITH: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

May I just add we -- we appreciate both of you stepping up. And regardless of the decision today, we -- we encourage you to think about running for the position in the election when those vacancies do occur.

Thank you, both.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So, yeah, I'd just like to -- on what Patsy's saying that I believe you're both aware this is a temporary position to fill an elected position. So we're just filling for a short period of time until the next election occurs. And then the community as a whole can make this decision.

So I'd also like to say even though the agenda states that there was no formal recommendation by the Lander County Hospital District, I did talk with a couple of the board members at the hospital. And I received verbal recommendation that we go with Mr. Matheus on this appointment. So -- just so the board -- or the commission knows that.

So with that, I would -- I would make a proposal that we appoint Mr. James Richards Matheus to the position of the Lander County Hospital Board Seat C.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I will second that motion.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

JENNIFER O'KANE: Good morning. My name is Jennifer O'Kane.

First of all, I'd like to say this is a beautiful building.

Second of all, I am coming forth -- I went to the hospital board meeting and -- and announced that I would also like to be a candidate. I did not put a resume in. But I am here also as a candidate.

I feel that Mr. Matheus and Mr. Smith are great candidates. But I've been a part of this community for going on five years. I own businesses in this community. I do attend meetings in this community. I do research. I don't just trust what I hear.

And that's very important for the good old boy system for us to clean. And I use that because it has been. We have a great community. But we do need to have fresh eyes.

And I'm coming forth to you to -- to consider me for that position.

Thank you. Any questions?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Jennifer.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

JENNIFER O'KANE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We do have a motion on the floor, of course.

JENNIFER O'KANE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we'll see where that goes. We appreciate you volunteering.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And with that...

(Indiscernible) what I'll say.

We have a first and a second.

All in favor?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

3) **Discussion for possible action to appoint a replacement to fill vacancy for Lander county Hospital Board of Trustees member at-large Seat B; all applicants include: a) Lyle Farr; and with no formal recommendations made by the Lander County Hospital District Board of Trustees; and other matters properly relating thereto.**

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Number three. Discussion for possible action to appoint a replacement to fill vacancy for Lander County Hospital Board of Trustees member at-large Seat B; all applicants to include Lyle Farr; and with no formal recommendations made by the Lander County Hospital District Board of Trustees, and other matters properly related thereto.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sadie Sullivan, for the record. This is not an at-large seat. This is for the southern end.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Oh. It says "at-large" on here.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Is it is done wrong again?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, no. It's right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: This is right from the hospital.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: She was just clarifying it --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- was Seat D from --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Austin. The -- the --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So just the --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- southern Lander County area.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'd like to say that -- it's on the agenda correctly this time. And Lyle Farr -- I know Lyle Farr. And I would recommend him for just about anything or any position. He's a quality person. And I would recommend him very highly.

And --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- with that I would make a motion that we appoint Lyle Farr to Seat D of the Lander County Hospital Board of Trustees.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll second that.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

NANCY LOCKRIDGE: Good morning. I'm Nancy Lockridge, and I'm vice chair of the hospital board.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning, Nancy.

NANCY LOCKRIDGE: I don't know --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.

NANCY LOCKRIDGE: -- Mr. Farr. And I'll take Commissioner Mills recommendation into consideration.

We did not realize we need to make a formal recommendation because, as Commissioner Stienmetz and Commissioner Waits both know, we were always in the past had appointed the person to the seat and were not aware until this round that we no longer can do that.

The hospital board has never taken a one-liner from someone wanting to sit on the board. And I believe Mr. Farr's letter was, I want to be on the board. We would like to see something more in detail as to why, just as the two gentlemen gave today, why they would like to be on the board.

And also we've always considered this a southern county position: Austin and Kingston. I know Antelope Valley is farly -- fairly southern.

But I would like to see this readvertised again, made more clearly to the people in Austin and Kingston that it's their representation that we're dealing with here.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Keith, has --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, Nancy, I --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- this been advertised?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Twice.

NANCY LOCKRIDGE: It has been advertised twice.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I know him from Kingston and --

NANCY LOCKRIDGE: The first time --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Austin put in.

NANCY LOCKRIDGE: -- the first time it did not state in the paper that it was -- that Austin and Kingston are southern Lander County. The second advertisement I did not see in the paper so I can't speak to how it was advertised.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Ted, was this done legally and properly?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes. As far as I know, it certainly was and Nevada Revised Statutes contemplates that the

Board of County Commissioners make this appointment. And I'm not aware at any time where the county commissioners have not made said appointment.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

NANCY LOCKRIDGE: I would ask that -- in light of what he said -- that when the school board has another opening as they did this past spring that the commissioners also appoint to that and don't allow the school board at that time to appoint --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I'm sorry, but that's not on this agenda.

NANCY LOCKRIDGE: I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Nancy, I -- I can appreciate what you're saying. And, of course, being from southern part of county, we have -- have discussed this at many, many different -- different things and different events.

It's been very difficult to find someone in that area that wants to give that type of commitment.

And I also know the Farr family and Lyle Farr. And I personally think it's wonderful he's going to step up to assist us here.

And again, it's filling a temporary position, of course, of --

NANCY LOCKRIDGE: Correct.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- of Ms. Andreola that -- that we lost because of her resignation.

But I think you'll be very, very pleased. And we'll be going back out with the election cycle, you know, very, very soon. And Austin and Kingston will have an opportunity to step up if someone new wishes to do that.

NANCY LOCKRIDGE: Thank you for your time and attention. And Merry Christmas to you, gentlemen and ladies.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Merry Christmas.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. I have a first and a second.

Do I have approval? Or...

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We're ready to vote.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Want to vote?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah. Ready to vote.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I'm losing my mind today.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Don't start --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: All those in favor?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- thinking --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You thinking --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- about --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Mexico already?
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's what I thought.

4) Discussion for possible action to appoint a replacement to fill a vacancy on the Public Lands Use Advisory Board vacated by Ray Williams; to consider all applicants to include: 1) Jeffery W. Glascock; and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Number 4, discussion for possible action to appoint a replacement to fill a vacancy on the Public Land Use Advisory Board vacated by Ray Williams; to consider all applicants to include Jeffery W. Glascock; and other matters properly related thereto.

KEITH WESTENGARD: We do have a letter in your packets from Mr. Glascock. And we did receive a letter from Mr. Williams' resignation.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: This guy has come to a few public lands meetings. He's -- he's pretty sharp. And he wants to be involved so I'll make a motion to appoint Jeffery Glascock to the public lands.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Where does Mr. Glascock live? Is that the Battle Mountain area or somewhere in between Austin or --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Pardon me?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you know what -- where he resides?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Where does he live?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is he in Battle Mountain --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- proper or a rancher or --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: He -- he works for Monte. Yeah, he lives in Battle Mountain on a -- he's on the 25.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Twenty-five, twenty-six, whatever it is now.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
All right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: All those in favor?
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye. I don't know what I'm doing today. I'm losing it.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: We're going to write that down for you, Steve.

5) Discussion for possible action to appoint a replacement to fill a vacancy on the Lander County Livestock Events Center Advisory Board vacated by Yvette Hacker; to consider all other applicants to include: a) Charlene Fetterly; b) Bert Ramos; and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Number 5 is discussion for possible action to appoint a replacement to fill a vacancy on the Lander County Livestock Event Center Advisory Board vacated by Yvette Hacker to consider all the applicants to include Charlene Fetterly and Bert Ramos; and other matters properly related thereto.
KEITH WESTENGARD: You should have both those letters, as well, in your packets.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: They're not -- they're not here today?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.
KEITH WESTENGARD: No. Ms. Fetterly is in Reno. She had some business to attend to in Reno and couldn't make it. She couldn't even call in.

And Mr. Ramos is on vacation and out of the area. He is available for a phone call if you'd like to call him.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion that we appoint Bert Ramos to the Lander County Livestock Events Center Advisory Board.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor? Got it that time.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

6) Discussion regarding a Notice of Appointment of Alternate from Shawn Mariluch to appoint Dan Tomera as alternate to the Lander County Conservation Board, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Number 6, discussion regarding a -- a notice of appointment of alternative for Shawn Mariluch to appoint Dan Tomera as alternative to the Lander County Conservation Board, and other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Did we ever get a -- did he sign that and send it back?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: I sent it to him. And he was supposed to be getting it back. But I'll go make a copy of this letter and give it to everyone so they can read it.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If I may? Ted Herrera for the record.

Under Nevada Revised Statute 548.283, it talks about appointment of supervisors to represent cities and counties. In this statute, it says, basically, the county commissioners would appoint a representative to represent them on the governing board of the district.

That's in Subsection 1. In Subsection 4, it states, each representative of a city or county shall designate an alternative to replace the representative in the representative's absence from

meetings of the supervisor of the district.

So Mr. Mariluch did send a letter in designating this representative, designating Dan Tomera. And that's why this is not an action item.

This is more like a -- a notice -- discussion and notice that in fact this letter had been sent and by -- by Mr. Mariluch appointing Dan Tomera as his replacement if he can't make it. So we don't really have to do anything. It's just courtesy.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Read it into the record and --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, we put it in the record. And out of courtesy to the county commissioners, we -- we put this on the agenda.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. For the record, the Lander County Board of Commissioners has received the letter. And we are noting that Dan Tomera will now be the alternate for the Conservation Board.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Thank you. Perfect.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's all we need, huh?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's it.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Thank you. All right. Can we take a five-minute break, please?

(Break taken between 10:08 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Can we call the meeting back to order?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I lucked out.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And -- where is it at?

We'd like to go ahead and move forward to the update on the --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh. Just a minute. I need to get Austin --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on the -- I'm sorry.

I forgot that was my job. I'm sorry.

MITESHELL LANHAM: Hello.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Miteshell?

MITESHELL LANHAM: Yes. We're here.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is that a little bit better?
MITESHELL LANHAM: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Let's go.
MITESHELL LANHAM: Okay.

PLANNING COMMISSION

22) Update regarding the status of the Battle Mountain Recreational Center project, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. We'd like to move to Item 22. Update regarding the status of the Battle Mountain Recreational Center project, and other matters properly related thereto.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: (Indiscernible.)
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We got (indiscernible.)
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.
BRAD VAN WOERT: Good morning.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Good morning.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.
BRAD VAN WOERT: I'm Brad Van Woert. Sheehan-Van Woert. Did you just hear me say that?
ANGELA BIGOTTI: I did.
BRAD VAN WOERT: Okay, I won't ever --
ANGELA BIGOTTI: I did.
BRAD VAN WOERT: -- say that again.
ANGELA BIGOTTI: Because I was (indiscernible.)
BRAD VAN WOERT: We're from Van Woert Bigotti Architects. And Sheehan, he was our original partner, long past.
Apologies.
And we're here today to give you an update on Lander County Recreation Center.
Last night we had a meeting with our ad hoc committee. And we have turned in our -- we call it our 100 percent set of contract documents. And we're actually at about 98 percent. But we've come kind of to the end of the design line.
And we have -- which the set is sitting right here. It's about 200 sheets: mechanical, electrical, structural, all the

architectural, our pool consultant, and things of that nature.

And we will distribute these plans to the contractor. And the owner has a set. And we'll have a set.

And the contractor will commence with a constructability review to review the plans and come up with more creative ideas of how we could build this cheaper, more economical, and maybe more efficiently, and find anything and new ideas that could be integrated into the plans.

The owners are going to review it for its functionality and some other ideas of things that they might look at as well.

And the committee, I think, started as one with Max. Then, of course, it was Sean and then Doug and I think Ted -- you did make a commitment; didn't you?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Uh.

BRAD VAN WOERT: Come on.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I vacillated.

BRAD VAN WOERT: And Judy as well. And they're going to take about a week to do that and report any findings back to us.

At that time, we'll be reviewing the drawings. And then we will then clean up the drawings for our 100 percent final submission.

We'll start to make some color selections. We'll look at the kinds of locker we need in the locker room, how they're locked. And all -- some of those smaller details will then be either revised or incorporated into the plans to make a finished set.

We will give those to the contractor. And he will probably, most likely, by our plan, advertise for bid on the 13th of January.

And then they'll accept those bids on the third of February.

There's some time to scrub the bids, talk to subcontractors and such.

And the guaranteed maximum price, the GMP, will be offered to the county on the 18th of February.

And then there's about a week to review it and kind of an informal acceptance and kind of a -- a formal final review of what that guaranteed maximum price includes.

And then it'll be brought to the commission on the 25th of February, which I believe is the last commission meeting of the month.

And we expect that it would be approved by recommendation of

the ad hoc committee. And we could have a shovel in the ground as early as the first week in March.

So we're excited about it. Plans look good. And we'll see where it goes.

But it was a good meeting last night. Everyone's on the same page. And so hopefully on the 25th of February we'll be bringing a formal offer to the table. We'll get this thing started.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Are you sure we don't want to change, like, the plan site or anything?

BRAD VAN WOERT: Yeah. Not allowed.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

BRAD VAN WOERT: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

BRAD VAN WOERT: Yeah, can't move the building now; right?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, --

BRAD VAN WOERT: Well, it's been a fun, interactive process.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, yeah. It's been interesting. It's been good.

BRAD VAN WOERT: Yeah. Any questions?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Anyone?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.

BRAD VAN WOERT: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you, Brad.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Brad.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you. Appreciate it.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Are those ours or --

BRAD VAN WOERT: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

BRAD VAN WOERT: I'll -- we'll put them right over here.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Sounds good. Thanks, Angela.

ANGELA BIGOTTI: You're welcome.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't suppose you faxed a copy to Austin.

I'm -- I'm kidding, Austin. It's 200 pages. And thick.

COMMISSIONERS

7) Discussion for possible action regarding annual certification of expenditures of funds for the Yucca Mountain project and to authorize the chair or vice chair to sign Letter of Authorization, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. I'd like -- I'd like to move to Item Number 7. Discussion for possible action regarding annual certification of expenditures of funds for Yucca Mountain project and to authorize the chair or vice chair to sign the letter of auth- -- author- -- authorization, and other matters properly related thereto.

KEITH WESTENGARD: This is our --

Oh. Go ahead, --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. Go ahead.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- Commissioner Waits. You spoke with Mr. Massey.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I was just going to say that Rex -- Rex Massey couldn't make it today and asked me to just go ahead and -- and tell you exactly what it was.

It's a certification that we have just used the funds properly. That's all.

And we need to have the chair auth- -- sign that authorization.

So unless you have some questions?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I have -- I have just one question that's sort of related, but maybe not.

In the old annex building, we had a room set aside for the Department of Energy. Are we supposed to be providing something like that for them --

KEITH WESTENGARD: We have --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- here or somewhere?

KEITH WESTENGARD: There hasn't been anything, any discussion on -- on an office for the DOE.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: As far as I know, the last conversation I had with Rex Massey was --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Not to worry about it?

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that there will be no DOE.

The furniture there is going to be donated and so forth to whoever gets ahold of the building --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: If at some --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- in the future.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- point they decide to give us more money and fund some positions or whatever, then we can look at it again.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Correct.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But currently it's just as it is. And so we've kind of lost that room. Right.

With that then, I will make a motion that Lander County sign the certificate to the Department of Energy that certification funds have been used properly. And it goes to the Department of Energy and authorize the chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

8) Discussion for possible action regarding an update by Jon Sherve, Bureau of Land Management, on oil and gas lease sales in Lander County and updates on other projects, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go to Item Number 8. Discussion for possible action regarding an update by Jon Sherve, Bureau of Land Management, on oil and gas lease sales in Lander County and updates on other projects, and other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning, Jon.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Good morning, Jon.

JON SHERVE: Good morning, Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.

JON SHERVE: It's a pleasure being in your new building. It's very nice.

In addition to the oil and gas lease sale, I would like to just provide an -- an update and overview of some of the major projects that we're working on or will be working on here in the -- in the next year or so.

Our mining program -- we administer -- the Battle Mountain district administers the largest mining program in the nation between either BLM or Forest Service. With that, we've got some of the more important projects with Newmont's -- with Newmont Mining and Barrack as well.

The Greater Phoenix Project for Newmont, we've been underway on an expansion out there for the last several years. Right now we are working on the EIS. And we'll hope to have a -- a draft EI- -- EIS out toward mid-2016, maybe a little bit later.

