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 January 14, 2016, at 9:02 a.m. Transcript produced by Tiffany Elkington, C.C.R., #930.

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PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER
SEAN BAKKER, COMMISSIONER
ART CLARK III, COMMISSIONER
DOUG MILLS, COMMISSIONER
KEITH WESTENGARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK
THEODORE HERRERA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
NAN ANCHO, FINANCE DIRECTOR
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 January 14th, 2016, meeting of the Lander County Commissioners, Town Board of Battle Mountain, and Austin Board of County Highway Commissioners to order.

And with that, let's do the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And I would please ask that if you're going to have sidebar conversations, please go out in the lobby. And when we're -- when we're talking up here, please talk one at a time and wait your turn. You'll get it. Because it walks over everybody because of the system here is so good. And then they have trouble doing the minutes.

Thank you.

Let's have a moment of silence, please.

(Moment of silence)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's move down. Lander County Commission will break for lunch between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

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

Art?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, first I'd like to make sure that everybody had a good Christmas and a good New Year and wish you a good New Year.

I want to welcome these children to our meeting. I don't think we've ever had this many children. And I appreciate you bringing them here.

Had a public lands meeting, not much happening. Most of the discussion centered around grazing and the different restrictions.

Went to a planning meeting. There were two agenda items. Short and sweet.

On Christmas Eve, I went out with the sheriff. And we were Santa on -- on patrol. And why I'm reporting this is because Ron and I have been doing this for ten years or more. This Christmas when we went around, it was very, very obvious that we have a bubble of children from newborns to about five years old.

And I wanted to announce that because as we go into this next year, we need to keep in our mind that this is coming up. And we need to be prepared to have facilities and things for these kids to do for a long time. So I wanted to pass that along.

That's all I have.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're next, Sean.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I -- we had a rec center meeting. CORE's here today, and it's in the packet so we'll go over that when the time comes.

Had a livestock meeting. And it's in the packet. So we'll go over that.

We also had a golf course meeting with the BLM over property and the history of how we got our golf course. County does own the property. The BLM granted it over. That's about it.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

We had a -- Keith and I had a phone conference with Vaisalas [verbatim] who's doing our AWOS at the airport. And we discussed the -- the new rates and some other things there. And that, of course, is on our agenda today.

Went to that meeting with the BLM.

Had a meeting with LEDA. And they had a nice presentation from the museum about their plans for their new pavilion. And they want to do a re-creation of the old train depot that used to be here.

There's also a -- they worked on a presentation to present our town to people outside the community. And that's been completed. And it's available. You can watch it on YouTube. And that'll be available to everybody here pretty soon.

Had a hospital board meeting on the 6th. You might have seen in the newspaper there's an article about some asbestos abatement at the hospital that's going on right now.

Had a good presentation from -- about our revenue cycle that we're working on creating at the hospital to improve our billing process.

We do have a pharmacist at the hospital now, which is a great step forward.

And just as a report, the -- the Family Resource Center did pay up their rent to the hospital. So they did do that. And they're caught up on that.

And today we have two interviews for the CEO position at the hospital. So we'll be doing that this afternoon.

And that's all I've got.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. On December 18th, I actually attended our NACO meeting right behind our last commissioners' meeting. A couple of things I wanted to share with you all.

Amodei does have a bill -- 1484 -- to transfer public lands. So he has -- has that put in. We talked about the state bill, the AB 191. And that's our local one in Nevada that mandates the county to place a question on the ballot in the

general election to authorize our board of county commissioners to actually increase the annual taxes on certain motor vehicle fuel.

There's a lot of discussion on why that needs to be done and the fact that it hasn't been done for years and years. And we need to start indexing or we're going to be way behind the plan.

So we're going to be working on that one with the clerk, of course, and our counselor on -- on getting that ballot question ready. And NACO is -- is there to assist us with the wording and such on that.

There will be a legislative conference for NACO in Washington, D.C., next month, which I'm planning on attending.

And currently, NACO has a participation with the National Association of County Contracts for a prescription discount plan and a dental program. And there seems to be several of those out. And Lander County has never joined. There's no cost to us. We just simply sign the agreement with them for our county residents to be included.

And it's a discount on prescriptions as there are many different discounts out. And I was concerned about the only, you know, local pharmacy that we have in the county, of course. And they already are on that discount program.

So if the state -- if -- if the state's offering it to all of the counties, then we most certainly want to take a look at that. We'll be doing a presentation later on that. And also the dental program which individuals are able to purchase seems like a pretty good one. And I am told -- and we'll check a little bit further, but when I asked the question of: If you already have a dental plan such as some of the county employees or those that have a dental plan for their -- their group employer and it's not enough for them, could they also purchase an individual one? And they said, yes, it would be paying after -- after the first one. So that's something that we'll be putting on the agenda and letting the commissioners take a look at for our county residents.

At the NACO meeting, we also had a report from the governor's drought forum and their recommendations. And they have completed theirs. And that is on the statewide website now.

And also NACO does keep a complete list of all the federal

and state grants that are available to all the counties.

So we need to be checking on that and staying in tune for any -- any of the grants that we -- that we might be using or could utilize in Lander County.

On January 11th, we had Austin Airport Advisory Board meeting. And we had it out at our new pilot's lounge. We wanted to check everything out in the wintertime. And no breaks. Everything's working. All the lights on the runways. Everything's all good. And we decided if we have the meeting there, at least we'll be checking on it as many of us do in between anyway. But that was all good.

We had a note there from one -- the folks that sign in, fly in. We ask them to sign in. One of them had -- had a note on it that said, we'll send you some air filters for your furnace. So I -- I don't know whether they looked or thought we needed them or what, but that was -- that was nice. We haven't gotten them yet. But that was a note written from some of the folks flying through.

We did complete our budget. And yes, we looked at the 10 percent decrease. So we're ready for that for -- for Nan on our airport budget to send in.

And we were concerned about the FAA meeting, which will be held -- I believe it's Boulder City this year. And, of course, J-U-B always represents us, but they always like the local folks too. So if our airport manager will be able to go --

Last year, we did have a county engineer -- a couple of years ago and -- that attended. And I also attended. And so it's something that we need to look at for representation since it's fairly close to us. If you consider Boulder City close, that's fairly close, within 400 miles. Everything's close in Nevada; right?

The AWOS system, of course, we have on the agenda and the cell modem kit that's coming up. So the rest is -- is on our agenda. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right. I hope everybody had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I really don't have anything to report that's not in the agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: So with that, we'll move on to staff reports on meetings, conferences, and seminars attended.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Morning. I attended the -- the public use -- or public land use meeting with Art there for -- on the 4th.

We continue to work on our levee project with Jeff Eisenberg and Summit Engineering. I should have an update on that the next meeting or the meeting after that.

We're working on the private property issues that we may run into.

We did get our appraisals back. I just got them back yesterday. So -- and it does have val- -- the values of the buildings as well as square footage for rental.

Met with Frank Dimmick last week regarding the Pershing County Water Conservation transfer of land to Lander County. I have a draft here that I'm going to ask the district attorney to look over. And then we'll move forward on that.

I spoke with Demar Dahl of the American Lands Council last week or week before. He is going to be here at our next meeting to give you an update on our American Lands Council and what they do for us.

We con- -- I continue to work on our FEMA grants. If you remember, last year you approved our hazard mitigation plan, which opened up the door for us to get some FEMA grants. We're looking into try to getting some grants to offset the cost of our lift stations.

We continue to work on our budgets. We too have done some significant reduction in our budget -- in my budget.

And I think most -- the rest of the stuff is on the agenda.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Keith.

KEITH WESTENGARD: All right.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's move to public comment for non-agendized items only.

Do we have any public comment?

(No comment.)

CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Seeing none, we'll go to consent agenda. All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and 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 material are available at the Lander County Clerk's Office for viewing and copies are available for a nominal charge.

The items are: approval of the agenda notice for January 14th, 2016; the December 17th, 2015, meeting -- minute meeting -- meeting minutes; the payment of bills, and the payroll change request.

Does anybody have anything they want to pull out of it?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I -- I have a correction on the minutes. I did vote aye to adjourn the meeting. And it's not reflected in the --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, that's --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We need to pull out the minutes, then.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, we'll pull the minutes out.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve the agenda notice, January 14, 2016; December -- or payment of the bills, and payroll change requests, and pull out the December 17th, 2015, meeting minutes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What was your correction?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. It's just right here.

Okay. If you look at -- if you look at your minutes on the last page, 138, five through twelve, I'm not listed in there as voting aye. But Patsy has two aye aye. Maybe she was a pirate that time.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It probably did get messed up.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep, that just needs to be corrected. I did vote to adjourn. That's the only thing I have.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we approve the December 17th meeting minutes with that correction.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONERS

1) Discussion and possible action to elect a chairperson to the Lander County Board of Commissioners for the 2016 calendar year and all other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Let's move to Item 1, which is discussion of possible action to elect a chairperson to the Lander County Board of Commissioners for the 2016 calendar year and other matters properly related thereto.

With that, I would like to nominate Sean Bakker for chair.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll second that.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We have first, sec- -- all in -- any public comment?

All in favor?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, Steve.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: You now get to come over here and sit.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I'll -- I'll stay here for this meeting.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: He's amongst the best of company.

2) Discussion and possible action to elect a vice chairperson to the Lander County Board of Commissioners for the 2016 calendar year and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Going on to Agenda Item Number 2. Discussion and possible action to elect the vice chairperson to the Lander County Board of Commissioners for the 2016 calendar year and all other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'd --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- like --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- would --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go ahead, Steve.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I would like to nominate Doug Mills for vice chair.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

3) Discussion for possible action regarding appointment of a Lander County commissioner(s) to the various 2016 advisory boards, categories 1, 2, 3, and 4, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 3.

Discussion for possible action regarding appointment of the Lander County commissioners to the various 2016 advisory boards categories 1, 2, 3, and 4, and all other matter- -- matters

properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- personally, I would like to stay with the committees and the commissions that I'm on presently.

Public lands, I'm still learning the acronyms. So it's -- it takes a while to understand the functions.

So I'd like to stay on public lands, the planning, and Nevada JOIN. Nevada JOIN is a career-oriented, educational program. Because I was a teacher, I think I -- I fit in there. So that's what I have to say.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I would -- I would like to stay on Lander County Convention and Tourism. And --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Does anyone want to change anything?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I can't be on SLUPAC anymore. So we'll we need to nominate somebody else for SLUPAC because that's a three-year term appointed by the governor. And I only have one year left.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm happy with all of my appointments.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'm -- I'm content with the ones I'm on.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Me too.

