

The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in special session in the Commission Chambers of the Lander County Courthouse in Battle Mountain, Nevada on March 13, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: **DEAN BULLOCK, COMMISSIONER**
 STEVEN STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER
 BRIAN GARNER, COMMISSIONER
 DAVID MASON, COMMISSIONER
 PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER
 SADIE SULLIVAN, CLERK
 NICOLE TING, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 ROGENE HILL, FINANCE DIRECTOR
 CATHY MYERS, DEPUTY CLERK

8:00 P.M.

Commissioner Bullock called the meeting to order.

Let the record reflect a quorum of five Commissioners.

Commissioner Waits led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA NOTICE

The Notice of Posting was reviewed and found to be in order. Commissioner Stienmetz moved to approve the Notice of Posting. Seconded by Commissioner Waits, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

No bills to be paid at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

1) **Discussion For Possible Action Regarding Presentation Of The FY 2013-2014 Budget Highlights & Requests:** Rogene Hill, Finance Director, reviewed the highlights of all the budgets. She used the following criteria in the evaluations of each department:

- ❖ Needs of the department
- ❖ Reason for increase
- ❖ Comparison of last year's actual costs, along with average of this year's costs
- ❖ Analysis of fuel and utility increase
- ❖ Capital request

Ms. Hill reviewed the Tax Rates for FY 2013-13 and FY 2013-14. Tax rates have been adjusted according to needs. This year's assessed valuation of \$524,465,685 for Lander County will generate \$10,092,293 compared to last year's total of \$7,961,290. This is up \$2,131,003 or 28%, excluding the hospital and school district. The tax rates are as follows:

TAX RATES FOR	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 13-14 Difference
General Fund	1.2303	1.2633	+ .0330
Road & Bridge	.1950	.1950	-0-
Indigent	.0655	.0755	+ .0100
Ag Extension	.0150	.0150	-0-
Aged Services	.0850	.30850	-0-
Airport	.0375	.0400	+ .0025
Culture & Rec.	.0895	.0895	-0-
Subtotal	1.7178	1.7633	No Change
Youth Services	.0009	.0005	(0.0004)
State Indigent (NACO)	.0150	.0150	No Change
State Medical Indigent	.0655	.0655	No Change
Capital Acquisitions	.0300	.0300	No Change
Override Rate:	.1114	.1110	(0.0004)
L.C. Landfill	.0951	.0500	(0.0451)
COMBINED RATE:	1.9243	1.9243	NO CHANGE

FY 13-14 revenues and operating expenditures (excluding salaries and benefits due to this being a negotiating year) for your main operations are as follows:

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$12,108,556	\$ 9,945,565
Road & Bridge	\$ 2,009,606	\$ 779,585
Indigent	\$ 395,972	\$ 654,530 NEEDS NET PROCEEDS FOR STATE MANDATES
Ag Extension	\$ 78,670	\$ 58,065

Aged Services	\$ 542,156	\$ 127,125
Landfill	\$ 366,733	\$ 1,573,525
Airport	\$ 232,786	\$ 171,510
Austin Town	\$ 32,406	\$ 50,200
BM Town	\$ 322,725	\$ 603,015
Culture & Rec.	<u>\$ 1,221,897</u>	<u>\$ 839,110</u>
Total FY 13-14	\$17,311,507	\$14,811,230
Total FY 12-13	\$14,070,928	\$23,288,483 <i>Includes Salary & Benefits</i>

FY 13-14 General Fund expenditures exclude salary and benefits. Operating costs of \$9,954,565 includes \$42,500 for capital. Revenues are projected at \$12,108,566.

Actual FY 11-12 General Fund revenues came in \$4,133,334 over the budgeted \$8,874,750 and expenditures came in at \$2,363,746 under budgeted \$10,794,341 while Road & Bridge revenues came in \$287,594 over budgeted \$1,664,123 and expenditures came in \$436,795 under the budgeted \$2,039,060.

GRANT REQUESTS:

General Fund:

Austin Chamber of Commerce	\$ 16,225
B.M. Chamber of Commerce	\$ 60,000
Conservation District	\$ 20,950
Town of Kingston	\$ 6,945
Town of Kingston	\$ 2,715
Town of Kingston	\$ 34,500
Kingston Water Utility	\$ 84,000
Kingston Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$ 4,100
Total General Fund Requests	\$229,435

Austin Town Fund

Austin Youth Center	\$ 4,500
Austin Medical Clinic	\$ 6,065
Austin Historical Society	\$ 9,200
Total Austin Town Fund Requests	\$ 19,765

Battle Mountain Town Fund

BM Chamber of Commerce	
Parade of Lights	\$ 350
Lander County Fair	\$ 13,675
BM Little League	\$ 350
BM Family Resource Center	
Lifeline	\$ 5,000
B.M. Resource Center	\$ 43,455
Kids in Motion Preschool	\$ 20,000
Harvest Festival	\$ 2,500

Lander County Board of Commissioners

Special Budget Meeting of March 13, 2013

Art Presenters	
Fourth of July/Includes \$2,000 Events Insurance	\$ 8,000
B.M. Prof. Rodeo Assoc.	\$ 20,000
Historical Society	\$ 20,000
Lander County Hospice	\$ 90,000
Misc. Grants	\$ 5,000
Total BM Town Fund Requests	\$ 228,330

Our main source of revenues derived from Ad Valorem, Consolidated Tax, Gas Tax and PILT Tax for FY 13-14 is \$15,776,291 compared to last years \$13,794,367, up \$1,981,924 or 14.4%.

Ms. Hill informed the Board a memo from Philip Hanna, dated March 8th, stating an additional \$125,000 in quarterly settle-up payments is projected at this time. Total ambulance expense for Lander County with the additional quarterly settle-up payments of \$125,000 would equate to a cost of \$857,600 per year compared to an average of \$110,000 a year with prior volunteer service.

CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS BY DEPARTMENT:

GENERAL FUND

Jail is requesting \$5,000 for Kitchen Equipment
 Jail is requesting \$32,000 for a GCM Brain Replacement
 Jail is requesting \$5,000 for a copier
TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$42,500

RTC (017) is requesting \$4,200,000 for Freeway Crossover-
 Based on \$3,000,000 of net Proceeds

CULTURE & RECREATION

Golf Course (052-052) is requesting:

- ❖ \$15,000 for a Walking Greens Mower
- ❖ \$15,000 for a Top Dresser
- ❖ \$65,000 for a Rough Mower
- ❖ \$10,000 for Connex Boxes
- ❖ \$60,000 for Maintenance Shop Addition

Pools (052-055) requesting:

- ❖ \$5,000 for a Pool Cover for Austin

Reserve Fund (057)

- ❖ First Responder is requesting \$150,000 for an Ambulance For Austin (this is a carry-over from last year)

Airport Capital Improvement (380)

- ❖ Austin Airport is requesting \$200,000 for full funding of the Flight Plan Building.