On -- like, with Newmont, on all of our projects, we work with the proponents. We consider them partners in what we do. And our -- obviously, our -- our mining program is -- is very important to the county. We do know that.

Barrack's Cortez Hills Operation, we've worked on a number of expansions over the last year or so. We will continue to work on a fairly large expansion over the next -- next year, their deep south project, mostly underground. But there will be some expansions of surface facilities, some of their open pits. That we expect to start early 2016. I'll start working on that quite extensively.

Another mining project is Klondex Fire Creek Project. Klondex is becoming a -- a more of a major player in -- in the mining industry. The Fire Creek Project is almost entirely in Lander County. And -- and it is the highest graded mining operation in the world. We're going to be issuing an EA, environmental assessment, on that in the next couple of days. That'll be open for a -- a 30-day review period by the public. And we're hopeful to have that project approved early in 2016.

The oil and gas lease sale. We have 64 parcels that were nominated that were given to us from the state office. Right now we're still under review with those parcels. Internally, we've -- we've got about ten additional ones that will be deferred.

So we're looking at about 54 that will be offered for sale.

It'll be a June 2016 lease sale that'll be held in Reno. We expect to get the -- the environmental assessment out to the public on that early January.

If the county does have any -- any comments at this stage, we would certainly consider them. If not, the EA is an opportunity to provide further comments.

There were -- there was a scoping letter sent out. The county did receive it. If no- -- if -- if you guys need any -- any additional look at the parcels, I do have maps right here for -- for you to review. They're mostly in northern Big Smoky Valley, as far as Lander County goes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: On the east side of --

JON SHERVE: On the east side --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the Big Smoky?

JON SHERVE: Yeah, on the east side of the -- of the Toiyabes. Well, they're in the middle of a valley. But --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: On the east side of 376?

JON SHERVE: No, it -- oh, yes. Right. Right. Most of them are on -- that's correct.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

JON SHERVE: Our grazing program, we -- it -- just like any other -- any mining proponent, we do work with our grazing permittees. We consider that a partnership. We know that anything we do for success for public land management does require teamwork. We've worked with our permittees extensively throughout the -- the dr- -- the drought that -- for the last four years.

The last year -- this last year, we've issued 14 related drought decisions with no appeals.

As far as this year goes, we're going to wait till May to get a better assessment on -- on the drought conditions. We'll rely a lot on the state climatologist, the western regional state climatologist to help direct any sort of management direction we'll be going.

The Argenta Allotment. The -- we continue to work with the National Riparian Service Team under the settlement agreement that we agreed to during 2015. A part of that settlement agreement, we've got a public meeting scheduled for February to go over the findings, the monitoring results of that. So there'll be more information forthcoming on that when we get

that date established.

Argenta and the Battle Mountain Complex will be a top priority for what we're -- it's called the state renewable -- state renewable permit team out of our -- the BLM state office. It will be a team that focuses on allotments throughout the state, mostly having to do with sage grouse habitat. But the Argenta, Battle Mountain Complex are the top priority to get those allotments reevaluated. And that's -- work is just underway. And there'll be certainly public information forthcoming when -- when we're engaged more in that process.

Our wild horse and burro program. We have quite a few wild hor- -- herd management areas throughout the district. Virtually every herd management area is overpopulated above our AML, appropriate management levels.

We fly and do census counts regularly throughout the year. And every herd management area's -- or not every one, but most of them are 2- to 300 percent overpopulated.

We're constrained on what we can do with that as far as gathers go. Our holding facilities are full. Washington directs a lot of what we do, a lot of what we -- how we want to manage. The wild horse program is -- is dictated by Washington.

We don't -- we will not have any funds to do any horse gathers until 2019. So we'll just -- we're in a holding pattern with any of -- any wild horse issues as far as gathers go and numbers.

There are a number of fuels projects and fire rehab efforts underway. Austin, the wild urban interface program, there's been 50 acres of pinion juniper mechanical thinning. It's ongoing and scheduled to be completed by the end of December.

The Fish Creek -- there's been -- oh, I'm -- about 435 acres of mowing that's been completed.

And a si- -- the Alvin fire, fire over the summer, we've just finished some reseeding. It's about 230, 250 acres of -- of seeding. And we did that aerial seeding.

As you know, the sage grouse decision was signed in September.

Right now what the BLM is working on nationally are preparing implementation plans and various policies for -- for the programs throughout the nation.

Anything that we do in sage grouse habitat will need to go

through the state office, our -- our BLM state office, the pro- -- specific projects for review, concurrence, and approval.

So that will be an extra loophole to consider for -- for any of our projects, including any mining project.

There was a -- Lander County does not have any of what they refer to as the focal areas, sage grouse areas. But there have been meetings occurring throughout the state. Most recently, one was held in Elko yesterday evening. And that has do with the with- -- withdraws of -- of public land in those focal areas.

That's all I have project-wise thr- -- for Lander County. So if there's anything I need to follow-up with or any questions you have right now, I'll --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Just one. When --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I have a question. You're 2- to 300 percent over on the wild horse populations in this area. What's your prediction that you'll be over by 2019? 400? 500 percent?

JON SHERVE: It's a -- a good estimate that wild horse populations increase about 17 percent a year. So, you know, roughly, I'm -- I wouldn't know that specifically, but --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Uh-huh.

JON SHERVE: -- they -- they increase pretty fast.

And we have had some success in our district, in the Battle Mountain District, actually having gathers. There have been another -- a number of districts that have gone out for -- tried to implement some gathers, but they've been appealed. And appeals have been -- have been implemented.

And -- but we've worked -- we've been able to work with some of the advocates to get them on board with this as far as understanding the importance of some of these gathers.

Regardless, we're still not looking for any gathers until the earliest 2019.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So if someone wants to still adopt, they go to where your holding pens are? Is that it? Do you still have regular adoptions?

JON SHERVE: Yes. Yes. There's online adoptions. And you could just check with the local BLM office and they can direct you to the -- to the right contacts as far as adoptions go.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have another question. On the gas oil lease, are there any requirements? Any restrictions on the

type of drilling?

JON SHERVE: There -- well, the --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Once the lease is obtained, then whoever's trying to develop that particular well, they can frack or they can drill or whatever process they choose?

JON SHERVE: Yeah. Pretty much every oil and gas well will involve some sort of fracking. But we -- so this lease sell is simply for a -- a lease for -- for up to a ten-year period.

If they -- any proposal to do any surface disturbance, any drilling has to go through another NEPA analysis and another public disclosure time frame.

But an application for permit to drill is looked at just like a -- a mining operation. We look at the surface disturbance. We look at what they're proposing to do down hole. And any mitigation that's needed will be implemented during the permit time frame.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So I had a question. You just -- you said something about withdrawing lands. What -- what does withdraw mean?

JON SHERVE: So withdraw is -- and in this case, it was related to the sage grouse decision --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.

JON SHERVE: -- where there was mapped areas called sage grouse focal areas, which is the highest, most pristine sage grouse habitat. And a withdraw means that there would be no -- no surface disturbance, most- -- -- mostly with respect to mining, that there'd be no mining locatable mineral development in those areas. And it's usually for a set time frame. And every time that, say, seven years, a withdrawal would be up to seven years every time it would need to get renewed. And that's done at -- at the secretarial area.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So the withdraw means no mining on those --

JON SHERVE: That's right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- areas.

JON SHERVE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: It seems like I'd seen somewhere that said there was a process of swapping lands? So some of these lands can be used can --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The point system.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: How does that --

JON SHERVE: There is a --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- how does that work?

JON SHERVE: There have been a n- -- some proposals or some ongoing efforts that we've been working with Barrack on on sage grouse banking. And it's still underway, this -- that whole concept of sage grouse banking involves the proponent looking for certain projects to do to mostly improve habitat in -- in a particular region.

And this would be outside their -- their plan, their mining area. They go out and find habitat improvements. And that's just the way it sounds. It's a bank.

So then when they want to go in with their own project, if they're in sage grouse area, they can rely on those -- that banking system to offset or mitigate --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So they're developing sage grouse habitat in one area so --

JON SHERVE: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- they can use sage grouse habitat --

JON SHERVE: Use --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- in another area?

JON SHERVE: Right. Use it -- yep. And those have been so far that we're -- we're on a path to success on some of these bank -- these banking concepts. So Barrack and Newmont have been proactive in -- in addressing the -- the impact of the sage grouse decision.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Jon, I have a question on the RMPs because we were working so closely with your group with our four counties in '13 and '14. And then everything stopped.

This new management plan that they've come out with the non-listing of the sage grouse, you know, that -- all at the same time, does that kind of do away with it? Are we really going to get back on board and -- and try and update the current RMP like we were doing? Or what's -- what's going on with that?

JON SHERVE: Oh, thank you. That's a -- that's a very good question to bring up. Our -- so the RMP, the resource management plan, there's a couple of questions that -- idea- -- concepts that you brought forward. So we -- right now we are currently working under an RMP. And the sage grouse decision modified our existing RMPs. However, we are still working on

revising our RMP that will just reset for the next 20 or 30 years on how we manage or look at public lands.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Because with your last update, which looked like it -- that's exactly what happened, --

JON SHERVE: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we were not in any kind of a cooperating agency at all.

JON SHERVE: Well -- well, you were. And so we put that -- our local RMP on hold, knowing that the sage grouse RMP --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

JON SHERVE: -- was going to be coming out. And so we -- we strategically pulled back and let -- let that sage grouse im-- plan go through.

And now we'll be able to go forward with a better understanding on what that sage grouse plan is going to be. So...

COMMISSIONER WAITS: What kind of a time frame are we looking at?

JON SHERVE: We're -- we're working on getting that -- well, our -- our new state director, John Ruhs, is -- is very interest- -- you know, that's a high priority for him to get these RMPs updated. A number of districts throughout Nevada have already done so. We're -- there's a couple of districts that -- that haven't or were in -- in -- had been working on them and are in a bit of a delay. So he's interested in seeing those proceed.

So we'll be engaging in the RMP update this year.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: In 2016?

JON SHERVE: Yes. And the counties will definitely be on board. And we'll try and pick up to where we left off a year or so ago.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Jon.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you, Jon.

JON SHERVE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Appreciate it.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Merry Christmas, Jon.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Go to Item 10, discussion for possible action regarding renewal of the American Land Council's gold

membership in the amount of $5,000 and other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's Number 10 --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We want to do Number 9.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- we need Number 9.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Nine.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Oh, excuse me. I circled the wrong --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Nine.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- one. Let's go back to Number 9.

9) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of an additional insurance premium with Hanica Insurance Agency, Inc., in the amount of $25,893.08, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action regarding approval of an additional insurance premium with Hanica Insurance Agency, Incorporated, in the amount of $25,893.08, and other matters properly related thereto.

NAN ANCHO: Nan Ancho, Finance.

This is the additional premium for the new courthouse, the building you're sitting in. So this is in addition to what we're already paying.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So this is just to the end of -- what?

NAN ANCHO: Till -- till the -- the new -- the new --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Fiscal year?

NAN ANCHO: -- policy comes out. Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So -- okay. So this is our six months' additional premium.

NAN ANCHO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion that we approve the additional insurance premium with Hanica Insurance Agency, Incorporated, in the amount of $25,893.08.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

10) Discussion for possible action regarding renewal of American Lands Council gold membership in the amount of $5,000, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Now we go to 10. Discussion for possible action regarding renewal of the American Land Council's gold membership in the amount of $5,000, and other matters properly related thereto.

KEITH WESTENGARD: This was a -- a group that we joined, I believe, two years ago. And the renewal's come forth.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: The only clarification that I wanted on that, I see we had in there the actual membership categories. Because I certainly think this is more than worthwhile and what they do in -- in Washington and all of our -- our special activities that we have going on now regarding public lands. So I think this is critical.

But when I looked at the membership categories, I weren't sure -- I weren't -- what kind of -- I wasn't sure what category we were in.

We paid 5,000.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And was that for the silver?

KEITH WESTENGARD: It was the gold.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Or was that for the gold...

KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I believe it was the gold membership. Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: For govern- -- for government for gold is $10,000. For business for gold is 5,000.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Government for silver was 5,000. It must be the silver.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, they listed --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Unless they're not counting us as government.

KEITH WESTENGARD: They listed as the gold membership. And I -- if I remember, it -- was it two years ago when we did this

or three? When we started, when we got involved with this group?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It was a couple of years ago. I can't remember.

KEITH WESTENGARD: And I -- as I remember, it was the gold. But it doesn't -- I see what you guys are say- -- what you're saying now, Commissioner Waits. It doesn't jive with their categories.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah. But their invoice calls --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- it --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- so we're under kind of a business organiz- -- because I -- I just wasn't sure where we were.

KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I can get you further --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: If we were government, --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- information and bring it --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we were silver --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- in January.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Pardon me?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I said if we were government, under the silver, that's 5,000. And then under the gold, it looks like government is 10-, like -- like Commissioner Mills just pointed out.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Their -- their invoice indicates county gold membership for 5,000.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So...

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I just wondered on how to phrase that because I wasn't sure. So let me do it this way. Let me -- let me make a motion that we renew our membership with the American Lands Council for $5,000. And you can clarify the membership status for us.

KEITH WESTENGARD: I will.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a question. What -- what do these people do for us?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Most of it is in the lobbying efforts in -- in Washington, D.C.

Because now, with the support of the transfer of public lands

and western whole states, that's part of it. However, there's a lot more that they do along with it.

But everything is regarded in the western part.

And I can certainly pass some of this on to you if you'd like to see it. But they -- they work through a lot of the stifling federal policies, so to speak.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We're --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And we banded together as western states --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We're 2- to --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- so we have more recognition. And they are constantly testifying before Congress.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We're 2- to 300 percent over on wild horses with no end in sight. We're being regulated to the point of almost being strangled. And we're paying these people for what? What are we getting for our money? That's my question.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: The alliance is the one that testifies before Congress on all of these items for the western states specifically.

The federal lands, as we know, have been in basically trouble for a long time.

And they are the ones that represent us with our area and trying to rectify these things.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I thought --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: They --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- NACO --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- don't get --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- did that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- solved overnight. NACO has its own situation and a lot of other things.

But this is basically the public lands and access to public lands.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Would -- would you like me to invite Commissioner Dahl or some member of the group to speak in January on --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I'd like --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- behalf of this?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- a list of --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: You may second this.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- accomplishments.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: In -- in --
KEITH WESTENGARD: I'm sure --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- our booklet -- in our packet, we only got the second half of the --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, there's only --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- letter.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: I thought --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- half the letter.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- didn't we --
KEITH WESTENGARD: I noticed that. Yeah. I don't know what --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just made --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a motion. Thank you. There's your second. Okay.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any pub- -- we have a first and second. Any public comment?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes. As far as information, like you said, whether you want to them to come speak to us, that's always excellent. Or perhaps just speak to the public lands access. But I certainly will pass this around so it has a little bit more detailed information on it.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I do agree with Art, though. We should maybe talk to a representative.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Maybe we should table this until January and we get somebody here to give us a list of --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It's through January 1.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: There's a motion on the floor.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- accomplishments for the money --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: What's that?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- we've been giving them.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: You can ask for public comment and go to a motion on the floor.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We already have a motion.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. We --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: We have a motion and a second.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- have a first and a second. Any public comment?
(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All those in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Nay.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Keith, get ahold of someone to... Okay.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Got it.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

11) **Discussion for possible action to award the contract for the Battle Mountain and Austin Airport engineering and planning services, and other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Number 11. Discussion for possible action to award the contract for the Battle Mountain and Austin Airport engineering and planning services, and other matters properly related thereto.

KEITH WESTENGARD: This went out for -- excuse me -- this went out for advertisement. And it closed Friday.

I sent out 12 requests for qualifications to different firms throughout the West. We received two back: one from Armstrong out of Reno and one from our current contractor J-U-B out of Boise, Idaho.

I've reviewed the -- the packets. And Commissioner Mills has also reviewed the packets. They're very similar.

I would like to ask that we stay with J-U-B and that we -- myself, the DA -- sit down with J-U-B and negotiate or come up with an actual contact -- contract to present at the next commission meeting.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Do we have to run that through the bid committee?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It's professional services.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We -- right -- we don't go out to bid with -- with professional services like this.