Anyone -- who wants SLUPAC?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Because what you have to do is you'll have to nominate -- you'll have to pick somebody. He'll have to send all -- the packet in to the governor and get his nomination. And then we have to approve him.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: What does that committee do?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It -- we're advisers to the governor on land use policies and stuff like that. And we meet once a month -- once a quarter.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Quarter.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Four times a year is all they meet. And they're at various places.

So if you're interested, the next SLUPAC meeting will be here January 29th. I asked the county to sponsor that for them.

And so we'll be here --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's POOL/PACT?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: What's that?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: SLUPAC.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: SLUPAC. State Lands Use Planning Commission.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: State Land Use Planning Commission. Want to try it out?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Not necessarily.

Where's -- Art? Art?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I can't.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aren't you doing some land stuff, Art?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's kind of up your alley; isn't it?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Art, you want to try it out?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't think I have a choice. I've been advised.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Make a motion.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Do it. Do it, Art.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Herrera. Yeah, I'll do it.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And do we need to make a motion to nominate him?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay, I move that we have --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: From here to -- to appoint it. I'll make a motion that we -- we send in the -- our Commissioner Clark's name to the governor for the SLUPAC representative.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

COMMISSIONER CLARK: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Motion passes.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I do have one comment on this. In the packet, it says that we are part of the Great Basin Regional Development Authority. And we are no longer associated with them. We are with NNRDA, Northern Nevada Regional Development Authority.

KEITH WESTENGARD: We'll get that fixed.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Anything else?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Are you okay with the alternates, Commissioner? You -- you have more alternates. I think you're -- you're six -- an alternate on six different boards. You're okay with that too?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I am.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: That way I can stay informed on all the boards.

22) Discussion and possible action to assign a fee schedule for events use at the Mountain View Golf Course clubhouse facility during the off-season and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. With that, we'll move to -- we're going to move Number -- Item 22. Scott has a plane to catch. He's going to warmer weather.

Item 22, discussion and possible action to assign a fee schedule for events use at the Mountain View Golf Course clubhouse facility during the off-season and all other matters properly related thereto.

Good morning, Scott.

SCOTT BULLOCK: Morning.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Morning, Scott. How are you doing?

SCOTT BULLOCK: I met with Keith -- oh, Scott Bullock, for the record.

I met with Keith and Anna. We discussed charging money to use the golf course in the off-season for people that wanted to do events out there. We've filled out contracts, been charging people a hundred bucks to have events and rent out the buildings.

And now it's before you, I guess.

So -- I don't know what action or what you guys are looking for.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Keith?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hundred bucks?

SCOTT BULLOCK: A hundred bucks to use --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: A hundred dollars per day?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Pardon me?
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Per day; right?
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Are you looking for us to approve the fee schedule?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. What -- what we did is we got with -- with Scott because we -- I did -- you did terminate his contract. So what we want to do is have a fee schedule for use of the golf course clubhouse in the event of events, similar to what the civic center does.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.
KEITH WESTENGARD: So we put together something. We discussed it with him. He's had a few events out there. He's been abiding by what we spoke of. So...
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just had one question. And that's --
KEITH WESTENGARD: And the events are open. They're open to whoever would like to put them on.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Open to the public?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
SCOTT BULLOCK: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do we have a separate fee schedule for nonprofits?
KEITH WESTENGARD: We didn't get -- no, we don't.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is that something we might like to consider?
SCOTT BULLOCK: Yeah, that'd be -- because, like, right now, we have what's already s- -- what I've already scheduled out and done paperwork on is January 29th and 30th, a coyote tournament; February 6th, the Lincoln Day luncheon; February 12th and February 13th, two different individuals both wanted to be out there for a birthday party.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: What -- what are you -- what's that on the 12th and the 13th?
SCOTT BULLOCK: The 12th and 13th of February are two different birthday parties --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, okay.
SCOTT BULLOCK: -- that people wanted to rent for.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Keith?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. So what are we looking for here?

KEITH WESTENGARD: What -- what I would like you to do, because I canceled the contract, is to approve this fee schedule for anybody that would want to use the golf course facility. This is an all-inclusive -- similar to the civic center.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: This goes through the county.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. It's through --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the county completely.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right, with that --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So everybody knows, this is to go through the county at this point.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: With that, I'll make a motion to approve the proposed fee schedule for events at the Mountain View Golf Course clubhouse during the off-season.

It's a hundred dollars per day per event, $500 refundable deposit if no div- -- damage to the facility, pre-inspection of the facility by a Lander County employee, post-inspection of the facility by a Lander County employee, and all fees are to be paid at least seven days in advance of the event. If the faci- -- the facility has -- oh.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Do I --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: (Indiscernible.)

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- have a second?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: On the discussion, I'm going to ask a question again. If -- if the commissioners have any appetite at all for reducing that fee for a nonprofit?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think that's -- that's reasonable. And that's something we should look in.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I don't know that we want to --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Want to do it.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- make that --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Make --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- that decision --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We'll just amend the motion --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- right now.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- to have -- Keith needs to work out a

nonprofit fee schedule and then bring it back to us.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: A tiered --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- a tiered rate system.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Or we could give Keith the permission, if it's a nonprofit, to waive the fee. Is that what you're looking at, Patsy?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm just looking at, like, $50 a day for a nonprofit --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Kind of what --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- just a --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- I was thinking.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- just a lower amount, --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- something like that.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Well, I'll amend my motion to include a -- a reduced fee of $50 --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: For nonprofit.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- for nonprofit organizations.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Second?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: The other --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- the other part of it, though, is are there other tiers that we would want to create?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Other what?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: We only want one tier?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, I --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: You want to do two tiers is all?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I think that's --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- good enough.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any public --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Good enough.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- comment?

SATICA PIPKINS: Is that fee going to go back into the Mountain View Golf Course again?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Come up here and speak your name, please.

SATICA PIPKINS: My name is Satica Pipkins.

Is that fee going to go back into the golf course?
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: The money will go back into the golf course.
SATICA PIPKINS: Okay. That's all I have to say.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: What?
KEITH WESTENGARD: The -- the $50 or hundred -- the fee is to cover --
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: The utilities on the golf course building.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. It goes --
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it goes to the county -- not back to the --
SATICA PIPKINS: So it's going to --
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah, but the money --
SATICA PIPKINS: -- go back into the General Fund?
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- will be spent back on the golf course --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. That is correct.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- because you're paying for the utilities and everything else. So, yes, Satica, --
SATICA PIPKINS: Okay.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- the answer's yes.
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It will be used. But it's not going to be directly to it. It'll just go back in the coffer --
SATICA PIPKINS: Right.
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- that pays for all of those -- all that.
SATICA PIPKINS: Okay.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yes, it will.
SATICA PIPKINS: Okay.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
SATICA PIPKINS: That's all I have.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you.
ROBIN YORK: My name is Robin York.
I just have a question on -- on this -- on insurance. Is it covered by the county?
Or is it covered by whoever's leasing it out or whatever or the person that's renting it?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, the county has an umbrella insurance over the property --

ROBIN YORK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- already.

ROBIN YORK: So if someone gets hurt or damages something, it's not going to come out of the county?

SCOTT BULLOCK: I also carry a million-dollar liability

ROBIN YORK: Okay.

SCOTT BULLOCK: -- insurance --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And then there's also --

SCOTT BULLOCK: -- as part of my contract.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- a deposit put down before an event.

ROBIN YORK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So if something is broken, the money will come out of that deposit too.

ROBIN YORK: Okay. That's all I wanted.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thanks, Robin.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.

RICK GOBEL: Rick -- Rick Gobel.

Would suggest that with the nonprofit to do a two-tiered, whether it's a for-profit event or nonprofit event, or allow a fee waiver for a nonprofit, nonprofit event.

With that.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No, I think we just want to leave it the way we've got it. Because then you get into is it a nonprofit nonprofit, nonprofit for profit.

RICK GOBEL: Be no different than the civic center. The civic center structure is done.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The civic center structure is -- is not handled through the county.

RICK GOBEL: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: This one's handled through the county. So it's not the same as the civic center.

RICK GOBEL: It wouldn't be -- wouldn't be any different than our livestock event center fee structure that we've proposed.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Livestock event center is through the county.

RICK GOBEL: Right. So we could model it after -- it could be modeled after the livestock --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It could.

RICK GOBEL: -- event center fee structure.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Or it could be modeled after they've just -- how they just took the vote.

RICK GOBEL: And then one other thing, with the insurance, so somebody coming in wouldn't have to provide insurance to the county for the event, where they have to provide insurance to the county for the livestock event center?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Well, they sign a waiver for the livestock event center.

RICK GOBEL: And we still have to provide insurance.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: For an event, --

RICK GOBEL: Right.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- but not for a --

RICK GOBEL: This is an event.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: It's totally different. You're talking people getting on horses or bucking broncs or riding bulls compared to --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Excuse me, Commissioner.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- having a party.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: This is not agendized for --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. We're getting off course because that is on another agenda item. So --

RICK GOBEL: I just asked a question about the insurance that it won't -- you're not going to require --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Probably.

RICK GOBEL: For the -- for the golf course for events?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If -- if the event -- if the ev- -- depends on the event. If the event's through Scott, he has insurance --

RICK GOBEL: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- outside the county.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So he's liable.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That kind of answers the question.

RICK GOBEL: Right, but this -- this agendized item is for non -- outside of your contract items; correct?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

RICK GOBEL: Events?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

RICK GOBEL: So that would be outside of his insurance policy?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So someone else --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Don't they go through him, though?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.

RICK GOBEL: No.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Anyone --

RICK GOBEL: They go through the county --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- on any event?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Unless he has the new lease. And then it would go through him, if that's included.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So it'll go through whoever has the lease and they have to have the insurance?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Correct.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So there will be insurance?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

RICK GOBEL: Okay. So somebody does --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Whoever has the lease will have the insurance and they'll be liable no matter who's renting the building?

RICK GOBEL: So if somebody outside of this comes to the county to rent the event -- rent the center in February, will they have to provide insurance to the county?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: There's going to be a gap there where they're going to have to provide insurance.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes. Unless a new lease has already been given.

RICK GOBEL: Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Or until -- unless or until a new lease is given.

RICK GOBEL: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Anyone else?

SCOTT BULLOCK: I have one question. They noticed a terminating my contract. I just have a legal question. Did

that -- does that have to come before you guys to terminate my contract?