Lander County Board of Commissioners

Special Budget Meeting of March 13, 2013

- ❖ Battle Mountain Airport is requesting \$11,875 for full funding of the Airport Master Plan
- ❖ Battle Mountain Airport is requesting \$4,688 for FAA Matching (6.25%) for Runway 12/30 reconstruction.

Water Dept. is requesting:

- ❖ \$108,030 for Capital Replacement
- ❖ \$51,720 for Short Lived Assets

Sewer Dept. is requesting:

- ❖ \$75,000 for Capital Replacement

Ms. Hill reviewed the Lander County combined, special, and district tax rates with the Board. She also reviewed the assessed valuation, the Ad Valorem revenue divided by the assessed value, County and Towns Ad Valorem Taxes. There was also a brief review of actual expenditures from FY 11 and FY 12, and the projected for FY13 and FY 14.

Ms. Hill reviewed Fund 29 Building and Equipment Projects for FY 13-14 and the projected beginning and ending fund balances. She also reviewed Fund 55 for Capital Construction Projects for FY 13-14 and the projected beginning and ending fund balances. In addition she reviewed the FY 13-14 requested Capital Construction Projects with the Board.

Ms. Hill informed the Board of all the main taxes the County operates. This is the main revenue of the County. She provided a seven year revenue analysis (five year actual and two year predicted) from FY-08 through FY-14. This is for the Ad Valorem Tax, Consolidated Tax, Gas Tax, Net Proceeds, and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). She addressed the tax rates for each department, and stated the overall tax rate doesn't change they just get adjusted within the individual department.

Ms. Hill provided a list of General Fund Grant Requests for FY 13-14. The total of the amount requested is \$229,435.00. She also provided a list of Battle Mountain Town Grant Request and Austin Town Grant requests for FY 13-14. The total amount requested from the Battle Mountain Town Fund is \$228,330.00 and from the Austin Town Fund is \$19,765. Ms. Hill also reviewed the beginning and ending fund balances for the Austin and Battle Mountain Town Funds.

2) Discussion For Possible Action Regarding Grants Requested From Lander County:

GENERAL FUND GRANT REQUESTS

Austin Chamber of Commerce: Requested \$16,225.00

This request is to cover administrative costs and it is an increase from last year. Last year the Board approved \$12,000.00. There was discussion on the reason for the increase.

Lander County Board of Commissioners

Special Budget Meeting of March 13, 2013

Commissioner Mason moved to grant the Austin Chamber of Commerce a budget of \$12,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Garner.

Commissioner Waits felt the Board should have given some kind of an increase to pick up the extra costs.

The motion was voted and carried with Commissioners Bullock, Stienmetz, Garner and Mason voting "AYE" and Commissioner Waits voting "NAY". **APPROVED**

Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce: Requested \$60,000.00

This request is for administrative costs and economic development. Last year the Board granted them \$28,000.00.

Paula Tomera explained the increase would be for wages, increase in office expenses and for Battle Mountain brochures.

Commissioner Bullock asked when the membership fee was last raised. Ms. Tomera stated it was last year and it went from \$75 to \$125. They get \$14,000 a year. If she was to raise the rates so it was just supported by its members, she would have to increase the rates six times what they are now.

Ms. Tomera gave examples of the some of the things the Chamber of Commerce does and things she helps promote. She talked about the Movies in the Park and how businesses can buy a spot for advertising, in a power point, before the movie for \$25.

Shar Petersen talked about how the movies in the park are keeping the locals local instead of them going out of town for a movie. It also draws people in.

Ms. Tomera explained if they can't get the funding she will have to cut back on some of the services she is has currently been doing to get our name out there. She stated people and other Chambers are noticing Battle Mountain much more. She explained the base price in Elko for their membership is \$255 and goes all the way up to \$2,755.00. She doesn't feel the business owners here would like to pay that much. She has 16 honorary members, which would be churches and things like that, 85 small businesses, 1 home base business (this is a new category they have added), 4 large businesses, 10 medium businesses, and 4 non-profit. They have 120 members total.

Commissioner Mason moved to raise the \$28,000.00 grant from last year by 15% to \$32,200.00 grant this year. Seconded by Commissioner Garner, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce Parade of Lights: Requested \$350

Ms. Tomera explained last year they were granted \$250 to do the Parade of Lights. It actually cost her \$350 so she is asking for an increase of \$100.

Commissioner Waits asked if Ms. Tomera gets anything from Lander County Convention and Tourism for the Parade of Lights. Ms. Tomera said they helped her with \$120 to buy candy canes last year. She stated anyone can participate, but they have the businesses that are members of the Chamber that have done the floats as a way to participate and advertise. They can also win a trophy at the end. They partner with the Family Resource Center.

Commissioner Garner moved to accept the increase of \$100 to \$350. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Conservation District: Requested \$20,950.00

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained this comes before the Board every year. This is for the employees that work at the Ag, and 60 hours bi-weekly goes to the Ag and 20 hours goes towards the Conservation District. She believes they have \$44,440 they ask for in administrative costs as well. Negotiations could also have an effect on this dollar amount.

Commissioner Garner moved to grant \$20,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Town of Kingston 10-Station Fit Trail Fitness Course: Requested \$6,945.00

Shannon Thiss, Kingston, addressed the Board and explained Kingston's Parks would like a grant for the materials to create a fitness station. The rest would be in kind work to put it in. It would go along Kingston Creek by Lee Baker Park. They would like it to be 8/10 of a mile. Ms. Thiss also explained it was on the wish list of the parks department last year, but it was not approved. They hope it will bring people into Kingston.

Commissioner Garner moved to deny the \$6,945.00 for the 10-Station Fitness Trail. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz.

Brad West, Kinston, asked what Commissioner Garner based his decision on.

Commissioner Garner answered money and budgets.

The motion as voted and carried unanimously. **NOTAPPROVED**

Town of Kingston Irrigation System for Lee Baker Park: Requested \$\$2,715.00

Shannon Thiss, Kingston, explained this is another grant for the park area. It is just for the materials. The dirt work will be taken care of by in kind work and through the parks budget.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$2,715.00 for the Kingston irrigation system. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously.