But my question is: Since we have both of them and we keep both of them on file, the ones that we have current contracts with with J-U-B -- I don't know if you need a motion or what to go on that, and I understand that -- but we still keep Armstrong

on file so if something else comes up and we want to do something else, we actually have the option of doing that then without going out to bid because we have the qualifications; right?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's true.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. And J-U-B's been very good to work with. I have no issues with them.

Nan?

NAN ANCHO: No. They have been extremely helpful with dealing with the FAA. They're quick to respond in getting reimbursements --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.

NAN ANCHO: -- on our --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We actually have a good engineer on file?

NAN ANCHO: Yes.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They've certain- -- they've certainly cooperated with me and -- and answered any questions I've had of them.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But what I'm saying is, you know, if we continue with J-U-B, I mean, for the ones that we've started, we still have the option, with the qualifications of Armstrong, if we decide to put some different -- put av fuel in at Kingston and --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Steve.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we decide to do that, then we might want to look at the qualifications of the other one at that time and do something with them. So it doesn't mean we have --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Steve.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to have just one; right?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- (indiscernible) something in the packet.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I agree we don't want to stop in the middle --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- we have to have one contract at a time. You know, that's all --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: (Indiscernible.)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- this is for.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: (Indiscernible) -- request.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: This is for a contract.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But -- but you're right, Commissioner Waits.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: If we just keep it on file.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We keep it --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- on file.
KEITH WESTENGARD: It's be --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And thank them for, you know, applying. Okay.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Absolutely.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: So I'll make a motion that we retain J-U-B as our airport contractors and engineers and direct our DA and our executive director to work up the contract with them.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

12) Discussion for possible action regarding giving a grant to Battle Mountain Family Resource Center in the amount of $6,000 to assist them in reestablishing the center after unfortunate financial distress, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go to Item 12. Discussion for possible action regarding giving a grant to the Battle Mountain Family Resource Center in the amount of $6,000 to assist them in reestablishing the center after unfortunate financial distress, and other matters properly related thereto.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.
MAITE NARVAIZA: Good morning.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

MAITE NARVAIZA: My name is Maite Narvaiza. I'm here to represent the Battle Mount- -- Battle Mountain Family Resource Center.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Excuse me. Just a question. Has this been faxed to Austin?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, it hasn't. So it -- it's -- it's really hard for -- for --

KEITH WESTENGARD: I'll go fa- -- I'll go have --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's really hard for the commission to take notice of this, whatever this is that's been handed to you now. Because it has -- it's not part of the package, --

MAITE NARVAIZA: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- and it hasn't been faxed to Austin.

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: That's what she's verbally going to go over so you can either follow along and maybe just verbally listen to it.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, it's -- with information, you need to -- to bring it if you have something in the agenda --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- bring it early so we can have it in the --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Have it in the packet --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- packets and --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- and review it --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- taken care of properly.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- prior to starting.

MAITE NARVAIZA: Okay. Well, we are here basically asking for commissioners' help for the Battle Mountain Family Resource Center. We are in kind of a disarray at the moment.

The Battle Mountain Family Resource Center, we do a lot of different programs for this community. We do, like, the backpack program, for example. And that means that since October to now we have fed 544 children on the weekend that don't have the food at home.

We also do, you know, TANF, which temporarily assists families. We do commodities, supplemental food program for the seniors and the folks here at home that right now cannot

financially afford lots of things.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But this is just done for the Battle Mountain area, not for the southern part; is that correct?

MAITE NARVAIZA: For Battle Mountain area.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

MAITE NARVAIZA: The Battle Mountain Family Resource Center.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

MAITE NARVAIZA: You're welcome.

So right at this moment, we are asking for some financial assistance. We have some people that are volunteering at the resource center. They used to be employees, but sooner or later they're going to have to, like, walk out the door because they also have to pay a babysitter and so forth and so on.

We have a lot of bills and no money.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Could you please briefly explain to the commissioners --

MAITE NARVAIZA: Do you want to do that for me, Mr. Herrera?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Would you like me to?

MAITE NARVAIZA: I would prefer you do it since you're the DA in this.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioners, Ted Herrera for the record.

The -- the prior director seems to have misappropriated all the moneys that were in -- in the bank accounts of this organization.

We are at this moment doing a criminal investigation into that -- where that money's gone, whether it was embezzled, misappropriated, or anything else.

And as a result of what's happened, they have absolutely no money. As matter of fact, they not only have no money, they owe -- they owe the county. There's a judgment that the county has against them for --

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: $962.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Almost a thousand dollars.

Their back rent with the hospital. They're back three months, and it's a thousand dollars a month.

They have -- they have the committee, the state committee that gives grants has basically put a hold on that until our

criminal investigation's been conducted into the misappropriation.

And I don't know what else to call it at this time.

But the money has gone somewhere where it wasn't supposed to be. So that's technically misappropriation. I'm not talking about crimes right now because the investigation hasn't been conducted.

I do know that -- that they do good work. And we're at the time of the year where people -- poor people and children in this county are dependent on the good works that this organization does. And they have absolutely no money. And it's a -- it's a necessary request from them because they -- they can't even give money to the kids for -- for Christmas for meals unless they get some money right now.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So with the $6,000 that you're asking for, does that take you how far? To the end of the year? I mean, will you be back in January? is what I mean. I -- what --

MAITE NARVAIZA: No, we're just -- what we're hoping is that the $6,000 will get us over the hump to pay. You know, the hospital's going to work with us and maybe we can, you know, pay a little bit on the (indiscernible) --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And the IRS.

MAITE NARVAIZA: And our third quarterly that was not paid, we need to pay that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.

MAITE NARVAIZA: And also, you know, --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Excuse me. I may take -- if the commissioners recall, when the Family Resource Center came last budget year trying to get grants for their preschool and for the Family Resource Center, I advised the commission that there were certain notices of income -- federal income tax liens, which there were. And apparently the f- -- the family -- the prior administration of the Family Resource Center, through an attorney, negotiated with the IRS that certain payments needed to be made. And if they were made, everything would -- would be going okay.

And what has happened is the prior administration was not paying any -- any employment taxes --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- federal employment taxes. They were just giving money to their employees and -- and not

doing any -- what they were supposed to do.

I know the misappropriation of their moneys.

So that's why we could not give them any grants before. And if we would have, I truly believe that that would have been misappropriated also. So it's a good thing we didn't.

But that's why they're in this situation.

So they have payments they have to make to the IRS. They have payments they have to make so they can have a place to -- to survive, to actually exist. And -- and when I talked to Maite and Noliena last week, they said $6,000 should get them over this hump. And -- and that's why the request.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But that's what I'm saying. How -- how long? Until the end of the year or --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, they're hoping that it'll get them over the hump and then they can start doing business and get their grants in. When they start getting their grants in, they're going to be fine.

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Yes, we're hoping.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Which could be next January, February --

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: We're working with the grant people now and we're doing all their demands and all their requests. So we're --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And that's -- is that through the state?

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: State and federal.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Yes.

MAITE NARVAIZA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And federal.

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

But you don't -- you don't have a time frame on when any of that stuff will be resolved?

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: No.

MAITE NARVAIZA: Well, the grant, how it works is that we pay, let's say, our rent, our bills. And then what we do is we basically ask for a reimbursement. But we really can't ask for a reimbursement if we haven't paid anything.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: What we're trying to get an idea on,

the time frame, though. So, okay. So you pay this, you send it in --

MAITE NARVAIZA: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and how long does this take? a month? two months? four months?

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Right now we're requesting September's.

MAITE NARVAIZA: Yeah. So we're hoping by --

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: So a couple months' worth --

MAITE NARVAIZA: -- mid-January.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: You might have September's payment.

MAITE NARVAIZA: That we'll have September's.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I see.

MAITE NARVAIZA: And then we'll start --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

MAITE NARVAIZA: -- rolling.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think that in my mind the big issue is getting through Christmas, getting through this time. Because if you have, you know, you figure you had 540 students since you guys have taken over. That's approximately 70 kids per weekend that need food. Now these kids are going to need food for two weeks --

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Right.

MAITE NARVAIZA: For the holiday vacation.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- for the holidays.

MAITE NARVAIZA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And you have your Christmas Alert --

MAITE NARVAIZA: Yep.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- and that's going along okay?

MAITE NARVAIZA: Yeah. Because Catholic Charity, the food bank, they're going to make sure that our pantry is full so --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

MAITE NARVAIZA: -- that we're going to be okay there.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

MAITE NARVAIZA: You know, we're trying to come up with some different fundraisers so, you know, we can start working on getting some money and --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So this --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now, what --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- this $6,000 is mainly focused on getting you caught up on rents and --
NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: The immediate spe- -- yeah.
MAITE NARVAIZA: Yeah. Our third quarterly --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Taxes.
MAITE NARVAIZA: -- taxes. That's --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: And those kinds of --
MAITE NARVAIZA: Yeah. That's --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- things.
MAITE NARVAIZA: -- going to be $3,000 right there. So...
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The only thing I would say with grant money from here on out with anybody who requests grant money is we'd like to start seeing receipts --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- where the grant money's being spent.
MAITE NARVAIZA: Transparency.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
MAITE NARVAIZA: I agree with you a hundred percent.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: What --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is that --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- change --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- is that permissible with a grant?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Absolutely.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Uh-huh.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Did you make --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Should be a requirement.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- any changes?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You can't put restrictions on it, but you certainly can ask for, --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Ask for receipts.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- where did our money go?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
MAITE NARVAIZA: Yeah.
NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Did you make any changes on how money will be dispersed?
MAITE NARVAIZA: Yes, we did. I mean, as of December 1st,

we put seven people on this board. We also put Coral as our treasurer. We put Noliena and I, you know. So you're going to need this -- all three signatures -- you're going to need --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Three signatures?

MAITE NARVAIZA: Yes, and so --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: On any check that's written?

MAITE NARVAIZA: Yes. So we try to make sure that we have covered our a- -- you know our --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Your assets.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Assets.

MAITE NARVAIZA: Our assets.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Assets.

MAITE NARVAIZA: Our assets. And hopefully this will not happen again. I mean, I came on this hoping that, you know, I could volunteer for Christmas. And I didn't realize I was going to fall into this nightmare. But here I am.

So now we just have to see it through and, you know, keep these programs going because we have a lot of people depending on this. We have 50, 60 seniors a month --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Nan, where --

MAITE NARVAIZA: -- that depend on this.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- where do we take this out of? Our emergency?

NAN ANCHO: We can take this out of -- we have some money available in our community grants.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I have a question. What about the indigent money? Is that separate from --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- something like --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- this?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. I really appreciate that you're taking this on. This is -- this is really a challenge. And it's really, really important.

I'm encouraged that you changed your disbursement -- disbursements practices. And you're covering your assets with three signatures.

So I'd like to make a motion that --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Let me -- let me ask one more

question.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sure.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Just to be clear. There was -- there was a board that oversees the resource management --

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: There is a board.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, he's asking if there were -- was a board.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Was.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: There was a board?

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: There was a board with three people.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Was it the same board now or is that --

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: No. No.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is that completely --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: There was a --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- changed?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- board.

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: We --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is it completely --

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: -- added more members and rearrangement of --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Added more and rearranged. Okay. Are -- are there some of those same board members on there?

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: I was one of the old board members.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: But how long were you on there for?

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: I was on there for a few years and then I got off and now I'm back in it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

MAITE NARVAIZA: We just started --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So those -- I'm just --

MAITE NARVAIZA: -- this --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- there's -- there's been a problem and we put corrections in place to correct the problems so the problems are hopefully not going to continue is --

MAITE NARVAIZA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- kind of where I'm going with that. But you do have a board that's oversees, the -- who's -- do you have an actual director of the resource center now?

MAITE NARVAIZA: Well, right now we're not paying anybody. So...

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So you don't have --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's a position.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: You don't have a director anymore?

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: We have a tentative acting, but they're not officially voted in.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No title? Usually you get a title and no money.

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: We get --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Okay.

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: We gave them a title, but they get no money.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And what's -- are you a 501(c)(3)?

MAITE NARVAIZA: Yes, we are.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. What's the status of that at this point?

MAITE NARVAIZA: I believe on the 501(c)(3) that we even had to pay the license and everything --

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Uh-huh.

MAITE NARVAIZA: -- on it because -- which we did do that.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So the 501(c)(3) is still active?

MAITE NARVAIZA: It's still active --

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Yes.

MAITE NARVAIZA: -- because we had someone donate the money to pay --

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Yeah.

MAITE NARVAIZA: -- for that.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. So you're not having to go through a new 501(c)(3) process?

MAITE NARVAIZA: No. No. Not right now because we can't even afford to be able to start the process of apply- -- you know, the new 501- --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

MAITE NARVAIZA: -- (c)(3).

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They -- they -- Commissioner, they haven't updated their 501(c)(3) prior to this new board for

nine months. Under the secretary of state, they're allowed to -- to kind of just dangle for up to 12 months. So they existed in a rather dark area of the law. And that's what Maite is talking about, coming into compliance now. So they're going to have to send -- reorganize, send the -- the notices to the secretary of state, pay some money, of course, because you have to always pay money.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And then they're going to be in -- in full compliance. And it's not that they're out of compliance. They just haven't updated what they're supposed to update. And they have a couple more months to do that.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

MAITE NARVAIZA: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Ted, did you say that they were out of compliance where they were running under the old --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes. But they're --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- powers that be?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- allowed -- but any 501(c)(3), any corporation's allowed to continue its existence for twelve months.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right. Evergreen, but -- okay. Wow. Well, I'll make a motion --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, just in -- in there add receipts.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's what we talked about.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Just making sure.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I make a motion to follow the recommendation of the DA to afford the Family Resource Center $6,000 to get started again with the understanding that they will confer with the DA on the restructure, take his recommendations, and to provide Nan with the receipts and keep a copy of your receipts too.

MAITE NARVAIZA: Perfect.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. We have a first and a second. Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
MAITE NARVAIZA: Thank you.
NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: Thank you.
MAITE NARVAIZA: Thank you, Mr. Herrera.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, ladies. Merry Christmas.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you. Merry Christmas.
MAITE NARVAIZA: Merry Christmas to you.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

13) Discussion for possible action to rent, lease the old Bank of America building located at 350 East Front Street to the Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Item 13, I've been asked -- request to table. Do I need to read it in?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: N- -- Ted?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thirteen, does Steve need to read it in? Or just --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: They've asked to table --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: All right.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- it.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We're going to table that --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- is my understanding; --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- right?
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do I need to read it in and get a motion to table it or just table it?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You can just table it.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You're -- the chair can just table it.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Item 13 will be tabled.

LANDER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

14) Update regarding Lander County Emergency Services and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Item 14. Update regarding Lander County Emergency Services and other matters properly related thereto.

RICK BELL: Good morning, Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Morning.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning, Rick.

RICK BELL: For the record, I'm Rick Bell, commander, Lander County EMS.

Before I get started with anything, I'd like to commend everybody on this new building. It's awesome.

More than that, I like the commitment you guys are doing just by sitting under that sign. Does my heart good.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks for pointing that out, Rick.

RICK BELL: Makes me support things even a little more.

Just a brief overview.

Revenue billed. This is going back to the month of October. It's kind of closed out. Revenue billed out was $55,352. Total EM- -- I think you have these in your packets. Total EMS runs were 72.

Accounts sent -- sent to collection services were $71,165.

For that month of October, also, payments received in total were $58,052.

Total expenses, including salary, benefits, repair, maintenance, fuel purchased, and on and on -- total expenses were $49,279.

You'll also find a graph in there and a breakdown according to zones and zip codes so if you're wondering what calls and where.

Mr. Westengard, the county manager, kind of tipped me off a

little bit and said, hey, You've got an ambulance running to the south country, you know, for a fire. What's going on with that?

I said, Well, Keith, we send an ambulance with every fire over there to support the firemen, whether it be rehab or somebody actually in it. So we've been doing that for quite a while.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, --

RICK BELL: So just to answer your question.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the question really was, was -- there was a fire in Austin --

RICK BELL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- and the ambulance rolled out from Battle Mountain. What's going on with the EMS or ENT in Austin that should be there?