Do you guys have to vote on it? Or Keith already sent me a letter. I was just curious on the legal matter.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The contract -- a year ago when -- when we -- this came in front of the board and we saw that he had another year on the contract. And you guys took out the automatic renewal clause; so it does not have to come in front of the board because the contract ends on its own volition.

SCOTT BULLOCK: I -- I never signed a new contract.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, we didn't have one.

SCOTT BULLOCK: We never negotiated a new contract so I've always been operating under my old contract. That's why I have the question.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The county commissioners voted that it would have a termination clause and it would not be automatically renewed.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I think when you get back from Florida, we'll sit down and go over your contract.

SCOTT BULLOCK: Okay. I mean, I just --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Because I don't have --

SCOTT BULLOCK: -- I just --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- it in front of me, Scott. I can't tell you, yay, nay, one way or the other.

SCOTT BULLOCK: Because I never signed anything on a new --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, --

SCOTT BULLOCK: -- contract.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- it wasn't signed.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: But I don't --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It was always just renewed; wasn't it? Didn't have a renewal.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It --

SCOTT BULLOCK: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

SCOTT BULLOCK: Same as what -- what I've always had. So...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: With certain differences, such as 30 days and a non- -- they took out the automatic renewal --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: But we did give Keith the authority to

handle all contracts --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- back in July? June? July?

So that would cover that. But when you get back, we'll sit down and --

SCOTT BULLOCK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- go over your contract.

SCOTT BULLOCK: It was just a question I had. So...

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good deal.

SCOTT BULLOCK: Cool. Thank you, guys.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thanks, Scott.

Okay, Number 4.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We have a motion on the floor.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: We have --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: We have --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- a motion.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- a motion that we need to vote on.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Oh. Sorry.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: We had a first and second.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I need to take a vote.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: All in favor?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Little frazzled there.

4) Discussion for possible action regarding changing the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on 1800 East and to put signs up for speed limit and a sign to watch for children, and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay, Agenda Item Number 4. Discussion for possible action regarding changing the --

ROBIN YORK: Robin York.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- speed limit to 25 miles an hour on 1800 East and to put up signs for the speed limit and a sign to watch for children, and all other matters properly related

thereto.

ROBIN YORK: Okay.

How it all started.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: State your name, Robin.

ROBIN YORK: I -- Robin York.

Last spring, I had been chasing Donnie down, which I know he's no longer with us, but he had -- I had asked several times for a speed limit sign and couldn't understand why -- how hard it was to put a speed limit sign out on a road.

Well, then, mm, a couple of months later, Donnie had sent Carrie Baum to tell me that I had to go before Keith and get on the agenda to do this because this -- it was hard because the speed limit out there on that road is still 55 miles an hour.

It's a dead-end road with a day care center out there with kids walking to and from the bus stop. We have stopped people and told them to slow down. And they tell us, well, we don't have to because it's not posted.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's right.

ROBIN YORK: So I give all the signatures to Keith last July of all the people on 1800 East. They all agreed that this needs to be done.

And he said he had to investigate it. I never heard from him again so I got on the agenda and here I am.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And this is how hard it is. I make a motion to post a sign on 1800 East --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioner.

Excuse me. It -- you'd have to change the ordinance.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yes, --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: There is an ordinance --

ROBIN YORK: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- that's what I was going to say. There's an ordinance setting the speed limit --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: At 45 --

ROBIN YORK: 55 miles --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- miles per hour.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: 45 miles an hour --

ROBIN YORK: But we want it --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- unless we change --

ROBIN YORK: -- to 25.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- the ordinance, we can't change

--

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The code?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- the speed limit.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The code is: If it's not posted, it's 55.

I read the code.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The ordinance says -- yeah, the ordinance --

ROBIN YORK: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- says it's 45 throughout that way.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. So we can't just put a sign out there on --

ROBIN YORK: Because it's --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- a dead-end --

ROBIN YORK: -- a dead-end road to a cul-de-sac.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You have to change the ordinance. The ordinance --

ROBIN YORK: Then we need to change --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I didn't make the --

ROBIN YORK: -- the ordinance.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- ordinance. I didn't create it. I'm telling you what's in it.

ROBIN YORK: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: To change an ordinance, we need a public hearing.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You need a lot of things that we don't have right now.

You need public hearings. You have to -- you have to --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Advertise.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sadie Sullivan, for the record.

What you do is we do agendize it on -- on an agenda. It's published two weeks prior to that -- that agenda. Then it comes before the board. Whatever the decision's made, we go ahead. And we advertise again another two weeks. And then we send it off to Municode.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And we have to do that for one road?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, you -- you had your

people go out and look at it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Uh-huh.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You should ask them. And I believe Bert and I believe Keith went -- went and drove by it.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You went yesterday?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah, we went yesterday.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You should ask them what they think.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Bert?

BERT RAMOS: As long as the road's smooth, people are going fast (indiscernible) the sheriff's department.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, the thing is --

ROBIN YORK: And the sheriff's department won't do nothing --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: They can't.

ROBIN YORK: -- until it's posted.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, they can't.

ROBIN YORK: Right.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: And just by posting it, we have to have something legally, like Ted's telling you, to enforce it.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: The ordinance has --

ROBIN YORK: Right.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- to be corrected and everything in order for you to --

ROBIN YORK: Well, then let's change the ordinance.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You -- you can post --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Showing that they're violating an ordinance and that they can be charged.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Correct.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we have to go through changing the ordinance for -- for just one street?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

ROBIN YORK: Well, how many more of them are out there that are posted 55?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, that's my question then. Are we going to have reduce the -- the speed limit on all of those streets out there?

JUDIE ALLAN: Judie Allan.

I have a question, possibly for Ron.

Could you post a yellow speed limit sign, which is a recommendation but not a legal --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: I -- I believe --

Ron Unger, for the record.

I believe that they could probably put any sign they want out there, but --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It wouldn't matter.

JUDIE ALLAN: It's not enforceable.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: It's not enforceable --

JUDIE ALLAN: Right.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- by law enforcement.

JUDIE ALLAN: But until --

ROBIN YORK: And we want it --

JUDIE ALLAN: -- you do have an ordinance meeting, maybe post a --

ROBIN YORK: Right.

JUDIE ALLAN: -- recommendation sign.

ROBIN YORK: Because we do want it enforceable because there's people that are out there that are driving like Mario Andretti out there.

We've got kids coming to and from the bus stops. A day care center's out there. I mean, this is something that needs to be done and --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I'm going to suggest, if you guys want to change the ordinance or make a motion, to start the process.

Does that sound good?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioner, --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Ted?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- I would suggest right now the ordinance and that's -- the ordinance is 10.08.10. And it states that it is unlawful for any person in charge of having control of or directing the movement of railroad equipment until such --

Wait a second. Oh, Hill Top. Excuse me.

ROBIN YORK: I'm like --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's .020. It's 10.08.020. And it says, 45 miles per hour. Hill Top Road has a speed in excess of 45 miles an hour. So it's forty -- what you can do now is post 45-mile. You can post, "Caution. Children at play." you can post a lot of things.

But if you want any roads and -- and it's like Robin's pointing out. There may be more than one. You need to do a study first to find out how many roads need to be changed by ordinance, if any do.

Because if you do it piecemeal, you're going to be changing the ordinance --

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- every month.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Uh-huh.

ROBIN YORK: Right. And I understand that. And I'm willing to -- to go with it if you guys want to investigate it a little bit further. Because it was supposed to have been investigated and no one got back to me.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It -- it was investigated by two people from the county. I -- I don't know if they got back to Robin.

ROBIN YORK: No.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I --

ROBIN YORK: And this has been since July.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But the point is: There are probably more than one --

ROBIN YORK: Oh, and I'm sure there is. Because I didn't know ours was 55 until --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's 45.

ROBIN YORK: -- Don- or -- in the records, it says 55.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It says 45.

ROBIN YORK: And --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The ordinance says 45.

ROBIN YORK: -- Donnie sent Carrie out to tell me that there's nothing they could do, that I had to do this. So I'm here. And I'm willing to fight for it.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You want to read this ordinance? It says 45.

ROBIN YORK: Okay. That's fine.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.

ROBIN YORK: Forty-five's still too fast.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'm just telling you what the ordinance is.

ROBIN YORK: And that. So...

I'm willing to fight for it so...

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Can I get a motion?
Anyone want to make a motion?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: This needs to be well thought out.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I agree.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: This -- this isn't something --
ROBIN YORK: Okay.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- that we just --
JEANNE FALZONE: That starts there -- (indiscernible).
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- throw something out there.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Do -- don't you think we ought to put the signs up for 45?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: And children at play.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And children at play?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. We can --
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And we look into --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- at least do that much.
On this road if you're doing 45 miles an hour, you're driving too fast.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I agree.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's -- it's a 25-mile-an-hour road.
It's from here to Thompson's Dental, if that far.
ROBIN YORK: If that.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: So who --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- who should be --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not even that.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- looking at this and making recommendations?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Keith and Bert.
In my opinion.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. I move that we have Keith and Bert look into this and give the commission a recommendation on how to take care of this ordinance and some of these roads in that area.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: In the Hill Top area.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: In the Hill Top area.
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second --
ROBIN YORK: Appreciate that.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- the motion.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any public comment?
Oh, I need a second.
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I seconded --
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Oh, you --
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- it.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- seconded it.
Any public comment?
Come up.
CHARLENE FETTERLY: Charlene Fetterly.
So is this going to be for all of Hill Top?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's the idea.
CHARLENE FETTERLY: Because I want to say a year ago, maybe two years ago -- I live out there on Westerner. And I called Road and Bridge and asked for a sign. And it was out there in, like, two days. That said 25.
ROBIN YORK: So there you go.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: On which street is that?
CHARLENE FETTERLY: On Westerner. We have two --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Bert?
CHARLENE FETTERLY: -- 25-mile-per-hour signs. Which it's a residential area so...
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, we'll have to look at that.
CHARLENE FETTERLY: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: See, that's a violation of --
CHARLENE FETTERLY: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- the ordinance.
CHARLENE FETTERLY: Well, I'm just wondering because --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Those --
CHARLENE FETTERLY: -- I mean, people fly, definitely, out there --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
CHARLENE FETTERLY: -- in Hill Top.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now, see, the issue is if they got a ticket --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's a different road.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- and they researched it, --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- it wouldn't be in --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's a -- it's a -- Westerner Road is different from Hill Top Road. This ordinance covered Hill Top.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Does it say -- Sadie Sullivan, for the record -- does it say Hill Top Road or Hill Top roads? like out in that area, I think, to clarify for the record.