APPROVED

Town of Kingston Park Pavilion: Requested \$34,500.00

Shannon Thiss, Kingston, stated this was another request for the parks department. It is for a pavilion to go into the Lee Baker Park orchard area. There is labor included in this project. She explained they are increasing their events in the park with an outdoor market, a Church Revival, the Fireman's Picnic, and hope to get more events going. She said they do need some shelter.

Bradley Ward, Kingston, stated there would be an opportunity to rent the pavilion out for weddings and birthday parties.

Commissioner Waits moved for the Commission to approve the \$34,500.00. There was no seconded to the motion so the motion died.

Commissioner Mason moved to fund half of the \$34,500.00 this year and the other half next year.

Commissioner Waits said she had a problem with funding only half.

Commissioner Stienmetz said his issue is the fact Kingston is asking \$50,000 for protective clothing for the Fire Department and more for insurance. He feels this is more important than a pavilion.

There was no second to the motion so the motion died.

Commissioner Garner moved for \$5,000 to cover concrete and labor for the first stage of building a pad. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried with Commissioners Bullock, Stienmetz, Garner, and Mason voting "AYE" Commissioner Waits voting "NAY". **APPROVED**

Town of Kingston Water Utility: Requested \$84,000

Shannon Thiss, Kingston, stated she had come before the Board last year to request \$84,000 to build a water tank. This is for part of a grant and she will be going before CDBG to present. This request is contingent on getting the CBDG Grant. She explained the Board had granted the \$84,000 last year and all she is asking is for them to roll it over into the next fiscal year for the same project.

Commissioner Waits moved to approve the \$84,000 again for this year and carry it over. Seconded by Commissioner Garner, the motion was voted and carried unanimously.

APPROVED

Kingston Volunteer Fire Department: Requested \$14,661.80

Bradley Ward, Assistant Chief of the Kingston Volunteer Fire Department, explained there were two grant submissions made to the County. One was for \$50,000 for personal protective equipment (PPE). Keith Westengard, Safety Manager, was directed to provide for their immediate compliance needs. The result of the Safety Committee meeting was \$50,000 was allocated, collectively, for Kingston and Austin for new PPE. He said there was a shortfall on what they asked for and needed essentially. They are looking for a grant for four refurbished SCBAs, four new carbon fiber cylinders, and two sets of PPE for the Firefighters. This comes to a total of \$14,661.80.

Commissioner Garner asked if the Kingston Fire Department was under the Austin Board or the Battle Mountain Board.

Mr. Ward answered it is under the Commissioners. He also stated they have 500 square miles of Mutual Aid Agreements.

There was discussion on whether the Town of Kingston or Lander County is over the Kingston Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioner Bullock explained it was his understanding that Austin has \$15,000 sitting in their budget that hasn't been spent. If that is part of the \$50,000 Kingston could take the \$15,000 Austin doesn't need.

Max Bunch, Justice of the Peace, questioned Mr. Ward's comment of the 500 square miles of Mutual Aid Agreements, and asked who they were with. He also asked if they

had been approved by Commission. Judge Bunch explained agreements are redone on an annual or bi-annual basis. There may be an agreement one Board of Commissioners agrees with that the new Board of Commissioners may not.

There was also discussion of Kingston borrowing equipment and PPE from the Sheriff's Department and the Battle Mountain Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioner Garner moved to grant the \$14,661.80. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Kingston Volunteer Fire Department PACT/POOL Insurance: Requested \$4,100.00

Rogene Hill, Finance Department, stated Kingston's Volunteer Fire Department is asking Lander County to pay their PACT Insurance. In the past it has been paid out of Kingston Town Funds.

Bradley Ward, Assistant Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department, explained the PACT Insurance is \$4,120 based on 12 people. The grant request he wrote was for up to \$5,000 a year because he is anticipating adding two new members.

Ms. Hill explained the County charges Kingston for their PACT Insurance because they are their own entity. They are Kingston Town and Kingston Volunteer Fire Department pay for all of their PACT at this point and time.

Commissioner Garner has a problem with this where they are their own Board. He asked if legal reviewed had reviewed this.

Sadie Sullivan, Lander County Clerk, stated there are Lander County Codes and there are NRS and they are conflicting with each other. This is something this needs to be looked at.

Mr. Ward thinks it is more of a County issue because they operate under the Counties insurance. It is more of a public service for the County. He is hoping to come before the Commissioners in the future for an operating budget.

Commissioner Garner stated they have the Kingston Town Fund, of which the Fire Department was derived from, now they are taking money from a separate entity which is and has been supporting them. Now they want money from another source.

Judge Bunch explained the County Commissioners control how many people are on each Fire Department. If Kingston falls under the County, the Commissioners will decide how many people they have on their department not the Town Board.

Sheriff Ron Unger explained the County Commissioner approved the Battle Mountain Volunteer Fire Department's bylaws and constitutions. They wrote into their bylaws they would maintain up to 25 members.

Commissioner Garner stated the Commission has not seen anything from their entity on this Fire Department, but yet they want to receive money and goods from the County service. The County has approved nothing for their Fire Department the Kingston Town Board has. He said if they want money from this Commission the Commission will govern them.

Ms. Hill explained that Kingston used to be under Lander County, but they chose to separate. They do their own budgets and are a total separate entity, but as a whole they do fall under Lander County.

Shannon Thiss said this was for a grant, just like they gave her a grant for the town. It doesn't mean the County is going to govern them.

Nicole Ting, Deputy District Attorney, provided the Commissioners with a few options. One was to go into a closed legal meeting, or defer this until later.

Commissioner Garner moved to defer upon legal advice.

Ms. Ting said she didn't know if they would have a legal opinion by the time it comes back.

Commissioner Garner retracted his motion and made a new motion.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve up to \$41,000 subject to legal review. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously.

APPROVED

Rogene Hill, Finance Director informed the Board they have approved \$174,680 for the General Fund.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN TOWN FUND

Little League: Requesting \$350.00

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, informed the Board the County has given this every year.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$350 to Little League. Seconded by Commissioner Waits, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Professional Rodeo: Requesting \$5,000

Yvette Packer apologized and stated it didn't cost \$20,000 to put the Rodeo on. She had someone else do her grant application and she didn't see it until it was turned in. She said \$5,000 would put her right where she needs to be. Last year they brought in over 200 contestants.

Commissioner Garner asked what she got from Convention and Tourism. She replied they had given her \$6,000, and they are \$8,000 short of making it.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$2,000.00 for the Battle Mountain Professional Rodeo. Seconded by Commissioner Waits, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Family Resource Center: Requesting

LIFELINE: \$5,000.00

Commissioner Waits asked if they get any other support under LIFELINE.