RICK BELL: Well, you're right. They should be there. But they're not there because I'm doing a pre-hospital trauma life support class. It's a two-day, 16-hour course here in Battle Mountain. And I've had them coming up here. Today's the last day of it. They're in class right now --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

RICK BELL: -- for ongoing training.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

RICK BELL: So...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I was just thinking we pay a lot of money.

RICK BELL: No, I get it. I get --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

RICK BELL: -- it, but you know what? I have to --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I know. I understand the training part. I'm just -- it was just a little concerning.

RICK BELL: Okay. No problem.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So...

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Rick?

RICK BELL: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Keith is the executive director, not the county manager.

RICK BELL: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're welcome.

RICK BELL: Unless there's any more questions...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You're good, Rick.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thanks.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thanks.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Rick. Merry Christmas.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Merry Christmas.

15) Discussion for possible action regarding county membership with Humboldt General Hospital Medic Air #1, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Go to 15. Discussion for possible action regarding county membership with the Humboldt General Hospital Medic Air #1, and other matters properly related thereto.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Good morning. For the record, my name is Louis Mendiola. I'm representing Humboldt General Hospital, our EMS division, HGH EMS Rescue and our newly acquired air ambulance program, HGH AirOne.

Before you guys, you have a recommendation, I believe, from your staff and the local hospital and Lander County EMS to move forward with a county-wide membership program that will provide the citizens of your county, both in the areas of Austin in the south and Battle Mountain and throughout the county, with mem-- a membership to our air program at Humboldt General Hospital.

What that means for the beneficiaries of the membership program is that in the event they require transport via our helicopter, there would be no out-of-pocket expense to them. We would still bill their insurance, if they had insurance, whether that be Medicare or commercial insurance, but there would be no out-of-pocket expense to the individual.

This goes for every resident. The way that it's done is, is that the billing department at MedX AirOne who does the billing for the air program looks at the zip codes. And if the zip code falls within Lander County, there's no bill sent to the individual patient.

There is a letter that's sent that says that because you're part of this membership program, we've waived that. So there is some communication so they're not just left wondering what's going on.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Sorry to interrupt you. So what's the cost to the county?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: $40.
LOUIS MENDIOLA: Sorry. Let me make -- look that up.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Per patient or --
LOUIS MENDIOLA: Oh, no. It's a -- it's a one-time --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: It says, $40 --
LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- cost.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- on this page.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's what I was just looking for.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: One time or annually?
LOUIS MENDIOLA: Hold on. I need to pull it up real quick. We would ha- -- I apologize to not have the actual figure. The -- the information that I have here shows one dollar per residence. And that's based off the information that we would be provided by your assessor's department.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I have a question with something that you said. You wouldn't be billing the person. You'd be billing their insurance, Medicare, or private insurance. What if they didn't have insurance; then what?
LOUIS MENDIOLA: If they didn't have insurance, they wouldn't receive a bill whatsoever.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: They would what?
LOUIS MENDIOLA: They wouldn't receive a bill whatsoever.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. My second question is: If somebody needs air ambulance here in Battle Mountain, you're going to take them to Humboldt Hospital?
LOUIS MENDIOLA: No. That's not the case. We would take them to the nearest appropriate facility. If it was a scene call, meaning if it was a car accident, they'd likely go to a trauma center.
If they were having a heart attack, they would go to the nearest cath lab, which would probably be in Reno or other hospital.
Or it would be at the discretion of the physician, if they were coming out of the hospital.
This is for both 911 scene response as well as a -- as well as transfers out of the hospital.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Would you land on the interstate if there was an accident?
LOUIS MENDIOLA: If it was appropriate, yes.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So today you pick someone up here at the hospital and they want to go to Salt Lake; you would take them to Salt Lake if the patient requested it?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: If the physician.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: If it -- if it was appropriate and the --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Physician --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- physician --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- requested it.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- requested it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you have a plane or is it just helicopters?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: We only have a helicopter at this time. There is plans by MedX AirOne. MedX AirOne is the aviation partner in this. Humboldt General Hospital, it's branded under us. And we provide the clinical and medical oversight for it.

So it's their helicopter, their mechanics, their pilots.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: We provide the medical side of it. There are plans to add additional aircraft throughout the state and region.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Nan or Becky, my question is: Aren't we with Summit right now as county employees?

NAN ANCHO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: As county employees.

NAN ANCHO: County employees.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: This is for everyone in the county.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: This is -- yeah -- these are for --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I know.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I listened.

The county is with Summit; right?

NAN ANCHO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And with Summit, you can sign up as an individual too. Right?

NAN ANCHO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

Okay.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So I have a --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is something that we would be

doing for the citizens of Lander County?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Absolutely. And Humboldt County, the hospital board -- Humboldt General Hospital board of trustees has moved forward with this.

MedX AirOne did do kind of a big PR and marketing initiative that said, you know, because of the -- the board, they've invested in their community.

This has also been approved by the county commission in Pershing County.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So would this qualify -- would the qualifier be that you have an address in Lander County?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: A zip code. Your billing -- whatever's listed on your --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- information or your license.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: It's the zip code info.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So the dollar a person for the year, that's -- would be roughly 6800 bucks for a year? Give or take? For the amount of people?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many people we have in the county?

KEITH WESTENGARD: About 5500.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sixty-five?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Fif- -- fifty-five.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: This is --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Fifty-five.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Excuse me.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: This is based on residence.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's not --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: The state demographer --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- true.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: -- has about 65-, 60-.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Exactly.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's my understanding.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So next year you're not going to come back and be like, we want $5 a person or something like that; are you?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: That's not the plan at this point.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: My --
LOUIS MENDIOLA: I would -- I would guess that if it was an exorbitant amount of that, they would cancel the membership and they would just don't move forward.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: When you first sat down, you said this is a one time and I asked for a clarification.
LOUIS MENDIOLA: Oh, sorry.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: One time or annually?
LOUIS MENDIOLA: I'm sorry. Annually.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
LOUIS MENDIOLA: The term. The --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: All right.
LOUIS MENDIOLA: Sorry. I -- I -- I apologize. The term is for one year.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is a --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: So just -- just a quick question. It sounds like you're going to base it off of zip code, you said. So there's not going to be, like, a membership card that the person receives?
LOUIS MENDIOLA: Negative. The -- they will not receive, like, a membership card. We do --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: So --
LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- do a -- like, a mailing --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- we don't have to do a huge sign-up program and --
LOUIS MENDIOLA: No. Exactly. And that's -- so there's a lot of expense in the traditional model because you're sending envelopes and return addresses. And you're sending people out to fairs and basketball games to get these people to sign up. What this is is just a -- a bulk purchase done by the county or other entity.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And this is going to cover all of southern --
LOUIS MENDIOLA: The entire county.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: This -- this --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: I saw on your information that you also cover areas in Idaho and some other states. Would this --

would this benefit us if we were in Idaho or if we had an accident and had to have a (indiscernible) --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Good question.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Really quick to answer you. That's -- that map is showing our response area.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: So if you were a Pershing -- or sorry -- a Lander County citizen and you were traveling north of town, heading up to Boise, and something did happen, and we were called, yes. But it would not cover you if -- let's say that you were in the far part of Oregon that we couldn't get into in another airport. This is just --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: As long as it's in your service --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Area.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- area, basically, --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- then our residents would still be covered?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And you would base that, again, on zip code. And you'd just --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. That's awesome.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: And it doesn't -- obviously, if you're in -- I don't know -- if you're west of Lovelock and they happen -- you get in a car accident -- God forbid -- and they call Care Flight. Obviously, this isn't for Care Flight. This is for the MedX AirOne --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- program.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is just one of those things that sounds too good to be true.

So -- I mean, I -- I think it's a great program. I'll support it. But it just sounds too good to be true.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: I -- I appreciate you kind of stating that because, as an outsider looking in and when I first heard of this, I thought the same thing.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: We've really been innovative in our

delivery model in Humboldt General Hospital. The way that we -- which has really allowed us to decrease our overall costs for the service. Most air op- -- air services are, first of all, they're completely private for-profit programs. And what they do is they have to, you know staff, you know, full-time nurses and paramedics and a medical director.

What we've done is we've partnered with an aviation provider. And we have -- we provide the paramedics and the nurses.

Those paramedics and nurses work in our hospital in different departments when they're not on calls, which dramatically decreases the overall expense of running this operation to MedX AirOne and to the hospital.

So if you were to go into the ER right now ju- -- if they weren't on a flight, you'd see a nurse in a flight suit working, helping starting IVs, and stuff like that. The hospital pays them until they go on a call, which once they go on a call -- you're -- you're not paying someone to just sit around and wait for a call essentially.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Interesting.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's really good.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: You said currently you only have how many helicopters? One?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: We have the -- the aviation partner owns well over 20. We have one in Winnemucca. And we have a backup one that we can bring in if it goes down for maintenance or anything like.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So we have an accident on 50 and we have an accident on 80 and we call you. We going to get one response somewhere. What happens to the other?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Call Summit.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Yeah, we have a --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Call Summit.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Depending on where it's at, we have, like, a regional call down. So it would go to Summit. After Summit, you would call Care Flight. After Care Flight, you -- who knows what they'll get -- kind of --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, now you're saying you do this. Because that's my other concern is that's great to say we want you first or if you're a -- a county employee you can go Summit

or you if we do this. But when they dial 911 and EMS goes out, we say, we need an air ambulance. Is EMS going to designate what air ambulance?

I mean, --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Yeah, that -- there is some --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, so --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- confusion with that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- where are we going to coordinate?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: The best thing and the coordination that will happen after this meeting is to make sure that we're obviously well integrated with your local EMS system, but also with your dispatch center and that your dispatch center is well aware of this program. And we'll send people over to have conversations with folks at the hospital so that everybody's aware of this so that in the event of a multi-casualty incident the appropriate resource will respond.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Rick, do have you any comment about this?

RICK BELL: I have a lot of comments about this. I think it's a great program. But I --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Rick, could you come up for us, --

RICK BELL: Sure.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- please?

RICK BELL: I have a lot of comments. I've been in the air ambulance business for ten years of my career, and I know how the game's played and how it works.

Patsy, you had a great question. Well, what if you're busy? You know what? I run up against that every day. And there is kind of a call hierarchy. You give somebody first right of refusal. You call Summit. If they're busy, I have to go to the next one. So my staff is tuned into that and so is dispatch. And Ron and I work pretty tight together.

Anyway, Summit -- I can tell you one thing about Summit. They have a lot of aircraft. They have a lot of personnel. My problem is I never see the same face twice. So that tells me they have a large turnover of people, number one, with that, possibly. Why? I don't know. I don't know if it's pay. I don't know if it's where it's at. I have no idea. That's a problem for me. So I look at the quality of personnel when I transfer a patient. And I think there's much better out there.

Joel Hochhalter is the President of MedX AirOne. I worked with -- for -- with him for a long time on the first air ambulance in Elko for the first six years they were in business. Joel demands -- staff training has to be top notch or their done and they're out of there. It's all about customer service. It's all about patient care.

And that's -- that's why I would support this program.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you, Rick.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Rick.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So the more coverage we have, the better.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: If it would -- my recommendation to the -- to the board of commissioners would be that if this is something that you want to move forward with, you would set an amount not to exceed. And I can -- and I do apologize for not having the exact amount here today -- I can tell you that it will not be over $6,000. Because, again, once we get the calculations from the state demographer or the assessor's office, based on the number of residents not on the number of citizens.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The -- the problem is that -- that if you guys okay this now, we don't have any money in the budget. So this is probably something that should be looked at during the budget.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: During the budget. Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Next year's budget year.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Because we just -- Nan. I talked to Nan for a second. And she says that we -- she doesn't know where we'd get the money immediately.

Right?

NAN ANCHO: Right.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Keith has a lot of money.

You have safety money.

KEITH WESTENGARD: I do.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Could we take it from there?

NAN ANCHO: Well, I think that this is something that should be addressed during the budget.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.

NAN ANCHO: So that it can take place in our new fiscal year that starts in July.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Sounds good to me.

NAN ANCHO: And this will give you time to research it and decide if that's something that you want to pursue.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And that's only a couple of months anyway.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah. First -- (indiscernible).

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, it's -- it's difficult, like you said, at the end of a budget year, you know, we're six months into it here to go, it's a whole benefit for the -- for the whole county. And -- and it needs to be certainly talked about so the county's aware of what's going on too and if they would like us to continue researching something like that.

But I guess my question is then, whenever we join, then that goes for one full year from that date?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: You can't, like, retroactively provide the membership.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I wasn't going to do it retroactively, --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- but I didn't know whether you were going to prorate it and start at the first of the year if --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: No, --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that was --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- it would just be -- it would be a calendar year from the date that you started.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So that --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- would bring up --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- (indiscernible).

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- the question.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We've got to --

NAN ANCHO: Fiscal.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- do it during budgets.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Do you have a care about when we

start?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: I would prefer that you guys start today so that in the event that one of your citizens did use our service and didn't have a Summit or an HGH membership, they wouldn't be looking at a possibly upwards of $20,000 bill, --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: But if we --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- depending on where they go.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: That the --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: How --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- offer would still be open to us in a couple of months?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: I believe so. I don't have any reason to -- to think that we would not offer that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: In the interim then, since you are up and running and -- and I imagine advertising, if an individual wanted to do that, what is your individual rate to join your membership? Is it 40?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is a -- this is a county deal.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Correct.

The individual rate is -- is much higher per person or per resident.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. But they --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: I believe it --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- can do that.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Absolutely. They're not excluded from it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And it's --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think get the number, the actual number of what it's going to cost us and submit something to Finance for the budget process.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: I can do that. Be happy to do that.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Do you guys agree?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think -- I think this is absolutely something we want to do.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think we've a lot of issues to work out, though.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want do it too, but I -- I agree with Patsy. I mean, if -- if we -- if we could squeeze the

money out somewhere, I would be willing do it now.

Just -- if we save one life by getting this two months ahead of time, --

Look, it's $55,000 to fly to Salt Lake City. I know this for a fact. That would bankrupt everybody that I know, well, almost everybody.

So I -- I'm going to take -- take a chance and make a motion and --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Be- -- before you do that, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You've got to find the money first.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we take it out of your safety money?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's like putting the cart --

KEITH WESTENGARD: I don't have a --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- before the horse.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- problem with that. Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know what you think, Nan. But can we do it legally?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Of course, you can do it legally.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But -- but is it fiscally responsible? is the question you need to ask yourself, not -- not what the legality of it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I hate to put fiscal responsibility here and chance of saving somebody's life here for a buck a head.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Art, we could always defer it to the next meeting and look and see what we can do.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And get the exact number.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Mr. Clark, -- and I think these are all very prudent decisions and options that you guys have discussed. I'm not sure what your agenda looks like after this agenda item, but I'd be happy if -- if you would be willing to adjourn for just a brief meeting to talk to the president of the organization to see if he would be willing to do, like, a three-month period to allow you guy- -- a much smaller amount of money to get you to the budget, which I believe the budget is

usually done in March?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think that's great --
LOUIS MENDIOLA: You have an April submission.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- idea.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Let's take a break.
LOUIS MENDIOLA: If I could have --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.
LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- ten to fifteen minutes, I'd be willing to make that phone call.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Great.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's take a break.

(Break taken between 11:31 a.m. to 11:44 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I call the commission back to order. Continue on with yours, please.
LOUIS MENDIOLA: Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, thank you for that brief break.
I wanted to provide a little bit more information. The original offer for the full year was $2200 for the entire county.
In talking to MedX AirOne, the administrator of the membership program, they will -- are willing to offer from this date, today, until July 1, which would you get you through not only the budget but when those funds would be appro- -- appropriated. It would be a cost of $1100 from this date forward for -- to get you through the budget cycle.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So is that based on adult residents? Or why --
LOUIS MENDIOLA: Just --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- why the 2200?
LOUIS MENDIOLA: It's based on -- I think that there was a -- when I said that -- people were thinking about the number of -- the population number. It's not based on the population. It's based on the number of residents.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE PARTICIPANT: Households?
LOUIS MENDIOLA: Households.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Households.
LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- -holds.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: But it will cover anybody in the zip code?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Correct. And one of the things that we ran into in Humboldt County is, is that we have number of people -- I'm not sure if you're familiar with Winnemucca -- they live in Grass Valley. And they actually live in Pershing County, but they have a Humboldt County zip code. So any -- if they live in a zip code, for instance, is they live in Pershing County, just on the other side of the line, but it's still a Humboldt County zip code, then they would still get the benefit. I'm not sure if that happens. I'm not really familiar with the county lines.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I don't think that happens here.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Keith, is there $1100 in the safety budget?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Done.