ROBIN YORK: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah. All of Hill Top or --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Correct. Because --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's Hill Top Road.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay. Because the road that Robin --

ROBIN YORK: That I'm talking --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- she's off of --

ROBIN YORK: -- about is 1800 East.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Correct. So --

ROBIN YORK: And that's off Presidential. That's not the main road.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, it's not.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

It says -- on that section of county road known as Hill Top Road from --

ROBIN YORK: Duh.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the intersection of Hill Top Road and US Interstate 80 to the intersection of Hill Top Road and Nevada State Route 306 or upon any public road arterial to Hill Top Road at a speed in excess of 45 miles per hour.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So it covers the whole area?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's what I --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- thought it was. Bert, you had something to add?

BERT RAMOS: Is what -- like with that --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: State your name.

BERT RAMOS: -- we have to -- Bert Ramos, for the record.

We have to work with Ron because we can't just go post signs without it being changed in the ordinance. Them guys go out there and they write tickets on something we just threw a sign up on that has no -- has no --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
ROBIN YORK: No. And I understand that. I'm just asking for it to be changed in the ordinance and put a sign up because that is a residential area --
BERT RAMOS: Oh, yeah. I have no problem with that, but --
ROBIN YORK: -- with a dead-end --
BERT RAMOS: -- I'm just saying.
ROBIN YORK: -- road, --
BERT RAMOS: And you're going through the right process.
ROBIN YORK: -- with a day care center and --
BERT RAMOS: But as far as you getting a sign up, --
ROBIN YORK: Yeah.
BERT RAMOS: -- it means nothing without it being changed here.
ROBIN YORK: Right.
BERT RAMOS: And them guys can't enforce it. They can't do anything.
ROBIN YORK: Right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
ROBIN YORK: And I understand --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So the --
ROBIN YORK: -- that.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- sign you've got --
CHARLENE FETTERLY: So the sign on Westerner is --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The sign you got two years ago --
CHARLENE FETTERLY: Means nothing?
ROBIN YORK: So is that not a legal --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: It probably means --
ROBIN YORK: -- sign there?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- nothing.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
ROBIN YORK: So the county's the one that put the signs up and it's not legal?
CHARLENE FETTERLY: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
CHARLENE FETTERLY: Jake came out put the sign up.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Are you -- are you asking that -- that stuff like that doesn't happen?

ROBIN YORK: Well, this is Battle Mountain. And you're dealing with the county so --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Any more public comment?

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: I have one.

Noliena Castellanos. You're going to want to go remove your 55-mile-an-hour sign on Hill Top Road. It's not listed as 45.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yep.

ROBIN YORK: Yeah. See?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Oh. I agree.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thanks, Noliena. Anyone else?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we still can put up the yellow sign that says, "Caution, children at play," or something?

ROBIN YORK: There's one out there, but it's -- And we need the one with the reflector on it or whatever, something.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: That's what I was --

ROBIN YORK: Because this --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- saying add in the --

ROBIN YORK: -- sign that's --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- motion so we can go do that.

ROBIN YORK: -- out there --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand.

ROBIN YORK: -- is probably from the '60s --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand that.

ROBIN YORK: -- or the '70s.

SATICA PIPKINS: Satica Pipkins, for the record. You might want to check Thomas Jefferson too.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, they're --

SATICA PIPKINS: That one's 25.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- going to check the whole area now.

SATICA PIPKINS: Okay. And there's not -- on 1900, there's not a speed limit sign. There never has been for 25 years.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

SATICA PIPKINS: So is that 45?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: There's --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: If there's not a speed limit sign, that's fine. It still falls under the ordinance with --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

SATICA PIPKINS: Well, what's the speed limit on that sign.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Forty-five.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Forty-five.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Forty-five.
ROBIN YORK: Forty-five but they've got it posted 25. So that's on the county.
SATICA PIPKINS: I just had asked the sheriff at one time and they had no idea what the speed limit was so I was just curious myself.
ROBIN YORK: And that's kind of scary too because nothing against the sheriff's office or Ron or anything, but if they don't know, --
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.
ROBIN YORK: -- how the hell they going to enforce it?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: So we'll start fixing it.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We'll start checking all the roads.
ROBIN YORK: Okay. Appreciate it.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any more public comment?
LENNIE SHEPHERD: My name's Lennie Shepherd.
I think what they ought to do is rip up the pavement and then they'll -- they won't go over 35.
ROBIN YORK: Yeah.
LENNIE SHEPHERD: That's what they should do.
ROBIN YORK: Yeah.
BERT RAMOS: We'll dig some potholes.
ROBIN YORK: Yeah. The old gravel road. That's what old Ted Gandolfo did. They speeded by him and he just threw a handful of gravel at them and they just --
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any more public --
ROBIN YORK: -- slowed down.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- comment?
Okay we have a motion and a second.
All those in favor?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Opposed? Motion carries.

5) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of the Livestock Events Center fee schedule amendments and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 5. Discussion for possible action regarding approval of the Livestock Event Center fee scheduling amendments and all other matters properly related thereto.

CASEY GUNTHER: Casey Gunther, for the record.

I think it's just for --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Excuse me.

CASEY GUNTHER: -- public comment.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sorry.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

RICK GOBEL: Rick Gobel. Livestock Event Center advisory board.

CASEY GUNTHER: Casey Gunther, Livestock Event Center advisory board.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good morning, guys.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Good morning.

CASEY GUNTHER: Good morning. So I believe at our last livestock meeting -- correct me if I'm wrong, Rick -- we were just going to have this open for public comment at this time for discussion.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.

RICK GOBEL: Yeah. The original intention of this item was we were -- our special meeting January 7th, thought to make an amendment to the fee schedule based on some other information. And then we were directed -- the advisory board was directed at that time to come up with a complete details package, work everything out, and re-present -- and then present that to the commission for final approval --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.

RICK GOBEL: -- for the Livestock Event Center fee schedule.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And that next meeting is January 28th?

RICK GOBEL: Correct.

CASEY GUNTHER: January 28th. Yes.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And that's where everything will be -- and then it'll come back on the agenda. And that's where

we'll --

CASEY GUNTHER: Yep.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- approve, disapprove.

RICK GOBEL: I just do have -- I have one question just to clarify for folks that are here, is that the fee schedule structure that was voted on in November by the commission, there currently is going to be no enforcement of that fee structure until our detail package is approved?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right. Everything has to be in place before we enforce it.

RICK GOBEL: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We talked about that in the last commissioner meeting too.

RICK GOBEL: I just wanted it clarified for some of the folks that are here in the audience. We can't enforce it until we post it and you got to get every- -- I mean, there's a lot of things that have got to go into it. You've got to get the sheriff's department. Ron knows about it.

CASEY GUNTHER: Yep.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So -- yeah.

Anything else?

CASEY GUNTHER: Not from us.

RICK GOBEL: Yep.

CASEY GUNTHER: I think it's mainly leave it up for public comment.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Anyone have public comment?

JODI MOORE: My name is Jodi Moore.

The budget for the Livestock Event Center is $7500 a year. And you guys want to -- are talking or considering about having a fee for everyone to use it.

I don't know if the purpose is to try to make money. I don't know if you guys know, but that's, like, maybe $200 a year.

I just kind of want to know a little bit of what's the purpose of this because it -- it just seems ridiculous to me.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: You -- it will create where the county will start maintaining it, dragging it once a week.

We will start -- you have an event. You'll have a county employee there with a tractor to help you with your event, miscellaneous stuff like that.

JODI MOORE: So is this same fee going -- are you going to start charging every kid who goes to the park money? Is this where we're going with all this? Or are you just targeting the Livestock Event Center at this time?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: What was that last part, Jodi?

JODI MOORE: Are you going to charge a fee for the parks? Every kid that goes to the park gets a fee? Or are you targeting the event center at that time? Or is it going to go further? Or where are we going with this is --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Would you like us to charge every kid that goes to the park also?

JODI MOORE: I'm just --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that what you want?

JODI MOORE: -- asking you: Is that what the county wants to do?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think there's a big difference between rodeo and events like that than taking your kid to the park; isn't there?

JODI MOORE: What's the liability difference?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Excuse me. You asked a question; I'm trying to answer it. Don't you think that there's substantial upkeep at the event center compared to the parks and personal use?

You mean to tell me a kid sliding down the sliding board is as much use as you guys running cattle out of a chute?

SATICA PIPKINS: There -- Satika Pipkins, for the record.

There is an event. You pay for that event. You have insurance for that event -- for that event. You're not going to go down there and --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not what I asked.

SATICA PIPKINS: -- bucking bulls.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not what --

SATICA PIPKINS: It's the same --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- I asked.

SATICA PIPKINS: -- upkeep. You're down --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I --

SATICA PIPKINS: -- at the --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- do not --

SATICA PIPKINS: -- parks --

JODI MOORE: Let her talk now.

SATICA PIPKINS: You're down at the parks mowing the lawn. You pay someone to do that. So you're upkeeping that. I understand that. But you're going to tell me that you're going to have somebody down there every other day or every week raking the things, pulling the weeds, making sure that there's not a sick horse down there spreading disease in the waters, that you want to -- you want to rent out the stalls? You're going to do all that? You're going to tell me that that's not different than the parks?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So you want to charge children to go to the park?

JODI MOORE: I didn't --

SATICA PIPKINS: If you're going to --

JODI MOORE: -- say I --

SATICA PIPKINS: (Indiscernible.)

JODI MOORE: -- wanted to.

SATICA PIPKINS: (Indiscernible.)

JODI MOORE: I was asking you --

SATICA PIPKINS: (Indiscernible.)

JODI MOORE: -- if that's what the county was going to do.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, that was your --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: One at a time.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That was your accusation.

JODI MOORE: It is. Are you going to clarify --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I --

JODI MOORE: -- and tell me whether you --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: One at a time.

JODI MOORE: -- want to do that or not?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I do not want to charge kids to go to the park. Do you?

JODI MOORE: I don't want to.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

JODI MOORE: But I don't want you to charge people to go down and use the event center either unless it's for an event.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you want to charge kids?

SATICA PIPKINS: If you're going to charge people at the Livestock Event Center to go and use their horses for two hours, then, yes, you better charge a child -- every family in this town.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We're more looking at doing upgrades to

the Livestock Events Center, newer --

SATICA PIPKINS: So it is for money?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah. To revamp the Livestock Events Center.