Jana Moyes said they do not and with Obama being in they are cutting a lot of grants.

LIFELINE is used for the elderly who are on a fixed income. It costs about \$35 per person per Lifeline. They charge them \$20 to keep the Lifeline cost down. This is

subsidized and also helps pay for new machines and for yearly training in Reno, Nevada.

Commissioner Garner moved to increase to \$5,000 for LIFELINE. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously.

APPROVED

Battle Mountain Resource Center: \$43,455.00

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, informed the Board they approved \$22,000 last year.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$22,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz.

Jana Moyes explained to the Board what this money is used for. It is like Social Services and are no longer under Lander County.

The motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Kids in Motion Preschool: Requesting \$20,000.00

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained the County provides the building for \$10 a year. Last year they were approved \$3,600.

Jana Moyes stated the \$3,600 that was approved last year was to cover utilities. She said they are putting in a request for new playground equipment and some of the school supplies.

Commissioner Garner moved to up it from \$3,600 to \$5,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously.

APPROVED

Harvest Festival: Requesting \$2,500.00

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained to the Board this was funded under the Chamber of Commerce last year. It was funded at \$1,500.

Commissioner Garner moved to grant \$2,500.00. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Art Presenters 4th of July: \$8,000

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained \$6,000 is for the Fourth of July and the additional \$2,000 because they found out they had to have event insurance. The \$2,000 was given to the Battle Mountain Chamber last year.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve the \$8,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

L.C. Historical Society: Requesting \$20,000.00

Lori Price, Director of the Museum, is asking for \$20,000. She said \$6,800 of that would be for utilities and the rest would be for landscaping and to start planning for another building. The building would be for large displays and for displays that will not fit inside the museum but need protection from the sun. She said the County has never given them money but they are under the Counties umbrella for insurance. They have applied for grants from the Cultural Affairs Department in Carson City. They received seven of those grant to restore the building to be the museum. She shared her ideas of things she would like to with the museum.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve the \$20,000 for the Lander County Historical Society. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Lander County Fair: Requesting \$13,675.00

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, reminded the Board they approved \$2,000 last year. She explained that Shannon Brewman has taken over the Fair, and this is the budget she came up with of what it cost them last year. They use to go out and get sponsors.

Commissioner Garner moved to increase the amount on the Lander County Fair to \$3,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Lander County Hospice: Requesting \$90,000.00

Crystal Bard, on behalf of Lander County Hospice, provided the Board with estimates of what she is asking the money for. She explained this would be an office and a second hand store. She also explained Beverly Huntington started Hospice in Lander County. They only have one patient currently; three of her patients have passed away in the past three months. They are buying the building from Joe Hill and are making monthly payments to him.

The building is not currently being used at this time because it does not meet code and needs to be completely redone. They have been paying on the building since Beverly Huntington passed away. Ms. Bard explained the plan with the building and said the proceeds from the second hand store will go to help the hospice patients and their families.

Commissioner Waits moved to approve the \$90,000 for the Hospice to bring them up to code. There was no second.

Commissioner Bullock explained the County is looking to vacate some County owned buildings in the next few years. They could benefit Hospice for a lot less money. He also has an issue with giving \$90,000 to them to bring their building to code and then selling it in a few years for a profit.

Crystal Bard said if the County does not grant this they will just keep going as they are. They bought the building for \$40,000.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$20,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Misc. Grant: \$5,000

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, stated this \$5,000 is kept in the kitty for anyone who comes in within the year. It hasn't been used in the past, so it is just a roll over.

Commissioner Stienmetz moved, for the Miscellaneous Grant, to be kept at \$5,000. Seconded by Commissioner Garner, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

*Commissioner Stienmetz moved to go into closed session for Legal counsel. Seconded by Commissioner Garner, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED***

After the Austin Town Fund Grants, Rogene Hill, Finance Director, asked to return to the Battle Mountain Town Fund.

Ms. Hill explained to the Board, it has been brought to her attention; there are two areas of concern. One is the Hospice Building has not been recorded and still shows in Joe and Sherry Hill's names.

Angie Gonzalez said she called Sherry Hill and she is going to have Joe get that recorded.

Ms. Hill explained they would hold the funds until it has been recorded. The other issue is the Family Resource owes taxes to the County and the County has liens on the buildings.

Commissioner Bullock and Commissioner Garner asked how they got money last year then. The money Family Resource was granted last years was contingent on them clearing up the liens.

Commissioner Bullock reopened the grants for the Battle Mountain Family Resource Center LIFELINE, Battle Mountain Family Resource Center, Kids in Motion Preschool, and the Harvest Festival.

Commissioner Bullock recommended making the granting of these funds contingent.

Commissioner Stienmetz concurred and said until they can prove they have the liens pulled to not give them any money.

Commissioner Garner amended his motion for the Resource Center, as a whole with four line items, that all monies granted be withheld until the Federal Tax Liens have been taken care of; referencing document #0257091, document #0258459 and document #0259551. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

AUSTIN TOWN FUND

Austin Youth Center: Requesting \$4,500

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, informed the Board they have approved \$2,500 in the past. This is another one were the County provides the building, pays the utilities, and repair and maintenance.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$2,500. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Austin Medical Clinic: Requesting\$6,065

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, informed the Board they approved \$4,500 last year for the Austin Medical Clinic.

They want to get some equipment like exam tables, medical scale, and the rent. The cost has also gone up.

Commissioner Waits moved to approve \$6,000 for the Medical Clinic. Seconded by Commissioner Garner, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Austin Historical Society: Requesting \$9,200

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, reminded the Board they approved \$3,500 last year. She said she doesn't think it generates enough money to cover the expenditures.

Commissioner Garner moved to increase it to \$5,000. Seconded by Commissioner Waits, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Grants approved from the Austin Town Fund totaled \$13,500.

Rogene Hill, asked to go back to the Battle Mountain Town Fund.

3) Discussion For Possible Action Regarding FY 2013-2014 Budget Of Minor Equipment & Capital Project Funds:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Requesting \$30,000

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, stated the Building Department is requesting these funds for an extended cab or double cab truck.

Anna Penola, Building Department, explained they are requesting a bigger truck because the one they have is too small to carry their computers and code books. Sometimes they go on mine site and have to carry passengers. They intend to keep the old truck until they get someone in Austin.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$30,000 for a double cab truck, four door, four wheel drive for the Building Department. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

JAIL Kitchen Equipment: Requesting \$5,000

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained this would be taken out of the General Fund. They are requesting \$5,000 for kitchen major equipment replacement.