KEITH WESTENGARD: I just -- may I ask a -- a couple of quick questions?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Yes.

KEITH WESTENGARD: So come July 1st, are -- we'll base it on the number of households in the county?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Correct.

KEITH WESTENGARD: And it'll be the same dollar per household at that time?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: I'm not sure I'm -- I would have to -- we would have to wait to see what MedX AirOne wanted to do from that time.

I -- I understand that there's a number of factors that come into this, not just the number of residents. I know that they probably are looking at your payer mix, different things like that, to come up with that -- that per resident.

KEITH WESTENGARD: What my concern would be is July 1st comes around and we go from a dollar a household to $50 a household. And then we're not looking at 22- or $1100, we're looking at thou- -- tens of thousands.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Understood.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: But I can say confidently that if that

were the case, I think that the owners of MedX AirOne and -- and their membership administration would say, it's not worth it to go and ask for $300,000 or whatever that number is.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: And that we would revert to the -- kind of the traditional model of -- of soliciting memberships from individuals.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Whatever the cost is going to be from July on, we'll -- we'll budget in March or we'll discuss in March --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Absolutely --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Before moving forward.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That's what I --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- was wondering, --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Understood.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- if they would be able to give us an idea or something so that we can, when we go to budget.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: I will let them know that if they -- that -- given -- they probably plan to continue this program, they need to know by March 1 --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, what is that date, --

LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- what it looks like.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Nan?

NAN ANCHO: Pardon me?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: When -- if they are to submit for our budget, what date do they need to have it in?

NAN ANCHO: By February 1st.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: February 1st. Okay.

NAN ANCHO: I do have a question.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Uh-huh.

NAN ANCHO: This company provides this service. If you are not the one that shows up on scene, Summit shows up, your plan does not cover that individual. If they don't have coverage for Summit, then they will be billed by Summit?

Because -- what I'm saying is: Are all of the helicopter companies that come in here going to ask us to do the same thing

for them? If we have three different --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think the other helicopter companies are -- are going about it just in a different way. Where these guys are covering the entire county in one --

NAN ANCHO: Right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- whack, --

NAN ANCHO: Right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- Summit Air goes to individual -- they come to the county. They go to Newmont. They go to different companies or organizations and individuals and offer their benefits. They're just marketing it in a different way.

Is that what you're asking?

RICK BELL: Nan, they're not tied together. These are all individual.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, they're all individual --

NAN ANCHO: Right, so --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- companies.

NAN ANCHO: -- so with that being said, if they're not the ones that -- Summit would have to come in. If we're going to cover the whole entire county, --

RICK BELL: Or Care Flight --

NAN ANCHO: -- then Summit would come in and they would ask us to do the same thing? Care Flight would come in and ask us to do the same thing, --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

NAN ANCHO: -- provide the same plan?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And that's partly because you -- you don't know which helicopter service --

NAN ANCHO: Right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- is going to come pick you up.

NAN ANCHO: Right.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: The best way --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: You don't always know.

NAN ANCHO: So would the county be expected to provide the coverage for all helicopter companies that come in here so that the individuals in this county are covered regardless?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Not necessarily.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's a benefit we're offering them. So I don't think there's anything that -- that mandates we have to do, you know, three different benefits that are the same. I

-- but, you know, if every helicopter service came in and said, you could do this for 2200, it might be something we would.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I doubt very much the others do.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: They come in and say, here's your group membership. We'll reduce it a little bit. And that's where we went with, you know, county employees and the mines went their way.

I think it's an introductory offer. I don't know how long it's going to last. But I think it's a pretty nice benefit for the amount that we're going look at so...

But you're right, it's --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And we are offering Summit to county employees.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

NAN ANCHO: Correct. But not the entire county.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Not the entire --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- county.

NAN ANCHO: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And I believe Summit has offered to employees of other businesses.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: They do.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And that's still available.

NAN ANCHO: The same -- they probably offer the same program to individuals in this area also.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I don't know why they would at this point.

NAN ANCHO: An annual membership.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: We're covering every -- every person in the county. They wouldn't need to come to other businesses to do this, I wouldn't imagine.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: I mean, I -- I can fully disclose we've -- we've talked to Newmont, had a meeting with them. They're really excited about the program in Humboldt County. And I -- I can't speak for Newmont. I'm not -- I don't work for them. I don't represent them, but they were interested to see if we

offered the same thing to Lander County because they do have a large number of -- of lives that they insure in your community.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But there again, it's not covering all their employees. It's only covering the employees that live here.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Correct. Well, -- correct.

But they understand, you know, the -- with the Phoenix Project, a number of them live here. Half the people that work at Phoenix live in Winnemucca. Half the people that work in Phoenix, you know, live here. There's some split so...

Between the two counties, the majority of people working there are covered.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Did that answer your question?

Sort of?

NAN ANCHO: Sort of.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It seems like double coverage, huh?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I actually have a question. Max Bunch, for the record.

So if you're at the hospital and you tell them you're insured by this person, this person for a helicopter ride, they're not going to call that company or they're just going to call whomever first.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: They'll try to, but if they're not available, they're going to call the next one in line.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But we're not talking at the hospital. We're talking about a -- a critical accident site or -- or you know, at home and the EMS get there and they say, we need a helicopter. It's a dispatch pretty much. Now, if EMS has had a chance to talk to them and EMS knows they're a county resident, they might ask for this one first. That's possible. But most of the time you're saying -- dispatch is the one saying, we -- we dispatch -- they don't know if you're a county employee. They didn't necessarily dispatch Summit. They dispatched Care Flight. I mean, that's -- that's kind of the way it is. So with the education on this one, knowing all county residents are covered, it -- it would be a good education, I think.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: For -- for clarity purposes, in addition to what Commissioner Waits said, this does also apply to inter-facility transports out of your hospital.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Where we have the option of calling you.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

But having -- in this situation where the hospital transport is so expensive, it would be wise to have all the coverages because they're cheap enough to have.

And -- because the -- the case -- the time may come when you're unconscious and you can't tell the hospital, I want Care Flight or Summit or MedX One or -- you can't tell them. And you're going to get what you get.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, I -- I think that -- Max Bunch, for the record again.

I think that you, as a county commission, and you've got an Indigent Fund that deals with some indigents within the community, you, as a county commission, would want the hospital to make sure that this company that has county insurance to be flown out on that instead of getting a bill later down the road from Summit or somebody else that's not covered.

You would say, this is our request that anybody who's a citizen of Lander County that they'd use this service first going out of this hospital. Because you've already paid for it.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah, I would think that we --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And so why do you --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, we've done the same --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- (indiscernible) if not --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: The county's also paid for Summit to provide coverage for their --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: For county --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- county --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- employees.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- employees.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Employees.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But not for the county citizens (indiscernible) --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But wouldn't that be dispatch too, though, Ron?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Pardon me?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: When the hospital needs to call in Care Flight or whoever, doesn't dispatch do that?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: The hospital.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: No.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: No. The hospital.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, the hospital calls it in?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: We dispatch when, say, on an accident or whatever, EMS will call us, say, give it -- get an aircraft headed this direction. They'll usually tell us which one. That's EMS.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, if we --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: They'll say --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- made a direction at the --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- we'll call Summit Air, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- sheriff's department --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- Care Flight, or whatever.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right. But if we made a direction that the sheriff's department first call air medics or medic air first, wouldn't -- wouldn't dispatch follow that first?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Absolutely. If EMS tells us to call Humboldt County, we're calling Humboldt County. Now if Humboldt County's not available, we'll respond back to them, say, we didn't have them. Then chances are if it's this end of the state or county, we're going to go with Summit Air.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: If Summit's not available, it's a checklist. They need a helicopter. They'll tell us which ones to get. If we can't get it, we'll let them know, and we'll go with it. But as far as the hospital, I believe the hospital calls in.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And that's -- and that's where I was talking about.

Max Bunch, again, for the record.

And that's what I was talking about. When you get to the hospital, if we've got this for every citizen, that you, as the board, may want to direct the hospital to make this your first call in case they're an indigent person. You're cutting your cost on the indigency -- the state indigency fund, the county indigency fund that we already have established. We're trying to save money in those funds. And this allows us to do that by having this so that -- that you guys have given direction to the

hospital, this is who we'd like for you to call because we're insured through them first, --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I think --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- not just arbitrarily going down a checklist.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's an ex- -- no, it's an excellent thought. But if the hospital too you have time to check to see. On the scene, many times if you don't know the person locally, --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I'm -- I'm only talking about the hospital.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you don't know. Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And that -- as a member of the hospital board, we've -- we've discussed this. And the hospital board's waiting to see what the county does before they make any decisions about that.

So I can go to the hospital board and let them know that we have contracted with MedX One -- what did we call this? MedX AirOne. And then we can make some directions along those lines as a -- as a hospital board.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Also, -- Sadie Sullivan for the record -- I believe in the beginning, didn't you state that if we did go for this, you would go and you would approach and let dispatch -- you'd have those meetings. You'd have those conversations and the hospital and whatever. So you're already going to go and touch base with them to let them know this is what the zip code or the people of Lander County -- so you will already have touched base with them and they'll already be lined out? Is that what I understood?

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Correct. There'll be a fair amount of, you know, PR work and different --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Right.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: -- things, probably going through Lander County EMS and then the sheriff's office.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Shouldn't we have gotten -- this is kind of like putting the cart before the horse. Shouldn't the hospital have said, yeah, we will do this if the county approves it, before we go pay money?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I don't -- Well, I don't know why you

would do that.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Because, again, there's no guarantee which hospital serv- -- or which air service is going to be available.

With MedX AirOne, we only have one --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Still --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- having one aircraft --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- no guarantee they're going to say, yeah, we will call them first before we go spend the money on it.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, we can send them -- we can -- we can point them in that direction.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: We've already -- and just -- just for the record -- is we've already done a considerable number of flights. I believe it's -- it's close to ten flights out of Lander -- or sorry -- out of Battle Mountain General Hospital since we started a month and a half ago.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that Lander County purchase the membership with Humboldt General Hospital MedX AirOne for $1100 to cover us through the end of June for all residents in Lander County.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Make sure you get the budget submitted.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: February 1.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yep.

LOUIS MENDIOLA: Got you. Thank you, guys, very much.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yep.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're welcome. Merry Christmas.
LOUIS MENDIOLA: You too.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT & MAINTENANCE

16) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of the purchase of the new janitorial equipment: scrubber, $5,300; buffer, $950; carpet cleaner, $2,539; two vacuums, $900; and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go to Item 16. Discussion for possible action regarding approval of the purchase of the new janitorial equipment: scrubber for $5,300; buffer for $950; carpet cleaner for $2,439 [verbatim]; and two vacuums -- I don't know if that's 900 a piece or two vacuums for $900.

ANNA PENOLA: Two hundred -- two vacuums for 900.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

ANNA PENOLA: Anna Penola with the Building Department.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And other matters properly related thereto. Thank you, Anna.

ANNA PENOLA: We're getting two employees for janitorial services for the county buildings. And we have no equipment. And this is the equipment that we need.

Now we'd like approval to -- I got -- I would like the carpet cleaner so we don't have to contract out with Mr. Sparkle for our county buildings. Our employees will be able to go to these places and do our own carpet cleaning. They're just the necessary -- the buffer and the scrubber are for the concrete floors that are necessary.

The people that I'm dealing with is Inland Supply. They do training for employees. They're a great company. You're never going to be without anything. They come through twice or two times a week.

I really look forward to the training for the new employees and learning how to run the equipment and run it right. And this is the great opportunity for a brand new building to start fresh.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Going back to Steve's question. Two vacuums, $900 a piece?

ANNA PENOLA: 450.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: 450. Okay.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Commercial.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: They're commercial grade vacuums.
ANNA PENOLA: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And this is -- this is still coming out of our --
NAN ANCHO: This would come out of our current janitorial budget.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do we have enough in that?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because we discussed this when -- when we looked at the new janitorial service or having our own employees. So we knew we had to --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- buy that.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.
NAN ANCHO: Correct. Because our current contract ended November 30th. So the amount we had budgeted for janitorial could then cover this: the purchase of the equipment and supplies --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we're fine.
NAN ANCHO: -- needed for the building.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve the purchase of all the new janitorial equipment.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Simple.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.
ANNA PENOLA: Thank you very much, guys.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Anna.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

17) **Discussion for possible action to approve alcohol at the Battle Mountain Fire Hall on 12/30/15, 12/31/15, and 01/01/16 for the annual fundraising event, and other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Number 17. Discussion for possible action to approve alcohol at the Battle Mountain Fire Hall on 12/30 of '15, 12/31 of '15, and 1/1 of '16, for the annual fundraising event, and other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I make a motion to approve alcohol --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hold on. Ted, can we make this permanent?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Like --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Unless -- unless --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Not today.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- you --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Agendize it that way?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Unless this honorable board is going to be permanent, the same people are on it.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh. We can do it for three years at a time though.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Basically.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Or four --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Four --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- years.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- years.

I'd just do it on a yearly basis.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yearly basis because I won't be here next year.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, it's a -- it's a nonprofit too. So they don't hold a continuous liquor license. I mean, we --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- just --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: They come --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You can't --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- before us and we --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do it.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's -- that's what you have to do.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Go with -- sorry. Go.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, you go.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Go ahead.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve alcohol at the Battle Mountain Fire Hall on 12/30/15, 12/32/15 [verbatim], and 01/01/16 for the annual fundraising event.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

18) Discussion for possible action regarding authorizing the sheriff to permanently restructure the supervisor FTE allocations in Department 012 by replacing a deputy sheriff - Sergeant FTE with two deputy sheriffs -- Corporal FTEs. This restructure was authorized temporarily for a trial period at the June 11, 2015, commission meeting, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Number 18. Discussion for possible action regarding authorization, author- -- regarding authorizing the sheriff to permanently restructure the supervisor FTE allocations in Department 012 for replacing a deputy sheriff, Sergeant FTE, with two deputy sheriffs, Corporal FTEs. This restructure was authorized temporarily for a period of -- period at the June 11th, 2015, commission meeting, and

other matters properly related thereto.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Okay. Ron Unger, for the record.

What we did back in June is we had a sergeant position come open, as you may recall. And instead of filling that position, we used the money to put two corporals in that spot.

We asked the commission at that point in time to do it on a six-month trial basis. And at the end of that six months, we would come back to you and give you an update on it.

So what we're asking right now is we would like those positions to be full-time.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So when we did those six months ago, you've -- you've had six months to look at that. And that's working out how you want it to?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Absolutely, it did.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. And it's working okay for your budget?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yep.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And the union's on board with this?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Pardon me?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: The union is on board with it -- with this?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is there union involved with --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yes. Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- this? And they're on board?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yeah. We had the union -- of course, the union contract's going to be coming up pretty quick. But, yeah, the union's on board. We went through a long, lengthy process to get PERS on board. But we're golden at this point.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: We're -- we're -- okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Ron, wasn't Jones out for a whi- -- a -- a long period this last six months?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yes. Not for the last six months. But here for a month, month and a half, whatever it's been, maybe two months, he had major surgery on his hips. So when --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So how did it --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- he was out --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- work when he wasn't there?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Huh?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: How'd it work when he wasn't there?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Perfect.

Perfectly.

Because when he went out, then I had the two corporals. They were assigned to each crew. They took care of the -- care of the work just as, you know -- it went over really well. It was a big help.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Financially, is it better to have two sergeants or the two corporals and one sergeant?

You get what I'm saying payroll-wise?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's --

NAN ANCHO: Well, I'd have to look at the -- at the pay scale. I did -- I did not look at the pay scale between the two. So...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, this is all under Ron's --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But it's --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- budget.