SATICA PIPKINS: And this is all going to go back into the Livestock Event --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: This --

SATICA PIPKINS: -- Center?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- will all go back into the Livestock Events Center. We already have --

SATICA PIPKINS: It's not going into --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- an account set up.

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: No.

SATICA PIPKINS: -- the General Fund?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Huh?

SATICA PIPKINS: It's not going back into the General Fund?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, it's earmarked for the livestock events --

Everything's in the General Fund. It's just how it works. But it's earmarked for the Livestock Event Center.

The money will be earmarked just for the rodeo grounds.

JODI MOORE: And so what about, like, EMTs for events and all that? Because I'm totally for it if there's an event, them charging, just like it's done in the past. That's how it should be. But for just someone who just --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: It was never charged in the past, using the events center.

SATICA PIPKINS: Yes, there is.

JODI MOORE: Yeah. You made a deposit. Yes. You have.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: They got a deposit back --

JODI MOORE: If --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- if nothing -- there was nothing collected.

JODI MOORE: If everything was --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Speak one at a time, please, --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- for the recording.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Hey, guys.

JODI MOORE: In the past, if you had an event, you paid a deposit. And then after the event, if there was no damage, you

got your deposit back.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So where's the fee that the county got?

JODI MOORE: Well, then, I guess there wasn't a fee. But there was a contract signed and a deposit made. So I'm all for a fee, I don't -- I'm not bucking that whatsoever.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We're looking at putting money back into the Livestock Event Center to bring it back up, to make it look better, to --

JODI MOORE: But you do know, if you take every person who goes down there, maybe rides in the arena once or twice a week or a year or whatever, I mean, you're looking at maybe under $500.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But we --

SATICA PIPKINS: How are you going to -- how are you going to -- how are you going to regulate that if somebody's down there before an event, say, a Friday, and an event's not until Saturday and they're just getting their horse used to the arena for two hours, are you going to charge them a full $25?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: It's $25 a year per person.

SATICA PIPKINS: I know, but if these people are coming from out of town to use it, to get their horse --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, --

SATICA PIPKINS: I mean.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- whoever's putting on the event will have been renting it out at that point in time. And it'll be up to them to either charge them or not. It won't -- that won't fall on the county.

JODI MOORE: So the people who are renting it out are going to handle your money for you?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: People who are renting it out will pay the county and then whatever they want to --

SATICA PIPKINS: How can --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- collect from --

SATICA PIPKINS: -- you justify --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- whoever's using it --

SATICA PIPKINS: How can you regulate that?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- during their event, that's up to them.

SATICA PIPKINS: I think there's a lot of things in here that --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And there are, but --

SATICA PIPKINS: -- (indiscernible) discuss.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: That's what the January 28th meeting, which will be held across the hall, where everyone that's here should have been at the last Livestock Event Center meeting to hash this out.

JODI MOORE: But there was confusion with that meeting; am I correct? It was on the agenda for one month and then it was switched to another month and the chairman of the board wasn't even notified?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I'm talking about the one that was just a week ago.

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: The livestock board meeting.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah. That's where it should've started.

SATICA PIPKINS: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Anyone else? Public comment? Okay.

With that, I don't think I need a motion, so...

Hold on. Shirley.

SHIRLEY SHEPHERD: My name is Shirley Shepherd. And I'm a member of the Livestock Event Center board.

I want everyone to know why I'm on this board. My family, for 30 years, participated down at the rodeo grounds at least two times a week in organizations that at that time existed in the spring and the summer.

I applied for the board because I wanted to volunteer back my time to keep the rodeo grounds repaired and maintained for the good of my family and the facility and the community.

I worked with many board members. And they -- we all shared the same objective.

During my 18 years on the board, I learned one thing, and that's every four years when you got a new commissioner or a new DA or a new county manager or executive director was appointed, all the things you worked for the four previous years were probably going to be revised or changed. That's -- that was just what happened.

I endured this because at that point I really cared what happened. And that's until now with this new regime.

This group wants to compare the rodeo grounds to the golf course, which has a person running it, compared to the rodeo

grounds that has no caretaker except our board. And this board has volunteered their time to do most all of the work. We schedule events. We make sure the facility is ready for an event. We keep an inventory of all the things necessary to put on an event. And we monitor the maintenance, repairs done prior to and after an event, along with the event coordinators, who most of the events that have been held down in the past 50 years have done themselves. They have done the work themselves. They have got the arena ready. They have cleaned up before. They have cleaned up after.

I understand that you think this is all going to change and the county is going to come in and they're going to be the one that takes care of it. And I hope that happens.

We do this with a budget of $7500 a year. And that budget can only be used for repairs, maintenance, and improvements.

We have been manip- -- I have been manipulated and bullied until the line that I drew had to be crossed. And I didn't cross that line on my own. I was pushed over it.

Locking the rodeo grounds and charging a fee to use the facility for whatever reason is something I do not want my name on. And I do not want my name on anything that says I approved that.

I agree with the fees, to charge the fees, but I do not agree with locking the community out of that facility.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a question.

SHIRLEY SHEPHERD: I'm not done.

With this said, as of today, January 14th, 2016, I resign my position on the Livestock Event Center board.

I have one last request. And that's Doug, Sean, Ted, please wait until I get back to my seat, pick up my belongings, and go out the door before you stand up and do your happy dance.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You going to answer my question?

SHIRLEY SHEPHERD: Probably not.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Bye.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any more public comment?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I have -- I have something to say.

If I remember correctly, the reason why we're going down this road is because people would show up for events at the rodeo grounds and things would be broken. And there would be a

scramble to try to get things fixed in time.

So nobody's trying to lock anybody out of anything. We've just had problems. And it's my opinion that this is what we're trying to do. We're trying to eliminate problems so that we can have people that want to have events.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I was trying to push the county to making sure the county maintains the rodeo grounds.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well...

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any more public comment?

Okay. Anyone else?

6) Discussion for possible action regarding the selection of an insurance broker of record for Lander County -- there will be two presentations given by LP Insurance Services and Benefit Intelligence Insurance Solutions -- and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Moving on. Agenda Item Number 6.

Discussion for possible action regarding the selection of an insurance broker of record for Lander County -- there will be two presentations given by LP Insurance Services and Benefit Intelligence Insurance Solutions -- and all other matters properly related thereto.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Bye, kids.

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Bye.

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Bye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks --

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Bye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- for coming. Come again.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Where are the insurance guys, Keith?

KEITH WESTENGARD: It's the time -- yeah -- it's the time of year for insurance. Tim is in the back. John Carlson would like to be -- to phone in.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Can -- should we get him on the phone now?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. Patsy's got the call-in information.

And then I handed out a -- a little statement from John. And it's been fa- -- or e-mailed down to Austin.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Down to the south.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Tim's from LP?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Tim is from LP.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Tim, why don't you come on up here?

(Telephonic communication established with John Carlson.)

JOHN CARLSON: This is John.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: John, hi. This is Pat at the commissioners' meeting.
JOHN CARLSON: Hello.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. You can hear us? We're just getting to your agenda --
JOHN CARLSON: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- item.
JOHN CARLSON: Okay. Perfect.
Austin, you're still on; right?
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Austin?
We cut them off.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think -- that's why I had Laken do it so we didn't cut them off. Oops.
LAKEN MARINE: I've never done it before so...
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oops.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Molly's on her way.
DEE HELMING: Hello.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Dee? Dee? Austin?
DEE HELMING: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. Austin, you're there?
DEE HELMING: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: We cut you off. I'm sorry. We're just getting to Agenda Item Number 6.
DEE HELMING: Okay.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Is John on -- still on there?
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: John, are you still there?
JOHN CARLSON: Yeah, I'm still here.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay.
JOHN CARLSON: Yeah, I'm still here.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Second time's a charm.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. So what -- what we've done is it's the time of year where we need to start thinking about

insurance for the county employees.

We'd like to try to get, of course, the best deal or the best, most cost effective insurance for employees.

So -- and that's done through our broker of record for insurance services.

So we have -- currently, John Carlson is our broker of record. We've been approached by Tim Holland, LP Insurance, to look at changing that.

So with that, I'd like to hear what each side has to say. Or let you guys hear what each side has to say.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Would you guys like to go first or --

TIM HOLLAND: Sure. May I approach with these?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Commissioner Waits, that's the same handout that I gave you the other day. It's just a little bit shorter is all.

TIM HOLLAND: My name is Tim Holland with LP Insurance Services. I'm in the Reno office. This is Tina Perchetti, also with LP Insurance, out of our Elko office.

I want to thank you very much for giving us the time to be here today.

As you can see, the first page, who we are. LP Insurance is one of the largest brokerage firms in Nevada. We're headquartered in Reno. We have offices in Elko, Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, Sacramento, Phoenix. We're about 130-plus employees. We have over 150 combined ins- -- years in healthcare and health insurance experience.

We focus on the needs of mid-sized entities from about 50 to 2,000. Our largest would be over 7,000.

And our staff are experts in managing complex, self-funded employee insurance plans.

On the next page, I'm going to just give you a little time to look over a partial list of what we call our muni list. We specialize in counties, school districts, cities, general improvement districts.

If you look a little bit more than halfway down on the right-hand side, you'll see we are the broker of record for NACO. I know that was brought up earlier.

And on the last page, next page -- excuse me -- I gave you a couple of local contacts to encourage you to call if you would

like more, if you'd like any contact from any of these (indiscernible) that we insure, I would happily give that to you.

But we put Allen on here because he has a lot do with NACO and a lot of the finance area. (Indiscernible), the director. You might know the name John Davis locally. Velma, we work closely with the Lander County School District. Dawn Ballard. We also deal with communications companies. And Lisa Lagarza, who obviously runs -- that has a lot to do with John Davis Trucking Quality Transportation 3D Concrete. So some -- a few references for you to call there.

On the last page, I kind of just give a very brief, as Keith said, this is a very, very small part of our overall presentation, but things we feel we excel at are, yes, you go out and shop for policies. Yes, you compare companies. You deliver budgets, projections. But we feel that our reporting is second to none. We are the most transparent company you'll ever deal with. I will pretty much tell you every single dollar that goes into a health plan. I'll tell you every single dollar that comes out of it. I can tell you how much is for prescriptions, how much is office, how much is X-rays, how much is ER, how much is urgent care. We will provide those samples on a -- excuse me -- those -- that reporting on a monthly, semiannual, however you want to see that.

The compliance sources and healthcare reform expertise. Like I said, there's just a -- this is a very, very brief couple of page of our overall presentation.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So you guys already represent the school district?

TIM HOLLAND: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. What about the hospital?