Robert Quick, Undersheriff, stated this would be a carry over.

Commissioner Garner moved to carry over the kitchen major appliance replacement for \$5,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

JAIL GCM Module: Requesting \$32,500

Commissioner Garner asked if this GCM Module is the one that carries over every year. He was informed that it was.

Commissioner Garner moved to carry over the GCM Module for \$32,500. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

JAIL Copier: Requesting \$5,000

There was discussion on the need and the price for the copier.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve copier for \$5,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

LANDFILL Track Loader: Requesting \$490,000

LANDFILL D8T Tractor/Waste Handler: Requesting \$750,000

LANDFILL Used Stationary Generator: Requesting \$20,000

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained this is Fund 11. The Tax Rate was reduced for the Landfill this year due to this being in the position of a mandated tax rate. When the Net Proceeds were coming in they got their tax rates out of the Net Proceeds. They do have the money to fund this equipment.

Donnie Negro, Road and Bridge South, explained the track loaders at the landfill are wore out, and they are just throwing money into them. He decided to surplus the one or to use it in a different department. He also explained the D7 dozer they have is not designed for the landfill.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$500,000 for all three requests.

Mr. Negro explained they did get a used generator and it is going through a gallon of oil a day. He would like a new one that is going to last. He also said that he does not want to scrimp on the equipment because all you are getting is someone else's junk. The money is already there.

Commissioner Garner retracted his motion

Commissioner Mason moved for the Commission to fund the 973D Track Loader, the D8T Tractor/Waste Handler, and the used stationary generator as stated, \$490,000, \$750,000, and \$20,000 respectively. Seconded by Commissioner Garner, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

RTC: Requesting \$4,200,000.00

Judie Allan, Regional Transportation Committee Vice-Chairman, explained the RTC has been working on a project for a pedestrian bridge. It will go from Eleanor Lemaire school over I-80 and, ideally, dropping behind Fireworks Planet. The safe zone for the Lemaire School is the Mormon Church. This is to keep the kids off of the Broad Street overpass. If anything was to happen on that overpass there is no way back to town. Ms. Allan said it was her understating there has been talk about putting the Rec Center by the school, and this would open up a whole new avenue for access to that.

The Engineer's estimate for the bridge alone is about \$3.5 million. This does not include engineering costs, but she has been talking with the State and they are more than willing to work with us. The State can help engineer this project, put it out to bid, and oversee it.

Commissioner Garner said he was also on the RTC board and they have been working on this project for about a year. The influx of kids from one side of town to the other, two times a day, across the overpass is dangerous, and more so now with the Maverik in.

Mr. Negro said three or four years ago there was a bomb threat at the Eleanor Lemaire School and the kids had to be taken down Lemaire Road, over the overpass, and to the Mormon Church three times.

There will be \$1.3 million from the fuel tax to go towards this project. Ms. Hill explained they have been tapping into the RTC fund to do roads. In order to make this project whole they are asking for Net Proceeds in the amount of \$3 million to add to the \$1.3 million.

Ms. Allan explained the projected cost of this project, and it does have to be handicap assessable. She has also been checking into Safe Routes to Schools.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve the freeway crossover of \$4.2 million on fund 17. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz.

Commissioner Mason said he didn't see the priority of this project right now for \$4.2 million. He feels there are other things that are a bigger priority for the amount of money they have to budget. He thinks this is untimely, and feels the bridge we have right now going by Wells Fargo is just fine for foot traffic.

Commissioner Garner explained there are more components to this project. Newmont is going into production of producing copper and this will bring caustic material across that bridge. He asked if a car happens to hit one of those caustic trucks, or any kind of truck, and closed down the bridge how they would get those kids back and forth from this side of town to that side of town. The LZ zone is a quarter mile clearance. He asked how they would tell parents they have to go four wheeling out in the desert to go get their kids from school.

Commissioner Mason feels if it is just for safety, you could never do enough for safety. He feels they could just match the funds and they could feed the fund each year. He said there are huge wants this year and he doesn't feel it is a priority.

The motion was voted and carried with Commissioners Bullock, Stienmetz, Garner, and Waits voting "AYE" and Commissioner Mason voted "NAY". **APPROVED**

CULTURE & RECREATION-FUND 52

GOLF COURSE

Walking Greens Mower: Requesting \$15,000.00

Top Dresser: Requesting \$15,000.00

Rough Mower: Requesting \$65,000.00

Connex Boxes: Requesting \$10,000.00

Maintenance Shop Addition: Requesting \$60,000.00

Jake Edgar, Public Works Foreman, explained the walking greens mower and the top dresser are for the new greens. The walking mower they currently have is on loan just to try out, but he would like to buy a new one. The top dresser is for putting sand on the greens in the winter. The rough mower has an issue with the safety switch in the seat they cannot figure out. They have taken it to three different mechanics. It will just stop when they are driving down the fairway. The Connex boxes are basically for dry storage. The current shop is full of equipment. Mr. Edgar also explained they have to pull everything out of the shop to work on one piece of equipment.

Commissioner Mason moved to approve this request for a walking green mower \$15,000, top dresser \$15,000, rough mower \$65,000, [Connex Boxes \$10,000 and Maintenance Shop Addition \$60,000] a total of \$165,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried with Commissioner Bullock, Stienmetz, Garner, and Mason voting "AYE" and Commissioner Waits voted "NAY". **APPROVED**

AUSTIN POOL

Jake Edgar, Public Works Foreman, explained this was requested by Burt Ramos. They had bought a pool cover last year and it doesn't really fit. It was also basically for the night time. There were issues with the gas bill and he thinks the cover helped bring that down. This is a pool cover for during the winter.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$5,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

AUSTIN AMBULANCE

Commissioner Garner moved to roll over the Austin Ambulance fund in the amount of \$150,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

FIXED ASSESTS

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained this is put in every year. This money was used last year when the sign broke down at the Civic Center. Most years it doesn't get used but it is there in case it is needed.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$60,000 for fixed assets. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

FUND 55-CCP

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, stated what the State gave the County in Net Proceeds was not correct. They reviewed their numbers and are telling Lura and Rogene that the County will be receiving \$6 million less than anticipated. She said, currently, that have about \$20 million.