NAN ANCHO: But if --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- in his budget.

NAN ANCHO: But if you're looking at two employees versus one, your benefits are going to double. So that's going to be an increase to the budget.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: No, we didn't --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Decide what's in --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- add any --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the budget if we're asking people to decrease their budgets --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: I didn't add any employees.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- next year because we have a $3 million devaluation we need to look at next year, going into next year.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's true. But it's really hard to do it with personnel when they're so shorthanded. I don't think that's where we want to look to cut.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Just so you know, I did not lose one sergeant and hire two people. I lost a sergeant. So what I did is the -- and I have two people down here making X-amount of dollars anyway. The sergeant was up here a little bit. What I did is I took that sergeant -- the difference in the pay -- the sergeant's got a higher pay scale. All right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Split that to add to the two corporals so that the money was pretty much a wash. I didn't add any employees. I just gave two individuals a slight increase of pay and hung a title on them as a --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Give them some supervisory responsibilities.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: See? So...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The money didn't change.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: No.

And if it did, it's very little.

And when we did this originally, we looked at it to where there wasn't going to be a large increase. See where I'm going with that?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We're just --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- going from temporary, basically, to full-time.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's all.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

Because you tried it out. It's working.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Tried it out for six months. It worked really good. We figured it would. But we wanted to make sure that we had the right people in there and that it would work for us, which it has. It's given us the supervisor that we needed pretty much on every shift.

It's -- it's a good -- good situation for us here.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we authorize this restructure and the permanent full-time employee position changes --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- for the two corporals.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thanks, Ron.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Thank you very much.
And I agree with Rick Bell.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: On what?
Your sign above our head.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: In God We Trust.

PUBLIC WORKS

19) Discussion for possible action to approve an amendment to the existing Day Engineering contract for rehab of three existing sewer lift stations. Contract amendment will include design and inspection services for a water line on Chukar Lane, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Number 19. Discussion for possible action to approve amendment to the existing Day Engineering contract for rehab of three existing sewer lift stations. Contract amendment will include design and inspection services for a water line on Chukar Lane, and other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We're into the afternoon. Good afternoon, Marty.

MARTIN UGALDE: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Merry Christmas to everyone.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Merry Christmas.

MARTIN UGALDE: Thank you. Are there any questions? You want me to explain what -- what's going on?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yep.

MARTIN UGALDE: Okay.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: State your name. Did you --

MARTIN UGALDE: Pard- -- oh, it's Martin Ugalde, Day

Engineering.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

MARTIN UGALDE: Thank you. Public Works asked me to look at including a water line on Chukar Lane for increased fire protection because there's a six-inch water line right now that runs down, not part of Chukar Lane, but from 305.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE PARTICIPANT: (Indiscernible) mountain?

MARTIN UGALDE: Thank you. And there's also a disconnect on a 16-inch that's north of there.

So the plan is to run a new line on Chukar Lane and loop it back to 17th -- I think it is -- that's north of there.

Anyway, it would be a looped water main. It would be 8-inch, which is the minimum size, new fire hydrants and services for the commercial area. And the loop would go along -- I'm sorry I don't have a picture in front of you, but I think I included that with the proposal. But anyway, the westerly -- I guess the -- or excuse me -- the southerly loop part of it would go along with an existing overhead power line in an easement there to loop it for the increased pressure and stabilization of the water line for the fire hydrants in that commercial district or commercial area.

And it would only be looped back to 17th where we would tie into existing lines and a stub for any future development, if there is any. It wouldn't be -- it wouldn't include anything that would be future but just a stub for any future developments.

And Public Works asked for -- if we would give them a proposal to do this.

So it would be included in the project we're doing right now with the three sewer lift stations. And it's going to be bid as an alternate bid item.

So the proposal I gave you was for design and inspection; however, if the project does not get awarded -- or that part of it as an alternate bid does not get awarded, of course, we won't do any inspections. So that part of our proposal we won't, obviously, bill out. And the bidding part of this is -- is included in the sewer lift stations because it's -- it's easily covered with what we're doing for bidding for the other three because it's all one -- one prebid meeting and all that. So...

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So is this going to increase the cost

for those lift station repairs?

MARTIN UGALDE: Pardon?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is this going to increase the cost? Because you're -- you're adding this into the repair of those lift stations?

MARTIN UGALDE: Yes, for engineering and construction, both, yes.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is this going to increase the cost of those?

MARTIN UGALDE: Not of the lift stations, but --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Of the --

MARTIN UGALDE: -- I'm sorry --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Of the --

MARTIN UGALDE: -- I don't think --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- engineering.

MARTIN UGALDE: -- I understand your question.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, the co- -- the additional cost is for your design --

MARTIN UGALDE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on it, the total cost --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and for them to do the actual work.

MARTIN UGALDE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And we don't have any numbers that I can see for what those costs are. Do we --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, there's a budget. What's the budget?

MARTIN UGALDE: I provided --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Are we waiting --

MARTIN UGALDE: -- the proposal.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- for the bid.

MARTIN UGALDE: That was all supposed to be included in that. I'm sorry. (Indiscernible.)

NAN ANCHO: There's nothing in here.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, we don't have any- --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- -thing.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: There's no numbers. There's nothing.

MARTIN UGALDE: Hm. Okay.

Well, I can provide that to you.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Well, --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: (Indiscernible.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: There is the --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the rec center.
KEITH WESTENGARD: But this --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We have a budget.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We're going out to bid. And if it comes under bid, then they'll be able to do --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: (Indiscernible.)
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the water line. If not, they just do the lift station.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: But we're just adding this as an alternate to the current bid.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yes.
KEITH WESTENGARD: That is -- that's correct. This is not for the actual job. This is just for the engineering --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Engineering.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- and --
MARTIN UGALDE: That's correct.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- inspection of the job. If -- if --
MARTIN UGALDE: That's correct.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- we can fit it in --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: They --
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to the lift station --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- have a thing in here of 49,500.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do it all at the same time.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Pardon me?
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: They have a cost thing here because it says here, are there any costs associated with your request? And it says 49,500.
MARTIN UGALDE: That would be for design and inspection --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
MARTIN UGALDE: -- on a time and materials basis.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
MARTIN UGALDE: But in pursuant with the original contract that we have with you right now. And so again, if we don't do any inspection, we would not obviously include that --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Okay.

MARTIN UGALDE: -- as an alternate bid. I'm sorry if I'm confusing you, but when the bids come in for the construction part of it, as an alternate bid. If the commissioners decide that we don't have the money to -- you don't have the money to include that as part of the project that includes the three sewer lift stations, then our inspection would not be part of that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It would just pay for the design?

MARTIN UGALDE: You just pay --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But we --

MARTIN UGALDE: -- for the --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- want to --

MARTIN UGALDE: -- design.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do it all at the same time, of course. So --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right. It's --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we need to --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- cheaper.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- go ahead.

MARTIN UGALDE: And what I mean by that is the proposal set up in tasks. We have a design. We have inspection. So...

COMMISSIONER WAITS: When is this going out to bid?

MARTIN UGALDE: Well, if -- since I'm including this with the three sewer lift stations, I'm hoping we can go out to bid next month. But it has to be reviewed by Public Works and state health. NDP has to look at it.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, it gives me an idea. I know what you're doing so we want to do it now.

MARTIN UGALDE: Hopefully January. I'm dealing with the railroad on the bonus sewer lift station and that takes some time. So I'm trying to get through that as quickly as I can.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Does anybody know why there was a 4-inch line put out there instead of an 8-inch?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Just the times is the only reason I can think of. Not a whole lot of forethought went into the future.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we approve an amendment to the existing Day Engineering contract for rehab of the three existing sewer lift stations to include -- let's see -- the looped water main, 8-inch for fire protection and commercial area of Chukar Lane, new 8-inch water main is

replacing it. So I don't need that. Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

MARTIN UGALDE: Thank you very much.

Thank you.

PLANNING COMMISSION

20) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of a parcel map for Linda McMahon that will combine nine residential lots in Kingston and split same into four parcels, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Twenty. Discussion for possible action regarding approval of a parcel map from Linda McMahon that will combine nine residential lots in Kingston and split same into four parcels, and other matters properly related thereto.

JAN MORRISON: Good morning. Jan Morrison, community services officer for the county.

And this is a pretty standard parcel map you've -- you've seen, probably recall several coming from Kingston lately. They're combining some of the smaller lots into more usable lots. And so this is a standard parcel map combining nine small parcels and re- -- re-subdividing into four parcels.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So we seem to be doing a lot of these lately.

Is -- is Kingston have a master plan for this?

JAN MORRISON: Not -- well, not necessarily. This is an old subdivision from the '70s. And there may have been a lot of thought of a heavily populated area back then. And these lots, for example, are 11,000 square feet. And they all are --

although they're on water, they're on septics. And it's -- it's nice to see these changes going to -- to more like half-acre parcels. And so there's -- there's very little impact to the county. Taxes aren't significantly impacted. But it's nice to see these combinations.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Just one moment, please. I believe that we are disconnected with Austin.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Austin, are you there?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I just received a text message.

MITESHELL LANHAM: We're here.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Oh, you're there? Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I wanted to verify.

JAN MORRISON: Oh. So yeah. And I think in -- in Kingston as people have -- have -- are aware that they can do this, they're starting to do this, which is nice. So...

Cleans up a lot of issues. There's also a lot of flood issues out there. And people are combining unbuildable lots.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

JAN MORRISON: So it's good overall. It reduces the density and cleans up some problems out there.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: What's an unbuildable lot?

JAN MORRISON: There's some flood-zoned areas down there that were sold in the past. And basically, although they may not technically be unbuildable, the engineering required might make it rather prohibitive.

And so people who have bought adjacent parcels are combining.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we accept the Lander County Planning Commission's recommendation for the nine residential lots in Kingston to be split into four parcels --

We won't have the numbers on that; right?

And authorize the chair to sign the mylar.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
JAN MORRISON: Do you want to sign it now or later? (Indiscernible.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: (Indiscernible.) I'll sign it now.

21) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of transfer of APN 001-073-11 currently held in title by Lander County to RPM Holdings, as per memorandum of understanding approved by the Lander County Commission at its regular meeting of January 13, 2011, and authorize the chair to sign the deed, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's go to 21. Discussion for possible action regarding approval of transfer of APN 001-073-11, currently held in title by Lander County to RPM Holdings as per memorandum of understanding approved by the Lander County Commission at its regular meeting of January 13th, 2011, and authorize the chair to sign the deed, and other matters properly related thereto.

JAN MORRISON: This is the last action on the Austin Visitors Center. And I've been working with our DA on this to make sure that these are transferred properly.

We've been able to locate some old files.

And basically, the Marshal family donated property to the county in order to construct the visitor center. And because of NDOT requirements, they had to deed an entire parcel over. Then after the design plans were in for the visitors center, the remainder of that parcel would be deeded back to the Marshal family.

And that's RPM Holdings. And so this cleans it up. And I'll be working with the DA with -- with the history of the deeds for him.

And there was one other item. And I thought that Mr. -- one of the representatives of the family would be here.

It brought up something about the lot needs to be cleaned up. There's still construction debris. And he just asked that the county does it.

I'm not too sure that the parcel needs to go back to the

Marshal family in the condition it was. And I think there's a temporary fence.

Patsy, you may be a little more familiar with that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: There's fence on this side. Yeah. Marshals are here. The visitors center is here. This is the area.

JAN MORRISON: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So, yeah, we do have the fence --

JAN MORRISON: I think --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the far south of the --

JAN MORRISON: -- Public Works --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- visitors center.

JAN MORRISON: -- and Road and Bridge can go and do whatever they need to --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't think --

JAN MORRISON: -- to do that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it's all that much. I'm trying --

JAN MORRISON: No, it's minor.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's nothing that's --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Legally. The problem that Jan and I, and we've been working on this. Our biggest problem is there is no memorandum of understanding.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just the reference to it?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Just the reference to it. And the reference to it, legally, in my opinion, is enough for us to do this.

But as far as cleaning up, if there's no memorandum of understanding that states that, I can't find anything in the paperwork that talks about cleanup, the county having to clean that up. That's the only part I'm -- but -- but with the information Jan has given me and will give me, and we'll work together. I'll be able to do up the deed for the -- for the chair to sign or vice chair to sign.

But I just wanted you to know that whoever did -- did this, did not do a memorandum of understanding. That slipped through the cracks --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, I --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And then that's unfortunate. We find that every once in a while --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- as we go back through --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- all of our -- our records.
But I do think -- like I said, there's not much on it. But if the Marshals have requested that we do this, I think with the idea that they actually gave us the land to begin with would be a very small thing to ask our Road and Bridge to take a look at it --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: It would be neighborly.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and clean it up. So...
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I don't have a problem with that.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Even though there's no --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'm --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- memo.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- just telling you legally --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I understand --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Can we include that in --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- your legal point.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- a motion though?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes, because, legally, there's no memorandum of --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- of understanding that -- that says we have to do that.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If you guys take it upon yourself to do it because of the good graces of them, that's fine. I'm fine with that.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's -- well, that's what I'm saying. You gave us a legal opinion of what we can --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do and not do.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So here where it says, --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I'm saying we should do it.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So...
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Sorry, Patsy.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: If they agree.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And it says here, uphold the memorandum of understanding. Should it be the reference to the memorandum?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Probably, you have to --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Do you understand what I'm saying?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If you make the motion, yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Or the idea. Not the reference or the idea.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The concept.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, you can -- you can -- you can talk about the memorandum of understanding. The -- the minutes talk about the memorandum of understanding.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: There just wasn't one.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And the agenda setting even details that what the memorandum of understanding is supposed to be.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So -- so we can refer to it as the memorandum of understanding.

And I believe you can do it in your motion because there's enough there.

There's just not anything there about cleanup. So you'd have to include that in your motion.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I'll make a motion that we uphold the memorandum of understanding approved by the Lander County Commission at its regular meeting of January 13th, 2011, and transfer APN 001-073-11 to RPM Holdings with the understanding that Road and Bridge South will clean up the lot and authorize the chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

JAN MORRISON: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Jan.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

FINANCE

23) Update on budget review, financial update, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Go to Item 23. Update on budget review, contracts, financial updates, and other matters properly related thereto.

NAN ANCHO: Nan Ancho, Finance.

Right now I have the Outstanding Accounts Receivable for the months of October. I have a couple of months because we were a little behind. Didn't have the meetings fall in line.

For October, the Total Accounts Receivable was $41,060; Water was 18,479; Sewer was 14,706; and Landfill consisted of $7,875.

Now we have the Outstanding Accounts Receivable for the month of November. The total was 48,501; which Water was 19,415; Sewer, 17,116; Miscellaneous Water/Sewer was zero; and Landfill was 11,970.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We need to get customers.

NAN ANCHO: That is what's outstanding. That is what has not been paid as of this --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Those are people who owe us money.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Ooh.

NAN ANCHO: Yes. So that's been -- that's reduced because they have paid their bills.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

NAN ANCHO: So...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We need to collect.

NAN ANCHO: Landfill was running pretty high there for a couple of months.

So they have collected on those outstanding 60 to 90 days.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, now that we're in our permanent compliance and it's so much prettier out there -- right? -- they should be paying their bills.

NAN ANCHO: Yes.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, it -- it's much improved.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Nan.
NAN ANCHO: That's all I have for that item.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

24) Discussion for possible action regarding direction from the Lander County Commissioners regarding the process and parameters to be implemented for development of the Lander County fiscal year 2016-2017 budget, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Number 24. Discussion for possible action regarding direction from the Lander County Commissioners regarding the process and parameters to be implemented for development of the Lander County fiscal year 2016-2017 budget, and other matters properly related thereto.

NAN ANCHO: So this item, I come before you because we're getting ready to start the next budget. And we need some direction from you as to how you want to handle it.

Do you want to remain the same? cut?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I would like to see if we can do a 15 percent voluntary cut in all departments.

NAN ANCHO: Fifteen percent voluntary cut in all --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

NAN ANCHO: -- departments?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And we'll work it out when we go through budgets.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Um.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Across the board? Personnel?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Everything.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think we very definitely need to -- to look at a cut. And your memo should, you know, certainly address that so we know where we're coming from in the departments. And we're looking at -- and you mentioned it -- a $3 million shortfall in our operating expenses where we want to go.