TIM HOLLAND: No, sir. I believe they were with the National Rural Association of Counties.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You do represent the hospital here?

TIM HOLLAND: No.

TINA PERCHETTI: Not for health insurance.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. So what's the difference between having a group of 100 people and 400 people? What would be the difference in -- in what you could -- could provide if -- with the bigger numbers?

TIM HOLLAND: Are all of those employees working under the

same collective bargaining agreement? Are they all working under the same control group?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That could be worked out.

TIM HOLLAND: Okay.

I feel that the number one thing you'd look at is the cost of insurance. How much does the insurance cost for each of those three groups? Or four groups or five groups or six groups or how many you want to bring together or the one group. And you look at the cost of insurance and would it benefit by coming together? And that would overall be done as cost.

You'd be able to simplify the coordination of benefits probably if you brought multiple organizations together. There's pros and there's cons.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I -- you know, I remember all too well the cancer cluster down in Fallon. So there's always a chance with insurance.

But it's been my experience the bigger the group, the lower the cost and the better the benefits.

TIM HOLLAND: In some senses, that is the case. Other senses, it's not.

If you have -- take a school district where some -- you take an organization where people tend to not retire, not a lot of overturn.

Every single year that census gets one year older and one year older and one year older. And all of a sudden when you started this, you had a bunch of 30-year-olds. And now you're -- you have a bunch of people close to retirement. Big differences there.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I -- I know.

TIM HOLLAND: I meet with the -- I meet with Churchill County insurance committee once a month to go over reports with them. And we do that in Fallon. And it is a carriers -- some have pulled away from that area; so it's very interesting.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: What -- you know -- on average, what would you say an employee would have to pay for insurance?

TIM HOLLAND: Oh, gosh. That's tough. What's the employee do?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: What's that?

TIM HOLLAND: What does the employee do?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Say a secretary.

TIM HOLLAND: How old is the secretary?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thirty, -five or so.

TIM HOLLAND: Do they have -- does that employee have a $250 deductible or a $5,000 deductible?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: A normal -- what's --

KEITH WESTENGARD: A thousand.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: A thousand.

TIM HOLLAND: A thousand? Healthy? Small group or large group? Do they have less than 50 or they have over 50?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Over.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Over 50.

TIM HOLLAND: Ballpark at right around -- depending on the benefit level and the -- about $425, you might call it --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: On average what are they paying now?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Six, I think.

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: 630.

KEITH WESTENGARD: About 6- --

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: 630.13.

TIM HOLLAND: But you put that 35-year-old and now you put in everybody else and you share the cost of the insurance.

So on an overall breakdown on an age scale, it can vary greatly.

In fact, I would go one further. In the state of Nevada, there's four rating territories. We have Clark County. You have Reno. You have Carson City, Douglas, Mindon. And you have all other.

So for me to insure somebody in Fallon is more expensive than if you insure somebody in Dayton, which is 22 miles away. Twenty- -- a little bit more.

Just because the way the insurance commissioners set up the rating territories in the state of Nevada. So out here in the rurals, the carrier is doing a lot of things to make it a lot more accessible, such as telemedicine, face-to-face apps, things that your policy actually has right now. I don't know if you know about it. But you have a lot of ways to reach a doctor from your bed at 3:00 o'clock in the morning if you have pinkeye. And it will cost you $15. So the cost of medicine, while being -- is inflating, the programs that are being put in place are bringing that cost down.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Now I know a big thing in the county is dependent coverage.

TIM HOLLAND: Hardest thing to do in my job.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: That would be one thing we need to look at.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's where you bring the young people into the program.

That's your foundation.

TIM HOLLAND: You just explained ObamaCare.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, that was a big mistake.

No, but that's -- the younger the population, that's -- that's where -- that's your buffer.

TIM HOLLAND: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah, Patsy.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. On -- on this agenda, what we're looking for is to select an insurance broker of record. And I wanted to give you the background on that. Because you do have a handout from Mr. Carlson. And I'm sure he's on the phone so he would want a chance to give his presentation. But he has been the broker of record letter for some time. And he had a five-year contract with us. And your prior commissioners were upset with the five-year contract and wanted to give him notice for termination or it automatically would renew. So we did that.

So this is the end of his contract. So we have no more broker of record letter to anyone. And that's why Mr. Holland and -- are here today looking at this.

My concern is if -- if they were unhappy with the broker of record letter, which has a lot of advantages, why did we terminate it and not look for somebody else?

We don't necessarily -- they did not, at the time, want one to be exclusively looking for all of our quotes for us. So with that, we did establish an insurance committee so that you wouldn't have to discuss all the things that -- that we're concerned about, with what our ages are and what, and go through everything.

So at this time -- and I do sit on the insurance committee -- so at this time we're looking at what's going to happen the first of July.

And when those proposals come before us, if there are a

number of them, that we can reduce those and bring those to the commissioners on the very best ones and you make the decision for the county. That's usually how it's done.

With that, I -- I wholeheartedly look at -- at a broker of record letter and I'm saying, I know Mr. Holland has some -- some wonderful experience and the company he works for, LP, of course. In fact, they insured the county for some time and the municipality of cities that they had for some time. And when they left, we had our small NACO office, which had four employees, and they were insured through them and didn't have anyone so LP picked them up on the local level, which you talk about large groups. And I think there was a total of four to begin with.

So with that, I would like the commission to consider not signing a broker of record letter today but actually going out for some proposals. And we can do that through an authorization letter or sometimes just on their own the companies will take it and -- and actually do a request for proposals, and see what's out there. There could be only two companies that are going to bid. It could be five that are going to look for it. But whatever it is, I think this is the one time you have an opportunity to open it up to all agents everywhere and see what the best they can do and then we can go from there.

And I think that was the intent of the commission previously to look at more than just one.

And if we do sign a broker of record letter, whatever way it goes, we're restricted to one agent again. Which, like I said, has a lot of advantages, but right at this point I don't know if that's what you'd like to consider to do or to leave everything open.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So are you asking us to go ask for letters of proposals from different brokers?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm asking --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Or from insurance companies?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, it's your agents that you go through. You don't go directly to the insurance company.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: But yes, a request for proposals for Lander County group health insurance. Yes.

And when we do that, if there's some other agents that --

or brokers that wish to do this and -- and bid it for us, then that's what the insurance committee will take a look at for you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you, Patsy.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I didn't know if you wanted to be locked in to one person again doing all the quotes for you.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I don't think we --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, that's how --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Just don't do a five-year contract.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Not necessarily. No. You don't have to do a five-year contract.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, we can't legally do one. Go ahead.

KEITH WESTENGARD: With the broker of record, we can change that at any time. It's not a contract.

If we were to sign or if you were to assign a broker of record today, and next week, as -- we don't like it -- or next month or next year or whatever, we can change that broker of record. It's not a contract in any way. It just gives whoever you assign or give that authoriza- -- authority to -- to go on our behalf to the insurance companies.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So the last broker had a contract then?

KEITH WESTENGARD: But the last broker had a contract to stay with the county for five years, which -- and I'm not going to speak on behalf of the -- but in my opinion, give him -- gave that company a monopoly on it, because they didn't have to work as -- in my opinion.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right. Well, John --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Your opinion's important.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: What's the guy's name on the phone?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: John.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, let's hear from him. John.

JOHN CARLSON: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: You're up.

JOHN CARLSON: I've just been listening. And it's a good discussion, actually.

And I apologize I can't be there in person. We're at an open enrollment meeting. Tried to reschedule that, but that wasn't able to be rescheduled when I got the notice this last week.

But happy to -- happy to enter into this discussion and actually welcome it.

We could go through all of our background. We specialize

in -- in a lot of the rural Nevada. We have a lot of our clients in rural Nevada. It's our specialty. And -- but kind of want to jump right to it.

I think we would welcome the idea of -- of having LP or any other broker or multiple brokers provide bids from the marketplace.

Just wanted to remind the commissioners, a lot of people maybe weren't here at the time, but that was done also in -- the last time was 2013, where actually LP was permitted to go out and obtain bids, and we did as well. And you know, we came in with the best quote and best rates. And so the plans we represented were selected at the time. So that was as recent as 2013 when that happened.

We came in with a negative 3 percent rate decrease over the current rates at the time. And I believe LP came in with about 8 percent over current.

So that's all on public record. That's available to you if you want to go look at it.

But the point is that we're happy to do that. Our main interest is making sure that the county gets the best available coverages in the market. And we'd be happy to go through that.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you.

JOHN CARLSON: I think that's probably the fairest way to do this if the county's interested in -- in wanting to look at and make sure that the county's getting the best available coverage rather than doing a broker of record letter change and all that like what's being requested.

Simply just the history. 2013 we came in with the best rate. Why would we then go to a broker where -- they didn't provide the best rate back then. So how could they come in with the best rate now for certain?

So by signing a broker of record letter, it eliminates us from even competing. And that may not be in the best interest of the county, I feel.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Do insurance companies provide rates if you don't have a rec- -- broker of record letter?

JOHN CARLSON: Yeah, they can provide it on the basis of an authorization letter, like I believe Patsy mentioned. So all you would do is issue an authorization letter to LP to go out and get quotes.

It's different than a broker of record letter.

TIM HOLLAND: Can --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, --

TIM HOLLAND: -- I add --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- John.

TIM HOLLAND: -- one thing on this?

In 2013, John was under contract. And he fought us tooth and nail to not get a letter of authorization to go out. Because -- so it's interesting that --

JOHN CARLSON: That's not correct, Tim.

TIM HOLLAND: -- it's interesting that --

JOHN CARLSON: That's not --

TIM HOLLAND: -- he's turning this --

JOHN CARLSON: -- correct.

TIM HOLLAND: -- now and saying --

JOHN CARLSON: That's not correct.

TIM HOLLAND: And he said, --

JOHN CARLSON: We weren't.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Hold on.

JOHN CARLSON: (Indiscernible.)

TIM HOLLAND: He said having multiple brokers go out and -- go out on the market convolutes what's coming in. He fought us tooth and nail about getting a letter of authorization to go out and quote. But he was under contract. And at no point in time -- even though Gene Etcheverry gave us a letter of authorization to go out and quote, we could never have gotten the case because of the contract that was being -- that was signed that was in place.

So we spun our wheels tremendously without even having a chance to really show the county what we can do. And now we're in a different position. So that's why we're asking for a broker of record. We're asking to go out, solicit bids for you for all the carriers. That you -- you're trusting us. And we will -- I promise you -- give you the absolute best bid that is out there.