Water & Sewer

Jake Edgar, Public Works Foreman, explained the \$10,158,200 is for the cost of every project they could do, and this is just to show a number to the Board of projects projected out over a number of years. What Mr. Edgar would like to do this year is the North Battle Mountain Second and First Street water and sewer for \$1,258,200, the Front Street alley water and sewer rehab for a total of \$2,658,200.

There was discussion on other projects Mr. Edgar my want to do and the possibility of re-doing the road in the same year.

Commissioner Garner moved to accept \$2,658,200 for the North Battle Mountain water replacement project and the second being the Front Street sewer water project. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Airport Water Project

Jake Edgar, Public Works Foreman, stated the airport has been a nightmare as far as water leaks go. They put in a new pump and it seems to be working well. The pipe that is in the ground is not very good, and he would like to put in some hydrants and a tank.

Commissioner Garner explained he is part of this as well. The whole goal of this is the Moto Sports Complex. He would like to see a tank so it is not impacting the water system. He would also like to take the water line down the road and put in a hydrant. If there was a fire out on 3200, 3300, or Skyline there would be a hydrant there.

Sheriff Ron Unger stated they would be taking 12 miles off their run and it takes 12 minutes to fill the tanker, when there is a fire. They would be saving 30 minutes and homes are lost in the first 30 minutes.

This would not be potable water due to the arsenic levels, but they would have filters for the sinks.

Commissioner Stienmetz moved to approve \$2 million for the water project at the Airport. Seconded by Commissioner Garner, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Golf Course

Jake Edgar, Public Works Foreman, explained this is for the sprinkler on the front nine. It is estimated at \$1.75 million, and would be brand new lines.

Commissioner Bullock shared his concerns on not having the best turf anyway and to spend this amount of money to save it. He questioned if it wouldn't be better to get new sod and replace where they trench and save half the money.

Mr. Edgar explained someone is showing interest in our water rights. We haven't shown beneficial use on the well in quite some time. Waivers have been applied for and so far the State Engineer has been good with us, but there is no guarantee that will remain if they don't show some beneficial use on the well. This is the reason for wanting to put in the back nine.

Commissioner Bullock suggested doing the back nine and leaving the front nine alone. After the back nine is established they could tear up the front nine if they needed to.

Sheriff Ron Unger states once you lose those water rights you won't get them back.

Commissioner Mason moved for the Commission to approve to install, completely, the back nine using the water rights we have for \$1.75 million. Seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Engineering Fees

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, stated this is money that we just kept in there so all these projects can be engineered before July 1st.

Commissioner Stienmetz moved to leave the engineering fees in at \$300,000. Seconded by Commissioner Garner, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

AUSTIN

Commissioner Bullock recommended seizing all paving in Austin until the boundary lines are adjusted.

In the meeting Commissioner Mason had with Stewart Title and Summit Engineering, they discussed the best way to tackle this is to survey all of Lander County's property, the streets, and right-of-ways surveyed. This will set the bench marks for all the private property. Summit Engineering is working out a formula to get it started. There is \$200,000 in the Assessor's fund for surveying and it is estimated to cost another \$175,000 to \$200,000.

It was determined this would best be discussed under Fund 29.

Dump Road

Commissioner Bullock asked how much traffic is on the dump road.

Burt Ramos, Road and Bridge South answered that it is used by the whole town and there are many people on the road in one day.

Commissioner Bullock questioned using mag chloride on the dump road instead of paving it.

Mr. Ramos said he had thought about it and discussed it with other people. It is sticky and can get slick, and there a lot of small cars that drive on the dump road.

Donnie Negro, Road and Bridge North commented that mag chloride does keep the dust down, but it gets slick in the winter. It is hard to repair, you can't blade it, and you have to water it continually.

There is two miles of dump road and Mr. Ramos wants to make it 24 feet wide and three inched thick.

Commissioner Mason moved to approve the Austin dump road for two miles, blacktop and resurfaced \$760,320. Seconded by Commissioner Waits the motion was voted and carried with Commissioners Bullock, Stienmetz, Mason, and Waits voting "AYE" and Commissioner Garner voting "NAY". **APPROVED**

Reese River

Commissioner Mason moved, on the chip seal for 15 miles of Reese River Road, for \$713,610, estimated. Seconded by Commissioner Waits, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Commissioner Waits talked about the Austin Virginia Street Project. This is the sidewalk that would go up to the Church. She explained this is also to address a safety issue for resident of Austin.

There was discussion of waiting on this project, as well, until the lot lines are adjusted in Austin.

Mag Chloride Grass Valley Road

Commissioner Garner stated it was his understanding the Geothermal Plant was supposed to maintain Grass Valley Road.

Burt Ramos, Austin Road and Bridge, said the only time they have maintained the road is when he threatened to shut the road down.

Commissioner Garner said it was his understanding the County owns the road but it was part of the agreement that they maintain the road while they were using it.

Donnie Negro, Road and Bridge North, explained they told them they needed to maintain the road or they would shut it down. Their reply was they did not have to maintain the road and the road could not be shut down. Mr. Negro said they put a weight limit on it.

Mr. Ramos expressed his concerns that they cannot keep up on maintaining that road and the Geothermal trucks are tearing it up.

Mr. Negro talked about injecting the mag chloride about eight inches in. He has asked for them to try it. It was discussed to research this method a bit more before investing it, and working on the agreement with the Geothermal Plant.

Kingston/Humboldt Street

Commissioner Waits asked if this was the main street or if it was a street in Kingston.

Commissioner Garner stated the County does not own these streets.

Burt Ramos, Road and Bridge South, explained this goes back to the mapping. Without that being done it is hard to go forward with anything.

Commissioner Garner also stated there is an issue with the Kingston Town Board on roads they maintain and roads the County maintains. The County owns Kingston Road and Kingston took into incorporation with their taking over.

The consensus of the Board was to not approve. **NOT APPROVED**

BM OUT OF TOWN PAVING

Donnie Negro, Road and Bridge North, said he would cut Antelope Valley for four miles at the cost of \$2,494,800. That leaves about \$2.6 million for paving. He explained, two weeks ago, there were 100 hay trucks that came out of Antelope Valley. They are talking about putting a dairy in Fallon for powdered milk. This will increase the truck traffic.

Commissioner Garner expressed his concerns with paving the out of town roads. The maintenance on them is a nightmare.

There was discussion that some of these roads are school routes and there have been some complaints. There was also some discussion on the roads that Mr. Negro felt were a priority.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve paving all the roads on Mr. Negro's list excluding Antelope Valley Road, in the amount of \$2,627,942. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

South Battle Mountain Sewer/Water Project

Commissioner Mason stated this is the project he has been sponsoring, but without an engineer he is going to pass on it for this year.