But I don't know if I want to start with 15. That's -- that's pretty --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's why I said voluntary. So --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- heavy.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- we can work with that depending on --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: A voluntary cut at 15 percent.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And as we go --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is that --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- through, --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the way you want to do it? I mean, we -- you're right we can start out with that or we can say --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, think about it. How much did we --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we won't --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- add --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- have to do --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- last year?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a mandatory cut --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: At least 5 to 7 percent to each department.
NAN ANCHO: Well, last year we had a 4 percent salary increase, which also increased the benefits. And some departments did ask for an increase in operations.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
NAN ANCHO: Right now we don't know what the salaries are going to be because we have not started the negotiations.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Ted.
NAN ANCHO: That is --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just think fifteen's a little high. And we haven't had a cut for years.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We were the only county last year that didn't cut.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know. I know we are. And I think we should look at one. I'm -- I'm just wondering if you're negotiable on the 15 to start with so we don't have to --
NAN ANCHO: Do you want to look at it as a cut to, say, the whole General Fund or every individual department?
Because, you know, you've got the restructure that you're working on also.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I --
NAN ANCHO: All that plays a part.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Individual --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- departments.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, individual departments.
NAN ANCHO: Okay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I would suggest --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But no, it's not a hard line 15 percent, by any sense.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know that, but, I mean, when you go in and you're looking at, like she said, at the personnel and everything that's going up, I'm -- I just want to -- of course, it's going up because of the cost of our new building, for one thing, that we'll have to absorb. So if we look at departments and say, -- I'm open to 12. How about 12?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: How about 13?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Ten.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: How about we'll negotiate it there in the budget process. But the departments can look at a percentage that they can cut somewhere around there.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I would also submit that we need to consider the fiscal impact of the White Knife Casino. Because that's going to cut into our room tax. And that's going to cut into our fuel tax. The colony casino.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, but we don't get room tax.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That ain't going to affect us too much as a county.
NAN ANCHO: We don't get --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: What he's saying -- Sadie Sullivan.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're not listening.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Room tax, that goes to convention and tourism.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Right. But he's saying that --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're not listening --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- they're going to take --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- to me.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- away from the other --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're not listening --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- hotels.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- to me. You need to project how

it's going to hurt us.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Correct.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We don't get any. If they build that 400 room place out there, it's going to impact us. So what I want to be considered is the impact of that.

And I agree, we need to -- to look at positions that we absolutely need versus it's nice to have.

I think that -- that needs to be done too.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And then our grants, when you send out grants, people need to send in the receipts on where they spent our grant money that we gave them. If they --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- for future grants. If they're going to ask for grants continually, then they need to send in receipts on all the grant money they spent.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: In the budget processes that I was involved in with the school district, which during that time was -- were difficult times, what was presented were different percentages of cutbacks. So I would suggest that we look at a 5, 10, and a 15 percent snapshot of what it would mean. You know, that way we have up to 15 percent covered.

This is what we would have to do to cut back five. This is what we'd have to do to cut back ten. And this is what we have to do to cut back 15. And then we find out how much we actually do need to cut back.

But I sincerely believe that the White Knife Casino is going to cut into our revenues.

It's -- it may not be this '16, but it will probably be done in 2016. So it's going to hit us in '17 so may as well get prepared.

And then we do have some issues with hiring different types of positions. So --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Anyone else?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's my thought.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I just think that if we have a $3 million shortfall in operations, we certainly need to look at balancing that budget.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: We can't -- I'm not in favor of continuing to have shortfalls in our operations. So we do need

to address that. And we'll have to go through budget. And hopefully our departments are willing to work on addressing that and making sure we are at least at a balanced budget next year is what I would like to see.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: A balanced budget.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: All right, gentlemen. So let's just --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: On operations.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And -- and a comfortable cushion. You -- you have to have money backed up. You do.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Let's just say that -- that we directed them to do two -- two budgets: one with a 10 percent increase -- increase. Sorry. Decrease -- and one with a 15 percent.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So when we take a look at this and one department says, okay, I -- I can do this. I can cut supplies. We can get by. We can use both sides of the paper, whatever. This is what I can do to cut this.

However, if I only go 10 percent, I can keep my other employee. I mean, if I do 15, I may have to -- this is what I'm saying. So when we look at this at budget time, we say, wow, this has impacted this department so much. Let's go -- we'll let them take the 15 percent and the next one 10.

Can -- is that what you're thinking of doing and taking department by department?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, I would think.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I mean this is getting a little confusing but, but what are we doing when we're asking them to do this is what I'm asking.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We're asking them to get prepared for less revenue.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. But if we went in and said, everybody, let's just do a 10 percent. This is what's going to have to be. Cut where you can cut.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. If they come in and say, hey, I can only cut 8 percent, I mean, you're still going to work with them regardless. I was just throwing a number out there.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, no, I understand that.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: If you can reach that. And if you

can't reach it, that's fine. Come in with a number that's acceptable to each department.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, but what I'm saying is we don't have to give them all the alternatives, or do you want to look at each one? I don't want them to work up three budgets. Those are difficult to do.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I would like them to come in. So Sadie comes in during budget. Sorry, Sadie, I'm going to pick on you for a minute.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: That's quite all right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: When she comes in, and we say, well, you need to cut four grand out of your operations. And she says, I can only cut two. So we mark that down and figure out the numbers. Yeah, that's acceptable. We all vote on it and we call it good. That's kind of how I imagine that going. Not -- nothing's really set in stone. I mean you still got to work with each department on what they're comfortable with cutting.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's why I thought if we do something reasonable, they're saying, let's just go for it. Let's just go 10 percent, everybody. And let's see where we can work.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So what number would you like Nan to put in?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, that number --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- really doesn't matter.

NAN ANCHO: I would -- I would --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You can go --

NAN ANCHO: -- not know until I saw the budgets that come in.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

NAN ANCHO: And so you -- you just need to give --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, we have --

NAN ANCHO: -- direction to the department so that they can --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Try to --

NAN ANCHO: -- plan their budgets --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

NAN ANCHO: -- so that when we -- when we get them in, we --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.

NAN ANCHO: -- we evaluate where they did cuts.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: If we have a $3 million --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- shortfall in operations --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That call wasn't --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: What --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to you, Nan.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- percent of operations is that?

NAN ANCHO: Well, your salaries -- last year we budgeted -- our salaries were 62 percent of our budget?

So our General Fund budget was 15 million for total operations and salaries.

So this is going to reduce our -- just our General Fund -- it's going to reduce our General Fund by over $2 million and then all the other funds that are involved in this reduction.

So you're looking at just the General Fund a reduction of about two point -- 2.2 million.

So you --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, that question wasn't to you how much. The question was -- gentlemen, how much do you want Nan to put in your memo. I didn't mean for you to pick out the -- the percentage.

NAN ANCHO: No. No, no, no. I just want to know what percentage you want --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: What we want.

NAN ANCHO: -- each department to try and cut from their budget, if that's what you're wishing.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think we --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I don't know how to explain this.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- can do 10 percent.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I mean, go with 10 percent.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

NAN ANCHO: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Whatever -- honestly whatever they're comfortable with, they need to present a plan per department on

what they're comfortable with producing. Also, on top of that 10 percent, tell them that's what we're looking for but whatever they're comfortable with. Whatever. You could say 15 percent and they come back and say, well, we can cut 9 percent. And you're going to work with them regardless. So the number, I don't know why we're getting hung up on a number is what I'm trying to say.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: You've got to give them something to shoot for.

NAN ANCHO: You've got to give them a target.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I already did three or four times. I don't know why we're still going back and forth on it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And then we have money that we can save by the restructure too.

So do we need a motion for this?

NAN ANCHO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll make a motion that we give direction for the next budget year in a number, a target number, of 10 percent with using the restructure and looking at absolutely essential and some nonessential positions for the next budget year.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And all the grants send in receipts.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

And that any grants we give out, we -- we get receipts as the money is spent.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Max Bunch, for the record.

You know, I -- the history behind all of this has been probably for ten to the last twelve years, we've been directed to hold flat every time we -- we go to budgets.

You know, I don't know if I have them all. I don't know where they're all at, but I know I have all the letters from the former exec- -- finance director.

And this makes it so you give those departments that hold flat for all those years and try to do what's supposed to be done and then other departments are granted more money in different areas to be able to build their budgets up. And now you're coming back to the departments who held their money flat for all those

years and did exactly what was asked of them, now you're coming back and saying, okay, we want you to cut. There -- there is a way to go back on the system and show what the person's had for the last five years and those increases. Those departments that ended up with larger increases should take the bigger cut. And those departments that held flat should not have to be in that position.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I agree.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And that's what we'll look at during budgets though.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But I need everybody to understand that because you guys are three new guys and you don't know that we've been asked.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Max, I can tell you everyone's budget last year increased, including yours.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Only because of salaries.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Not just salaries.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Oh, yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Operations.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: No.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: No.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It didn't.

LESLEY BUNCH: It did not.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: We were told to hold flat.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So...

LESLEY BUNCH: Lesley, for the record. Lander County recorder.

My budget stayed flat. I transferred funds, but my budget stayed flat.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay, Lesley. There was maybe a couple, but the rest, their operations increased at a couple grand.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And I'm not trying to talk about -- I just want you guys to understand the whole concept behind all these years being told to hold flat.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I get what you're saying, Max.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And we hold flat. And then other departments are granted money. So now their budgets are

inflated as opposed to somebody who held their budgets flat.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, when we go through the grant process, we'll look at that, and maybe we should cut theirs more --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, I --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- or cut theirs totally out or whatever, back down to just what they need.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I'm just trying to give you some comment from other elected officials that are actually here. And I think that we've done a great job over the years.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I do too.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And there's been some that we've moved up and some that we've moved down or you try to hold flat.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But I can tell you -- and Lesley, you are right. You did move your funds because I sat through all the budget process. But most of them got -- and maybe it was a minimal -- but they all increased a little bit.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And then -- and then --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's not that they held flat.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I wouldn't disagree with that. But when you're trying to hold it flat --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, I -- not yours, Lesley, because I remember sitting in on yours. But...

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But I'm talking just about all the budgets individually.

So you've got some that have really escalated and some that have stayed comparable, maybe a percent, percent and a half.

And somebody else gets a 12 percent increase within their budget and you've kept it to a percent and a half, how is that fair to come back and say, okay, now everybody's got to cut. Everybody on those two lines has to come back and cut 10 percent or 12 percent or whatever number you come up with.

That's what I'm trying to explain from -- from the other elected officials to you.

And I understand. We're in a budget crunch. I've been here for a long time. And I've been through many budget crunches. And to the point where we went through line item by line item every single budget, took us three days.

When you get ready to cut, you better be prepared to stay here and go the whole way, all the way through it. Because it

causes a lot of hard feelings from somebody who -- like myself -- who may have a lot of knowledge about what's happened in the past. And those -- those departments that build --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But I think you take --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- themselves up in the -- in the great times and -- and other departments don't build their selves up in the great times. They just stay flat with employees.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And when we do our department head meetings between department heads or elected officials and Finance, that's when you say I really can't do this or I've been one of those that held flat but this one wasn't. You get what I'm saying?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I get --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And then we work it out.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But I want --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's not set in stone, though. That's what I'm trying to tell you --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- all of you --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- all you guys.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, the problem is, you're going to send a notice out to the department heads and elected officials that say cut X-amount of percent.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And when you do that, they're going to say, what's all this about?

We've been -- you know, if -- if I hadn't been in here listening to here and I would have got that, I would have been pretty upset saying we've got to cut 15 percent. And that would have been my argument to you when I went to the budget hearings saying, why do I have to cut 15 percent when I've been holding flat for ten years or as close to flat as I could? And somebody else who's increased their budget 20 or 25 percent only has to cut 15. They're already 10 percent ahead of where we were before. And we're -- and now we're 15 percent or 12 percent down below where we started ten years ago.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, Judge, I -- I appreciate everything you're saying. And you're absolutely right. But some of the departments that have gone up have grown considerably and now all of sudden, they're a little bit bigger department.

But apparently, the commissioners wanted it to go that way because they approved --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, they had --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- can't we take a look at all --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I also --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the inflated budgets first?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- but I also know that some of the departments out there that -- that have had a budget can still cut and it's not going to hurt all that much. They're not going to get some new things and buy some new -- new areas that they may have --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- gone through.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- the thing is is you're giving a direction to cut 15 percent --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- or whatever --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- that number is.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes. Yes. Because that's where we're starting and so, --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I mean, we either say continue business as we've always done it or let's cut. And we're lucky we're saying --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, how about --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- how about we start with --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- we not throw a number out there -- time out -- how about we not throw a number out there and we say, take -- look at your budget and see where you can cut. And then we can take a --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, that's -- that's --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, stop -- we've got to go through the budget process and look at everyone's budget anyway. So we can -- so we -- okay, Max, say your budget was inflated by 20 percent. You take a look -- it's not. I know it's not. But say it was.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You take a look at it. And you decide, well, I can cut -- I'm only going to cut 10 percent. You come in and you sit before us and we're up here during budget process and we say, no, you're going to take a 20 percent cut because it's inflated by 20 percent, not you personally or your --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Right, right, right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- but you hear what I'm saying.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Just a -- just a department.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. And then do it department by department while we're up here during budgets.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, you know, you can get to line item by line item, each -- each line in that department's budget.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right. And Nan will have that information.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think you're giving a lot more authority to the department heads to really look at it and -- and see where they can cut and if they can try to cut ten. I really do.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, I would hope they would personally feel an obligation to help out going into a rougher time.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I understand that. I just wanted to --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But -- but --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- give public --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- yes.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- comment before you voted so that you understood --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Your comments are --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- there's a lot --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- noted. Absolutely.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- of stuff that's happened over these last 25 years that I've been here.

And so I just want to make sure that -- that you guys have an understanding. And I know Steve's been here. We've had to -- I mean, the budget process has changed how it's been done two or three times now through that 25 years, and, I mean, to the point where we had a pad and a board and we were just cutting everybody's line.

Everybody had to cut 50 out of their phone line or a hundred

out of this or whatever the case may be. And if you weren't here, somebody would cut it for you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And we haven't had to cut for a long, long time so it's still going to be hard.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Steve, how --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's my comment.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Max, hold on. I've got a question. So how would you suggest we word that then or present that?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, I think -- I think as an elected official or department head, it becomes a shock to them that they -- that they get this letter that says --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's not what I'm asking, though. How would you ask -- how would you want it presented then? How should we, going forward, present it?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I just think that you -- you indicate that you're -- you're potentially in the point of a $3 million shortfall and there are going to be some cuts in this budget. You should submit your budget with cuts included.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Like I just said a minute ago, pretty much.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, but the motion was to put a number on it.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I know, but that's just what I said a minute ago.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And I'm only -- yeah. I'm only going -- I mean, you guys will be able to pick out whatever number you want when you're sitting there.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You'll have a better understanding of the numbers as we get closer to the budget hearings. And -- and, you know, who knows? Maybe everybody cuts enough. Maybe they cut more than the number that you need --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- and you don't have to affect certain people. But those people that don't cut --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, that's not any more fair than what you just said if somebody wants to cut 20 percent and the next person cuts 5. We're still in the same thing --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We'll, you're cutting inflated --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- larger departments --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- budgets.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I understand, but it's the same --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: He -- he asked me the question about how would I direct it to --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: How would he feel --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- the other department heads and elected officials.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And that's -- and that's how I would direct it. But if you get something that says, you're cutting 15 percent regardless. This is the direction. Because we've been told over the years, hold your budget flat, zero -- zero percent increase. The administration's already going to do the salaries and the benefit increase.

Correct? Is that what --

NAN ANCHO: Yes.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- the letters have been --

NAN ANCHO: Yes, we calculate --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- over the years?

NAN ANCHO: -- the salaries and benefits based on negotiated rates. But right now, we don't know what that is.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's correct. So now you've got to come up with a number if there is going to be a negotiated rate. So you've got to have that number in your head prior to -- to going into budgets because you're not going to have that done by the time we get into budgets.