And the reason for that is I'm going to show you all the bids. I'm going to show you everything from every company. And together, we make an educated decision what is best route for the company -- for the county -- excuse me.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: John, go ahead.

JOHN CARLSON: If I can respond to that. Let me respond to that real quickly.

The -- the bids were presented in 2013 in a public meeting, the commission meeting, actually.

So LP was allowed to come in and present bids that they gathered from the marketplace, as were we. LP received a letter of authorization from the county at that time to go out and get quotes and shop the rates and get them -- get the best bids available. They went to the markets. We went to the market.

And the com- -- bottom line is we came in with a better plan offering. It was a minus 3 percent rate decre- -- it was a minus 3 percent over current rates. And that's public record. That's there available, I'm sure, if anybody wants to dig that up or we could provide a copy of our presentation at that time.

But of course we fought, you know. We want to keep the business. And -- and we still want to. And we love working with Lander County.

And I think by signing a broker of record letter, you're -- you're essentially eliminating us from even getting quotes, which that's not in the best interest of the county.

The best interest for the county is to create a level playing field. We welcome -- and I think if you listen to the words being spoken on the contract, they're asking for a broker of record letter. We're welcoming the competition. We want to be able to compete head-to-head because we're confident that we can succeed. We've done it before; we'll do it again.

And we don't -- we're not -- we're not shy of that.

But what I am saying is by signing a broker of record letter, you'd be eliminating us from going out and competing and getting quotes. Because that'll -- that won't -- that will give them exclusive authority to act on the behalf of the county and then not us.

But, however, an authorization letter to them will continue to allow us to get quotes. And it'll allow LP to get quotes. And then we'll just see who comes in with the best offering.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Hey, John, we're -- do you have something to say?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I have a question.

JOHN CARLSON: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: My understanding is that a broker

provides more than just insurance quotes and provides those every year or whenever those occur. But it also -- a broker is also supposed to provide service throughout the year, --

JOHN CARLSON: Right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- helping to resolve insurance issues with our employees and -- and kind of help as a go between the county and the insurance company.

Can -- can each of you tell us a little bit about service and what your views are on service and how that's supposed to work?

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: John?

JOHN CARLSON: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: John, go ahead and go first.

JOHN CARLSON: Sorry?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: John?

JOHN CARLSON: Sorry, Keith?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: John, can you tell us about your views of what service means to you and how that works and what -- what would be expected of you?

JOHN CARLSON: Sure. We work very closely with the -- the benefits administrator and the management team in terms of providing support and make- -- understanding the plans and billing administration claims.

And -- and we have Becky. That is our contact. You know, Becky is the administrator for the county on all things benefit. And we provide her support and respond to any kind of claim issues that come up and -- and jump on them right away.

And sometimes the issues are easier to resolve. Sometimes they're not. Sometimes they take a longer period and sometimes it's just a quick phone call. But a lot of that comes into play with what the issue is, the complexity. Maybe it's a bit with a mispayment on a claim, you know. Sometimes the claim has to be reprocessed. But a lot of times the issue is a really quick resolve, whether it's an error on billing. Over the past year, we've just been on a lot of things like this, like clarifying billing problems, worked very closely with Becky and going over billing. And as she's grown in that role and is doing a great job, assisted her in becoming knowledgeable about how to do that. Because it's not something you just automatically know how to do. There's -- it's complicated to administer the billing and making sure it reconciles and balances up. So we helped and reviewed

that. We've talked weekly. You know, we've exchanged e-mails, sometimes multiple e-mails a day and have done that over the last year.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you.

Tim?

TIM HOLLAND: All right. Everything you've just heard is very, very reactive.

Something happens, you react to it. You have to speak to somebody about a claim. You have to speak to somebody about billing. You have to speak to somebody about all these things. All reactive.

After the dog ran out, you shut the gate and now we try and find out what's going on, unscramble the egg, whatever you want to say. Those are things that all insurance brokers do.

LP has probably the best claims team, I think, anywhere in Nevada. It's comprised of Sarah Browning, Summer Pratt, Letty Contana. We have Spanish-speaking, bilingual staff.

They used to work for the carriers. We have Anthem staff. We have Home Town Health underwriters. We have claims people directly from all of the carriers and a majority of them are based in Reno.

Where I think we go far and above and beyond is LP has Anthem. We have a little bit more employees than -- than the county does.

First thing we do is implement a wellness program. How can we make our employees more healthy? How can we bring down the cost of insurance? How can we be very proactive with the employees. How do you put in a wellness program?

First thing you do, you have turnkey solutions. Best thing is start an email blast once a month. It's winter. You want to do this. It's summer. Put more sunscreen on. It's a once a month e-mail blast that you just -- you get -- you make your employees more active and involved in their insurance.

Next thing we do, we're in the rurals. Live Health Online. Has anybody heard of this? Anybody?

The way Live Health Online works, any type of computer, tablet, smartphone, anything that has an app. I can get you with a lower copay, talk directly to a doctor in Reno, licensed in the state of Nevada. I can have a prescription waiting for you at Mills at 7:00 a.m.

There's so many ways you can -- I mean, what if your employees can see the doctor without leaving their home? I'll give you some research. For one of your employees to go pick up a child, go to the doctor, wait in the waiting room, be seen, pay the copay, get the kid back home and get back to work, it's two hours and one minute.

What if I can make this happen in 15 minutes?

You'll have a more productive staff. So that's part of the things that a broker does.

The next thing I do is --

JOHN CARLSON: Right.

TIM HOLLAND: -- financial with Keith and the insurance company. I show you exactly the dollar you spent. I mean, what's your renewal now? You get it, like, --

JOHN CARLSON: And --

TIM HOLLAND: -- 60 days out. Oh, man, we got a 3 percent decrease, --

JOHN CARLSON: And --

TIM HOLLAND: -- or whatever. I'm going to show you --

JOHN CARLSON: Keith?

TIM HOLLAND: -- during the entire course --

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: John, hold on.

TIM HOLLAND: -- of the year -- I'm going to tell you what -- through the entire course of the year exactly where you are in your health plan. Beyond my services.

TINA PERCHETTI: So -- so -- I'm Tina Perchetti, also with LP. I know that Tim mentioned that when we sat down, but just so you all -- in case you didn't hear.

LP, as -- as a firm, what we bring to the table is some of those -- just the very small things that Tim just mentioned. I know he gave a very large presentation to the insurance committee.

But as a firm, we believe that, from an insurance standpoint, period, it's a large expense, whether you're a county or a business. No matter what you are, it's a large expense.

And we want to also be not only just your broker but a partner that helps minimize costs, obviously, by some of the things that Tim mentioned, but losses because that also affects your insurance costs.

So not only from the health side but from the P&C side, our firm also does extensive training. We become involved in, let's not just place coverage so that you're covered if something happens. Let's help prevent it from happening.

So we have extensive training programs. And I know that that was also delivered where we'll do site surveys. We'll go with your maintenance people so we can look for health and safety issues in the workplace.

And all of -- it's a very comprehensive umbrella that we -- we like to think of, yes, lots of people are very educated and very good at placing coverage equal to us. But nobody's going to take a proactive approach and want to be part of the team to prevent the exposure from happening.

And we have -- it would take all day for me to go over our menu of services. But we get involved in the safety part, the training part, everything from how we keep your workplace safe to how we minimize health claims.

And so that's something that I'm -- I'm comfortable saying nobody else can bring to the table when they bring you your quotes. And so that's sort of, you know, is a very small overview, but it's our approach. We don't want to just help you place coverage. That's always a priority. But we also want to, all year long, be involved in minimizing those illnesses, those accidents, those kinds of things

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: John, I'm going to let you rebut and then we're going to take a five-minute break.

JOHN CARLSON: Sure.

Yeah, I just wanted to mention -- it's difficult to do this over the phone. Again, we apologize for not being there. We have open enrollment meetings today.

And all of those things that are mentioned, that's, of course, part of a longer presentation that's being discussed.

Live Health Online is certainly already available to the county through Anthem.

And we also have an additional service, like, called Consult a Doc. That would cost additional couple dollars more to talk about -- it's -- also a 24/7 medical hotline where you can get a -- a licensed physician and be able to get a prescription over the phone and filled.

But that's all already available to the county. That's

already provided through the Anthem agreement.

We are very proactive on -- on -- on all things wellness and communication with getting that out to the employees, et cetera. You know, when we talked about service and sort of what's been characterized as reactive stuff, you know, that -- in talking over the phone it's very difficult to go through a whole presentation, but just in terms of resolving claim issues, et cetera, those are things that we have done. And have been very good at it.

You know, we had a deficit of -- or a credit of about $40,000 when we began last year that we helped eliminate and -- and that is a lot of work.

We were out in front of, you know, and educated a new benefits administrator. That's very proactive. You know, we feel like there's been a lot of progress in that and is doing a great job and will continue to do a great job.

We've been very active with the county in terms of being in front of Becky and helping her be in front of the employees. We help to facilitate that. And we're looking for a good enrollment meeting this year at the new building where we can have standup meetings and do formal presentations to employees. We'll do a PowerPoint, bring in the vendors, and really have a nice meeting where we haven't been able to do that in the current space that we have and going out to each of the different departments.

So that we're -- we're already planning.

We're already planning on having a wellness team out and talk about the Live Health Online that's already available and free to the county. And that'll all be coming out with this open enrollment.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

JOHN CARLSON: However, I will say just, again, it's being requested by LP that they be appointed as broker right now. That would eliminate us from even competing. And that's certainly not in the best interest of the county, and I can't imagine anybody would think that way.

And I'm -- I'm very welcoming to have them compete. And we'll go head-to-head with them. And I'm not resisting that, not fighting that. I just say, just, you know, give them an authorization letter and -- and we'll go out and get quotes. And they can go out and get quotes. We already represent

Anthem. That would eliminate that from them because they're the agent of record on that. But go out and get quotes from the marketplace and -- and see if they can come in with something better.

And of course, there's a lot involved in being a broker that's not just getting quotes, but that's certainly the biggest thing we do financially for a client every year. And it -- it's sort of the entrée into becoming the broker that we have to demonstrate first that we're able do that successfully and effectively to the clients that we have.

So that's -- instead of just carte blanche assigning a broker, that's the entry point. That's how we became the broker for the county in 2009. We competed against other brokers who were also given the chance to do it. And LP was the broker at the time for the League of Cities. We came in with the best offering, and we were selected as broker. So that's how we became the broker for the county.