Well #9-Roll Over

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, stated this is a roll over with additional money in the amount of \$1,755,120. This is due to having to move the site, for a total of \$4,755,120.

Commissioner Stienmetz moved to approve the well #9 roll over project at \$4,755,120. Seconded by Commissioner Garner, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Battle Mountain Motto/Race Restroom-Concession

Rod Smith said this is for both the Moto Cross and Stock Car track. They are looking at putting a restroom-concession in between the two tracks. At this point and time they have the blue bathrooms for the pit areas for the drivers that come to race at the stock car track, and the motto cross use the restrooms. Depending on how many races and how often they are over there they are moving the bathrooms back and forth from one side to the other. It was also stated the concession, that is there currently, is barely standing.

This is a pre-mod bathroom and concession. Mr. Smith explained this is a high bid, but it does include the sewer system, the water system, a pad for it to be put on, and the electricity.

Angie Gonzalez stated it has been said our track, in Battle Mountain, is the best track in Northern Nevada so far.

Mr. Smith said the only things they are, possibly, looking for in the future would be a marquee for better advertising and a better tower for counting laps.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$310,000 for the Battle Mountain Raceway. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously.

APPROVED

BM Recreation Center

Rusty Barr and Jessica Arkey, Board of Directors for the Battle Mountain Recreation Center, addressed the Board and provided a brief recap of their previous presentation. The entire project is \$8,000,000, and although they would like the entire amount, they feel this is a reasonable amount for what they are presenting. He asked the Board to consider more than just phase one of the project because there is a loss every year from just having only a pool. They would like to have a Recreation Center that is self-sustainable.

Commissioner Bullock asked if they had talked to other businesses, and what they feel they could get if Lander County was not to fund it all.

Mr. Barr answered by saying they felt they could raise \$1.5 million on their own. It could be more, but after talking with other people including the mines that is what they believe they could get.

There was discussion of the cost going up if it was done in phases and how they would like to do at least phase one and phase two.

Mr. Barr explained if the County granted \$4.5 million it would give an indoor/outdoor year round aquatic center - with the doors that open for outdoor, the fitness and wellness component, the multipurpose room for aerobic, karate, martial arts, zumba, as well as youth development. There would also be a gymnasium for athletics and parties. In the third phase they could put in a suspended walking track with viewing.

Commissioner Bullock expressed his concern about the amount of money, but also stated the public surveys went out and there was a very positive response. This is something the community wants.

They have two or three different options on a location and the location will not affect the price. Mr. Barr expressed the concern for the members of the community who will be without child care, and the situation with the current pool. He stated the time is now but he does understand the funding tight.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$6.5 million for the Battle Mountain Recreation Center. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz.

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained that depending on where this is going to be placed, it could become a Lander County project. If it is a Lander County project this cannot be a grant. However, the property could be deeded to the Recreation Center.

Mr. Barr asked if this could be approved on this contingency. They are willing to work with the Board to make this project work.

Commissioner Mason stated he feels this is a lot of money and, even though this is something the community wants, he feel they should do this over a two or three year period.

There was discussion on people not wanting to move to Battle Mountain, and the need for something like this to draw them in.

The motion was voted and carried with Commissioner Bullock, Stienmetz, and Garner voting "AYE" and Commissioners Mason and Waits voting "NAY". **APPROVED**

FLOOD LEVEE PROJECT ROLL OVER

Commissioner Garner and Commissioner Stienmetz felt this should be cut.

Commissioner Bullock stated they are making progress, but the way it is coming it isn't going to cost as much as was proposed. There are different standards coming. Commissioner Bullock suggested cutting it down to \$5 million.

Commissioner Mason moved to roll over \$5 mill for the Levee Project. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

CEMETARY FENCE

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained this is a roll over from last year but an additional \$35,000 is being asked for.

Commissioner Garner moved to authorize \$235,000 for Cemetery Fencing. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

LANDER COUNTY COMPLEX/ROLL OVER

Commissioner Garner moved to roll \$17 million. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

AUSTIN AIRPORT

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained these are the project Lew Lott is looking to do for 2013-14.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve the Apron Expansion Project in the amount of \$55,325. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Commissioner Garner moved to abolish the Austin Fuel System because it had been sitting stagnate for so long.

Commissioner Mason and Commissioner Waits explained they just approved the fuel system and are going with a smaller tank. They are not going to do jet fuel.

Commissioner Mason moved to roll over the Austin Fuel System of \$204,000. Seconded by Commissioner Waits, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Commissioner Garner moved to approve the Battle Mountain Runway percentage for Pavement Rehab for \$35,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

FUND 029/BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained this is basically for repair and maintenances to the buildings for Battle Mountain and Austin.

Commissioner Garner moved to accept as posted the Battle Mountain and Austin total repair and maintenance requests for \$291,790. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

CLERK/ELECTION & SCANNING

Sadie Sullivan, Lander County Clerk, explained at this point they do not have a set dollar amount. This is something that is going to the Legislative and would be required per NRS. If it does not pass the funds would not be needed. The bill draft is to have a photo voter's card that links to the DMV to avoid fraud.

Commissioner Garner moved to accept \$15,000 for Election and Scanning Equipment upon approval of BDR. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

ADMINISTRATION/SAFETY

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained there was \$300,000 set aside last year for safety equipment. She asked if they wanted to fund it higher this year. She has been taking away what they have been spending for the safety equipment. She put down \$175,000.

Judge Max Bunch asked if the Safety Manager had spent \$125,000 in six months.

Commissioner Mason said it was to just update the safety equipment.

This would be a roll-over of the remaining \$175,000 unless they wanted to fund \$300,000 again.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$175,000 for safety equipment. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

ASSESSOR

Commissioner Garner asked if the Assessor didn't just buy a new vehicle.

Donna Stienmetz, Assessor's Office, said this was a mistake and was not supposed to be on there.

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, stated she was sure the Assessor wanted it.

Commissioner Stienmetz moved to not approve the \$36,000 for the Assessor's vehicle. Seconded by Commissioner Garner, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **NOT APPROVED**

SHERIFF

Commissioner Garner stated they have put a million dollars into the radio system the last two years, and he does have a problem with the \$385,000 the Sheriff's Office is asking for.

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained that a lot of this is for the radios that Road and Bridge thought they were getting and didn't get.

Undersheriff Robert Quick explained when they get up on the mountain they are discovering other issues. The radio service has not been replaced or really serviced in the past sixteen years. They have only patched it. This covers the one last repeater and mobiles for the fire department, the Road and Bridge Departments, portables and pagers. They are looking at over 100 more radios.