It's not going to get done until June 20th to June 29th when they decide to agree on a contract or they -- or you'll be going into the next budget year. But you're going to have that figured out with Finance and you guys making that decision.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So we need to look at each department case by case?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Uh-huh.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I think so. I mean, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Tell them --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- I really --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- everyone needs to take a voluntary cut, see where you can cut, and be prepared to sit, and --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, just tell them we're $3 million short. I mean, you know, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- if you tell me you're $3 million short, cut what you can cut and, you know, go from there. And -- and if somebody's come in and they've cut 1.5 million out of the 2.25 million that you need, now you know how much more you have to cut. Now you've got to go back to each department and you sit here for hours and you go through that whole entire process, not hours, but you're going to sit here days and do it.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, I'm real sorry if they're going to take it that way when they get that 10 percent, you know, and we're asking for this. We'll ask as nicely as we can.

But this was an agenda item and, you know, anybody could have come to go with that so we're going to have to soften it. If somebody gets it and goes, What? I have to cut 10 percent, they can talk to Keith and Nan.

I mean, hopefully we'll soften that for them. But -- but it is the real world and they weren't here for the discussion so we'll do the best we can on that. But I think we need to give them some direction.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I also have a comment.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We don't have to put a number -- sorry. Go ahead, Sadie.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: If you don't put a number, then you don't have a direction. Do you want me to withdraw my motion? I will.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Do you want to withdraw your motion? Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, I want to know if you want me to.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm telling you right now --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Because if you don't want a number -- you don't want a number --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I was going to throw the number out here first before all you guys. But all I'm saying is if you tell them to take a voluntary cut and they don't cut, then we make the number for them.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, you want --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Period.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you want to give direction or not?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That was the direction.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't think you're getting this, but

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COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm okay with the way it stands.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm going to withdraw my motion and I'll let Commissioner Bakker make his motion.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Go ahead, Sadie.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, it's already --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Let's see --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- been voted --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- what Sadie has to say.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You haven't voted.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on so we'd have to --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It's public --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- make a new --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- comment.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- motion; would we not?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If -- if he withdraws his motion, --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And withdraws the second --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- and the second --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And then we all --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- is withdrawn, --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- have to withdraw our vote, why can't we just --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I don't think --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- vote over the top --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- it's been voted --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- of it?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- on.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It hasn't been voted on. It's just been first and seconded.

It's just been --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Ted? Time out.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- seconded.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Stop, Art. What would be a direction you would kind of give from a legal standpoint?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Me? I would say that a letter needs to be sent out that every department should and should be expected to make a budget cut.

And if they don't do it, that you guys will do it for them.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It doesn't have to have a number though?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I don't think so, but -- but --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: There you go.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If you want -- if you put a number on it, there are going to be elected officials that are upset, just like Judge Bunch said. If you don't put a number on it, you're getting at the same place and you're going to save --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And we'll just cut for them, regardless.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You tell them that in the letter.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

They can either do voluntary cuts or we're going to -- we'll be doing cuts --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But it's --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- during budget time.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But expect cuts.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I don't understand how you're not getting that it's not a direction.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That sounds kind of heavy-handed, really.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, that's what --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No more heavy-handed --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Isn't that what it is?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- than saying you have to cut 10 percent.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes, it is. The county's in trouble. We're counting -- we're looking --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Exactly.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- at the department --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Exactly.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to cut 10 percent.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't think that's heavy-handed. I mean, that's the --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's no different.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- real world.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If the -- there's no difference.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Also, -- Sadie Sullivan for the record -- one of the things too that you're going to see is as far as the improvements and what have you in our budgets, we've been able to pave a lot of streets, the water and sewer, the equipment that, you know, you guys have budgeted for. So there's a lot of that that have -- the improvements -- that have been done.

So as far as budget goes, there was a lot of money that went out for all those. And you won't see those coming back. So, I mean, you're going to have all those improvements that already have been improved. So there won't be those amounts coming in from, you know, Road and Bridge and Water and Sewer North and South and that type of thing.

NAN ANCHO: Those projects were capital from net proceeds.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

NAN ANCHO: That had nothing to do with operations --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: We're looking at cuts in operations.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: As far as the equipment.

NAN ANCHO: Same thing.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: That's out --

NAN ANCHO: From net --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- of capital as well.

NAN ANCHO: -- proceeds, which was out of another fund.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay.

NAN ANCHO: So --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: So that's all net proceeds?

NAN ANCHO: Yes.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: We're looking to make up a $3 million shortfall in operations --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: And you're talking only --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- budget.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- general.

NAN ANCHO: No, the -- that I'm talking. Yeah. Well, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think the --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: To make it clear --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- responsibility --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- for the --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- should be --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- record.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- on us to figure out --
NAN ANCHO: The ad valorem --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- where we need to cut.
NAN ANCHO: -- is the shortfall is the personal property taxes --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And we need the --
NAN ANCHO: -- is going to affect all --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- department heads and elected officials tell us where they can. And we need to figure out how to make it all work.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right. It shouldn't be just placed on all the elected officials and department heads. We all need to be working together.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think -- I think there's some agreement that we should have at least a balanced budget. We've got to find $3 million that we're short.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, but we don't have to have a number.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: So we're going to have to find it.
So whatever percentage that is, we've got to -- we just got to find 3 million bucks in the next years.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That could work out 5 percent.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: We've got to at least balance. And it's in operations. It's not in capital projects. It's all --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Right. And I just want to make that clear for the --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- record. Because you know on the minutes it -- it will say, cut your budgets, you know. I'm just -- that's all I'm saying.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah. We'll have a --
NAN ANCHO: It needs to be specific that it is your operations --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Correct.
NAN ANCHO: -- versus your salaries. What is it you're looking for us to cut? Operations? salaries? projects? You know, we -- be specific as to what you want them to look at to cut.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Correct.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I agree with that.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So isn't that what we're looking at? We're in a $3 million shortfall in operations. So we need to get our operational budget to balance. So that's where we're looking to make cuts is in operations.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And whatever -- that's what I was asking earlier, 3 million -- what's our operational budget?

NAN ANCHO: Well, I don't have that right offhand so -- I mean, like I told you earlier --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: It's not the 192 million bucks. That's not our full budget.

NAN ANCHO: No, but, like I told you earlier, our General Fund last year -- our expenses for the General Fund, which is the majority of our departments was $15 million.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So --

NAN ANCHO: We were budgeted to --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- make up. To make up $3 million in a $15 million budget is more like 20 percent.

NAN ANCHO: Yeah, you can calculate it. I didn't calculate it. So just talking in numbers and then you just tell them to -- I would say to ask them to work towards cutting in the areas that they feel they can cut, you know, instead of asking for increases to their budgets.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

NAN ANCHO: I don't know how else to -- this --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I really don't have an idea --

NAN ANCHO: -- has gotten out of --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: How do you --

NAN ANCHO: -- hand.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: How do you approach that? How do you word that and get it across to --

NAN ANCHO: Well, that's what you've got to tell me to do.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's right. So how are we going to word that? We're not -- we're not here trying to slash anybody and do all this. We're trying to balance the budget. That's what -- that's all we're doing.

So how do you -- how do we word that to our departments to say, look, we want to balance the budget this year. We need your help doing that. Where can we cut?

That's all -- that's all we're doing.

So that's what we want to do.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Someone's got to withdraw their second or we've got to vote, one or the other.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: You're the second, Sean.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I didn't second that.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yeah, you did.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: That's what we have down.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll withdraw my second.

Oh, boy.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So, yeah, it's -- we just want to balance our operation budget because that's where we're short. That's all we want to do.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Then you just --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So make the motion.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So I'm not exactly sure how to present that to our --

ANNA PENOLA: Anna Penola with the Building Department. It would be nice if the people involved were here to listen to this and then it wouldn't be a surprise and there could be comments and --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, that's --

ANNA PENOLA: Just a comment.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: It's a -- it was --

ANNA PENOLA: I know.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- publicly noticed.

ANNA PENOLA: I know.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

ANNA PENOLA: I'm just saying.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So it's a simple matter on the surface. Digging into it's going to be difficult because we're going to have to, you know, take days and days to dig into it and make it work. But the simple fact is we just want to balance the budget and to do that, we're going to have to make some cuts.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's what you say.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's what you say.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's my motion.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Who's second? Sean?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yep.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Wow. That was harder than it should have been.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Just balance the budget.

25) Update regarding status of the Lander County Courthouse/Administration Building project and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We'll go to 25. Update regarding status of the Lander County Courthouse, slash, Administrative Building project and other matters related thereto.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: This was always our fun one to see how everything was going.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, hopefully we can make it fun again.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Welcome to our new world.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Max Bunch, --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Welcome to your --
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: for the record.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- new building.
CASEY GUNTHER: Casey Gunther with CORE Construction, for the record.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Go ahead.
CASEY GUNTHER: I went over some items that we have going on right now that you're going to continue seeing us for a while.
We just finished installing a new mini split system to climatize the courtroom technology room to protect the warranty

that the Lander County has in place on the JAVS equipment. And that was completed.

Next week, I will have at least three different subcontractors on site. Fast Sides will be here to install the seals that have finally shown up. The -- and they'll be doing their little punch list up and fixing some sides here and there.

Tri-Signal will be here Friday to fix their antenna up on the roof and get that thing weather tight and weatherproof.

And Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, they will be here to do their gel fiber terminations that they felt that they did not have, which we showed them they did and fixing the elevator card reader.

The fire suppression guys, the fire protection guys, Overhead Fire, will be here Wednesday to repair the FM 200 system. They had a small leak in that bottle and it leaked out enough to where it sent off a code saying low volume. So they have a new bottle. They're going to reconfigure it so all the valves can really be seen easily.

And one that will be coming up later will be the STC doors, like the one behind you, Commissioner, the one over here, and the ones to back of the room here and the ones up in the courtrooms that have the door panels and veneer to match the wall, those will all be replaced. CORE is not satisfied. And I don't believe Lander County is satisfied with the product. So we will be taking care of that and re;acing them. And then --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Are you satisfied, Max?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No.

CASEY GUNTHER: Never.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You're not looking too happy.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Never.

CASEY GUNTHER: But also, I know there's a lot of temperature issues going on. Those are growing pains. The building is finally into full operations, operation conditions. So we're working with the test and balance guys, the control guys, the mechanical guys to get this thing up and running where everybody's comfortable and where it should be.

Other than that, I don't have anything else as of right now.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: The --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: How's it -- how's it feel to be in

this building that you built?

CASEY GUNTHER: I love this building.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: It's awesome; isn't it?

CASEY GUNTHER: Yep.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: You guys did an awesome job.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Thanks. There's some more stuff that we have.

The phones are still a work in progress.

Your cards with the ID --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah. There's still some issues with the phones. We're trying to get that taken care of. The gentleman is actually here today. I was meeting with him this morning getting the updates. He's supposed to be giving me some more updates before he takes off.

Your cards for your proximity cards to come into the building, the ID, that's what Tri-Signal -- they're supposed to be here this week and next week. So we're -- we're getting to that point. We're just not getting there fast enough. And so if everybody will still be patient, we'll try and get through this.

One of the biggest things I have to bring up though is we've got security issues in the building. Okay.

This building was designed that public was not able to freely walk into any office. That was the whole concept behind the building committee and the commissioners. And at this point in time, we have one office that is not doing that. And I took the doorstop out today. And it looked like they found another doorstop to put in. So -- and I will tell you, it's the treasurer's office. And I'm putting it in your guys' realm to figure it out on the security of this building. Because this is what the building committee and the commissioners wanted.

And I'm not going to go and get in the middle of any more fights. I'm done fighting. I'm done getting chewed out.

So you guys either go pull the doorstops and tell her to leave it alone or close the door.

So I'm going to be just point blank at it. I'm done arguing with her.

So --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Max.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You guys make that decision.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Don't go anywhere. What do you think? Do we need an agenda item?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes, that's what I think. I think it's a --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Agenda item for security issues in the building.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I think it's an important issue.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Keith? So directed.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Got it.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Max, before you go.

KEITH WESTENGARD: I didn't get to say much the other day at the ribbon-cutting. And I can't see you getting chewed out for anything, personally, or taking it.

This building's awesome. Even though I do freeze a little bit in my office, but they're working on it. So --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: A lot of work's in progress.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah, so we did talk about this, getting you a nice plaque. There's also another one coming.

We had to -- it took a little while for it to come. And the one that will mount on the building is coming.

But this is a great building. It's awesome. It's beautiful. And to put a lot of countless hours into this thing.

And on behalf of the commission, myself, we'd like to present Judge Max Bunch, in appreciation for your efforts above and beyond and countless hours of dedication -- I can't read it when you turn it.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Oh, sorry.

KEITH WESTENGARD: And countless hours of dedication for overseeing the construction of the Lander County Courthouse/Administrative Building 2015. And it's got our county seal on it. And if anybody else would like to say anything, this is it. But this is beautiful.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Thank you.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Here you are.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good job, Max.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Get another one there when the outside one comes.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Just put it up.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Or don't put it up.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Max.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Thank you. Thanks very much.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thanks, Max.

26) <u>Correspondence/reports/potential upcoming agenda items.</u>

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Last we have correspondence, reports, potential upcoming agenda items.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We already just said one about the security. Just put it on there.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We need --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: We'll have public comment in a minute.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to have the -- the Austin Airport for the aviation fuel that needs to go out to bid. So do -- we have to have that on an agenda so we can go out to bid; right?

KEITH WESTENGARD: No. No. We can -- we -- it's going to go out to advertise in early January.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we're all set.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Nothing else has to be done. It will be --

KEITH WESTENGARD: That is correct.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- advertised again. All right.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Once it goes out to bid and we get the quote, the bid back --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. Then it comes back to us.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Goes through the committee and then the --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I didn't remember if we had the approval on it. I thought it had to be on the agenda. Great. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is that -- is that bid for hundred low lead only or does it include --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's av fuel. No jet fuel.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Just low lead.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Just lead, okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: No jet fuel. Not yet.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Not yet.
Maybe someday.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Anything else?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: We've got one more public comment period.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Now let's have public comment for non-agendized items only.
LESLEY BUNCH: Lesley Bunch, Lander County recorder.
I have a couple of comments that I'd like you guys to also add to your -- I realize we're just new into the building and I realize everything's still, you know, working its way out. A couple of things I'd like to ask. One thing is I'd like access to the postage meter. I don't feel comfortable having to go or knock to go into Grace's office to get to the meter. It's everybody's. We all should have access.
The other thing is is I don't believe I should have to go ask the treasurer for my pay stub. I think it should be handed out appropriately when payday has occurred. So those are the two things I'd like to see cleared up.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Handed out in your mailbox, Lesley? or handed out to --
LESLEY BUNCH: I don't care.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Put it in your mailbox.
LESLEY BUNCH: It's a direct deposit anyway. Everybody knows in the whole world what I make. So you can definitely just stick it in my box. It's not confidential.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It should be.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I agree. She just won't do it. I concur on both these issues. Ted Herrera, for the record.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: So should that meter be in the hall?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: There's a spot for it --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It should be in some --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: There's a postage --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Can't be in the hall.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- meter for it right --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: There's a space --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- next to the mailboxes.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: There's places for it.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: (Indiscernible) in the hallway.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We've got rooms for it.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: (Indiscernible) in the hall.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: We have to have an agenda --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, okay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- item.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Not in the front hall, the back hall.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, oh.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Just a moment.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, if you fix the --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: One at a time, please.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- door stop, --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: One at a time, please.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- it'll be a secure hallway.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I see. Okay. So this is -- yeah, this is something that all departments are handling, I'm assuming. And since it's not on our agenda to discuss --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's put it on next month.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm going to turn it over to our executive director and if we have to agendize or if he can handle it before then or whatever, but thank you, Lesley.
LESLEY BUNCH: Thank you very much.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that it?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Lesley.
LESLEY BUNCH: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We've got to take a photo op real quick.
Hey, Keith, can we take a picture of all of us up here real quick?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Just throwing it out there. We did it in the old courthouse.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: We can still do a motion to adjourn; can we not?

KEITH WESTENGARD: The last and the first. Is that what we're talking about?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hold on, Keith. I'll make a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I'll second. Oh, I can't second.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second. Got it.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yeah, you can second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye, aye.

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