And there's no reason why it shouldn't be the same way this year, you know, create a level playing field. The insurance committee will review all the quotes and make a recommendation to the commissioners.

And -- and we welcome that opportunity to do it.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Thank you, John. We're going to take a five-minute break real quick.

JOHN CARLSON: All right. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Patsy?

We'll just mute it.

LAKEN MARINE: You can just mute it.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: John, do you want to hold on?

JOHN CARLSON: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We'll just --

JOHN CARLSON: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- mute it. And we can come back and pick you up.

JOHN CARLSON: Oh, okay.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Austin, we're going to be taking a five-minute break.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, we're taking a --

DEE HELMING: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- five-minute break. And we're just going to mute you. But you're still on; okay?

DEE HELMING: Okay.

(Break taken between 10:36 a.m. and 10:46 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: You heard from both sides, as --

Commissioners? Do any of you have anything to state? Want to say? A motion?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a question here.

I've discussed this. And I've talked to a few people. And what I'd like to see done is I'd like to see an effort made by the executive director to try to combine the school district, the hospital, and the county under one plan, if we can do that.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, we got to figure out who we're going with, to do that first.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I know. I know.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: It's --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'd just like you to keep that in mind too. That's a thought. I -- that's why I asked the question about going from a hundred to 400 people because hopefully that's a possibility.

JOHN CARLSON: Okay. Keith, can I address that real quickly because I didn't have -- I ended (indiscernible).

KEITH WESTENGARD: John, -- John, you need to address the commission, not me.

JOHN CARLSON: I know. Commission- -- Commissioners, could I address that? Because that's a very important --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Go ahead.

JOHN CARLSON: The -- the way the laws are now, since we're separate entities, legal entities, we can't combine it under one group.

So, you know, there's -- there's just a stipulation in that, in that we're not able to -- to do that.

And like I think even LP mentioned, you know, that's a different entity entirely from a utilization standpoint. It's an older population. That wouldn't necessarily benefit the county to be merged in with the school district, even if we could.

So that's -- that's all I wanted to say on that. Sorry to interrupt.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, John.

Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll make a -- or I move that we provide a broker of record letter for LP Insurance and a letter of authorization to John Carlson for our insurance coverage for this year.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any public comment?

NOLIENA CASTELLANOS: I have one. Noliena Castellanos.

And I can tell you I was at that 2013 meeting. And the representative on the phone was very rude to the current commissioners at that time when we showed that we were trying to go out and seek bids.

And as a citizen, I was appalled by their behavior towards our community.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thanks, Noliena. Any other --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just have one comment and that's just to reiterate; I -- I can't see going with a broker of record letter right off the bat. I truly would like to see us go out for proposals for our -- choosing our own agent and broker and making the decision later.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, Patsy. Any other public comment?

Well, with that, all those in favor?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Opposed.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Nay.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Motion carries.

Moving on. Number 8.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, John, we're disconnecting you.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Oh, sorry, Patsy.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's okay. I just don't want to disconnect them.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I got you.

Yeah, I know. I saw that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-oh.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Did we lose Austin?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: It's actually the 2-2-0-0. Did you get that, Laken?

LAKEN MARINE: Yeah, because we dialed the other guy (indiscernible.)

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: You'll have to do the 2-2-0-0.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: They don't know they're disconnected.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Oh, that number.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm sorry.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: You're good. Technology

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: It's new phones.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Technology messing everything up again.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I know.

DEE HELMING: Hello.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We lost you in the drop, Austin. Thank you.

DEE HELMING: Uh-huh.

7) Discussion and possible action to award J-U-B Engineers the base engineering contract, to act as Lander County's airport engineer of record for a period of five years and for the chair or vice chair to sign -- the FAA encourages five-year contracts for consistency -- and all other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Number 7. Discussion for possible action to award J-U-B Engineers the base engineering contract to act as Lander County's airport engineer of record for a period of five years and for the chair or vice chair to sign -- the FAA encourages five-year contracts for consistency -- and all other matters properly related thereto.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Come on up, J.D.

This is the one that we had gone out for bid for or out for request for proposals for and that we talked about. You should have a copy of it in your package.

This will give J-U-B the contract for an additional five years for both Battle Mountain and Austin Airports.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So I'm assuming our counselor has gone over this.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes, ma'am. I have.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Wand we still have a termination clause -- right? -- prior to the expiration of the contract?
KEITH WESTENGARD: There was a 30-day.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Let me look at this.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I perused it very quickly. And I didn't see one so I -- I --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I would -- I would -- there's not one in there now. So I can put one in there for signatures. So if that's -- if that's part of your motion, I'd -- I'd -- would be very easy to do it, to resolve it.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Are you okay with something like that, J.D.?
J.D. HEITHOFF: Yes, ma'am.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: So not to throw a wrench in the works, but because of discussions on other contracts and the contract period extending past the term of the commissioners, is this okay to go with the (indiscernible) of the contract?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The main purpose -- my understanding is the main purpose of five years is because we get most -- most of the money's paid by the FAA.
KEITH WESTENGARD: That is correct.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And the FF- -- FAA like a five-year contract. And since 80 to 90 percent of the cost is paid by them, we'd like to make the FAA happy.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Happy.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Now with --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Under- -- understood, --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the cost --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- but there's still the legal issue. Does that --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: With the termination clause, I think that handles the issue --
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- because it can be terminated within 30 days.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Or --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Good enough.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- or 90 or whatever --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Or 90.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we put in.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Whatever --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Whatever the termination clause is.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: How many days you guys want to put in there.
RICK HARLESS: Rick Harless at the airport.
I just want to comment on that. And I'm -- I'm sure Ted knows this, but the Nevada has a statute in there that says that anything related to the airport can go to 50 years.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Wow.
RICK HARLESS: That's special.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It -- it is.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. Wasn't aware of that.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thanks, Rick.
RICK HARLESS: Yep.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: With that, anyone else...
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that Lander County award the J-U-B Engineers the base engineering contract to act as Lander County's airport engineer of record for a period of five years with a 90-day termination clause prior to the expiration of the contract. And we authorize the chair to sign.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Motion carries.

8) **Discussion and possible action to execute a general services agreement contract with J-U-B Engineers to cover expenses related to providing assistance to Lander County on airport items, the assembly of the capital improvement plan (CIP) and FAA coordination for Battle Mountain and Austin airports through 2016 and for the chair or vice chair to sign and all other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Number 8. Discussion and possible action to execute a general service agreement contract with J-U-B Engineers to cover expenses related to providing assistance to Lander County on airport items, assembly of the capital improvements plan, CIP, and FAA coordination for Battle Mountain and Austin airports through 2016 and for the chair and/or vice chair to sign, and all other matters properly related thereto.

J.D. HEITHOFF: J.D. Heithoff with J-U-B Engineers.

Commissioners, this is our standard general services agreement. And in the past, what we've done is -- is individual general services agreements: one for Austin Airport and one for Battle Mountain Airport.

I believe last year's was for $15,000 each. The year before was either 15,000 each or 12,500 each. I can't quite remember.

We proposed to -- to combine them in the one agreement and that'll reduce an invoice each month and yet we'll still keep our information separate, you know, distinctive on what we're doing on each one. It provides assistance to the executive director with respect to the coordination of the FAA minor items that -- that we don't have to go through a small contract to order for. If he says, hey, I want you to look into this, we can go from that process. And then it also accounts for working with the capital improvement plan with the FAA, which is kind of a long arduous thing. That's what you -- how you kind of get the county positioned for the funding for each airport. That covers.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Do you want me to do that one?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is there any time when we don't utilize the whole amount? Or is the whole amount the retainer and that's it, regardless of how many times we use you?

J.D. HEITHOFF: Typically, it's time and materials,

Commissioner. And -- and typically we've used all of it. And in this particular case up through the end of -- of 2015.

Actually, I believe we were at around -- what? -- around 14,000. So I don't think we quite reached the 15,000 on it. So we'll -- you'll have a little surplus left over from last year.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good deal.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Did you want me to do this motion too?

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh, nevermind.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Steve.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Excuse me. It's for one year is -- is that correct, J.D.?

J.D. HEITHOFF: Correct. Through -- through this year.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. So it is one year. And it does have the 30- or 90-day out on it. We're just double-checking on it.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We'll have to put that in.

KEITH WESTENGARD: So we'll have to add the 30- or 90-day out on that as well.

COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I have a question. Sadie Sullivan, for the record.

On my documents, it has Keith signing. Is that --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, the first one we're going to have to change to add the 90 -- or the 90-day out.

The second one we'll have to add an out on that --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- so we can make those arrangements.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I just want to make sure the motion was clear --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- as far as --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah, we saw that.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- who to sign.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: The last one had his name on it too.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So do you want them to change that?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: It's whatever --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Last --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- you guys --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- one --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- prefer.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: The last one was the chair, I believe. And this one --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- is our airport manager --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- who's doing this one; right?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: The last one --
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, no. The documents to sign.
KEITH WESTENGARD: We're talking about the contracts.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: The contract itself has Keith.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. We can fix that.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't --
KEITH WESTENGARD: We can add those --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- have the contract.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- changes.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: For Item Number 7?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Item Number --
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Item Number 8.
KEITH WESTENGARD: This'll be Number 8.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Seven and eight.
J.D. HEITHOFF: And we can revise the --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I thought --
J.D. HEITHOFF: -- signatory --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we were -- no, we're --
J.D. HEITHOFF: -- on --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on Number 8.
J.D. HEITHOFF: -- that to whoever you prefer.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh, we have --
J.D. HEITHOFF: -- if it's the chairman --
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah. I was just --
J.D. HEITHOFF: -- or the executive --
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- talking, but we're --
J.D. HEITHOFF: -- director.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- good.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You can throw in a 90 days --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, that's just a task order.

KEITH WESTENGARD: On the first one, J.D.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's a contract.
J.D. HEITHOFF: If you'd like.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, we're doing that on all the contracts. That's why they're doing it. It's not -- it's not --
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- directed at you.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Need a motion.
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right. I'll make a motion to execute a general contract agreement contract with J-U-B Engineers to cover expenses related to providing assistance to the Lander County Airport -- Lander County on airport items, the assembly of the capital improvement plan, CIP, and the FAA coordinating -- and the FAA coordinating -- coordination for Battle Mountain and Austin airports through 2016. And this is for the -- this one has executive director. They say chair here.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: And they're going to do a correction so it's whatever you --
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- prefer --
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- as a board.
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- authorize the chair or vice chair to sign.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And we're also supposed to add a 90-day out.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. I got a motion and second. Public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Motion carries.