Commissioner Bullock asked what the vehicle with the emergency equipment was.

Undersheriff Quick explained this was a replacement vehicle. They have been waiting for a part for one of the Ford Explorers for six months. They are looking at potentially getting rid of two vehicles for this one.

There was discussion on what the Sheriff's Office would necessarily need and what might be able to be cut.

Commissioner Waits moved to fund \$492,000 for the Sheriff. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

BM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Donnie Negro, Road and Bridge, explained this was for a FI-50 four door that they can put all their excavation equipment in. Currently all the equipment is in pumper two and if it out on a grass fire then they don't have anything.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$200,000 for a Fire Rescue truck. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

DISRICT COURT

Computer Equipment

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$5,060. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

ROAD & BRIDGE SOUTH

Burt Ramos, Road and Bridge South, explained the water tanker holds 12,000 gallons and you can pull your water truck up to fill it. The reason they need it is because Jim Campy pulled his old well out and that was where they would get water. Now they have to drive out to the Airport to get water. This would be mobile and they could take it out to Kingston if they needed to.

There was discussion on the need of two more pick-ups and the condition of the pick-up Mr. Ramos currently has.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve one pick up at \$40,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Mr. Ramos explained that \$110,000 on the loader is a roll over. He is asking for additional \$40,000.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$150,000 for a loader. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Commissioner Waits moved to approve \$255,000; the water truck at \$150,000, the water storage tank at \$50,000, and the fork lift for \$55,000 with a \$25,000 carry over. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

ROAD & BRIDGE NORTH

Commissioner Garner asked if Donnie Negro, Road and Bridge North, wanted to carry over the funds on the real estate.

Mr. Negro said yes he was trying to deal with the owner of the property. He also explained the blades were bought in 1996 and after three years they were supposed to be turned back in and taken as complete trade-in for new blades. This did not happen due to funds. The water tankers are a 1947 and a 1957. They are aluminum tanks and they are busting. He said he would give up one blade.

Commissioner Stienmetz moved to approve one blade at \$300,000, two water trucks at a total of \$150,000, and the six acre estate property carry-over at \$180,000 for a total of \$630,000. Seconded by Commissioner Waits, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

WATER & SEWER

Commissioner Garner asked Jake Edgar, Public Works Foreman, if the portable tank was \$90,000.

Mr. Edgar explained it comes with a card reader instead of handing the contractors a ticket when loading the water trucks. They can then ante up at the end of the day or the end of the month.

Commissioner Garner questioned the air compressor for \$40,000.

Mr. Edgar explained the one they are using at the golf course to blow out the lines has been borrowed from the mines.

Commissioner Garner suggested getting a used one for \$20,000. He also asked about the dump truck for \$100,000, and if Mr. Edgar had a CDL to drive it.

Mr. Edgar said he didn't need one and explained this one is a kick top and it is brand new.

Commissioner Garner asked if he could get a used one. He asked if the backhoe is new also. There was also discussion on the trailer and the backhoes Mr. Edgar currently has.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve the backhoe for \$100,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

Commissioner Garner moved to approve the utility trailer for \$15,000, the dump truck for \$80,000, the air compressor for \$20,000, and the mega portable tank for contractor water for \$90,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

LANDER COUNTY ROAD MAP

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, stated commissioner Mason wanted to address additional funding for mapping.

Commissioner Mason said this is called the Lander County Road map. After is it done it needs to be certified by a Judge. He would like to set aside \$225, 000. This is \$125 a mile for surveying 18,000 miles of road in north Lander County.

Commissioner Mason moved to set aside \$225,000 for the Lander County Road Map survey.

Ms. Hill explained they just approved \$49,000 for road mapping.

Commissioner Bullock said this is just for budgeting they are not signing a contract.

Seconded by Commissioner Waits, the motion was voted and carried unanimously.

APPROVED

There was discussion on adding funds for the Austin boundary line adjustments. There is already \$200,000 in Lura Duvall's budget for this purpose.

Commissioner Mason moved to set aside \$225,000 additional money for Austin boundary line adjustment. Seconded by Commissioner Waits, the motion was voted and carried with Commissioner Bullock, Stienmetz, Mason and Waits voting "AYE" and Commissioner Garner voted "NAY". **APPROVED**

AG EXTENSION

Rod Davis, Cooperative Extension, provided the Board with some background on what is happening with the University and why they are asking for additional money. The State Legislature cut the University budget by about 30% and the President of the University cut the Cooperative Extension College budget by 70%. He explained where the cuts were being made and they have eliminated all support for the 4-H programs. In the past they have had a 50/50 split with the Youth and 4-H Coordinators with the University, and the University picking up the benefits. In order to maintain the Youth Coordinator and boost her from an 80% to a full time employee, it would add about \$21,000.00 to his budget. He reviewed the programs and clubs they have added and the increase of members.

Commissioner Garner moved to disapprove the request for bumping to a fulltime position.

There was more discussion on this position and what the current coordinator's pay and position would end up being. The University contribution will be lost July 1. Leaving it at the \$15,932 will make the current employee a part-time with no benefits.

Commissioner Garner added to his motion to leave the funding at the \$15,932. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously.

APPROVED

TREASURER

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained this was for a three month training period for a new employee to replace a current employee who will be retiring.

Commissioner Garner moved to approved Treasurer's request for a three month training period. Seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

ASSESSOR

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained this is the Assessor's request for additional mapping funding and possible cost related to the mining claims. The increase requested is 79.8%. Ms. Hill said Ms. Duvall has never had professional services in her budget before. This is to contract appraisal and consulting services which is an additional \$35,000. Ms. Duvall is then asking for an increase of \$700 to her dues and subscriptions, and an increase of \$10,000 to the mapping and plotting. This also covers the contract with the Carson City Assessor's office. There is an additional \$500 to repair and maintenance on the Assessor's vehicles, an additional \$500 to telephone and fax, \$2,000 for travel and training, and \$3,280 for computers services. There is an increase of \$51,980.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$51,980 to the Assessor. Seconded by Mason, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

SHERIFF

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained the Sheriff is requesting an additional Patrol Deputy, promotion of a part-time Communications Officer to full-time, promotion of an Administrative Assistant to Senior Administrative Assistant, and to promote the part-time Constable/Bailiff to full time sworn Detention Deputy.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve all promotions but deny the additional Patrol Deputy. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

BM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, informed the Board the Battle Mountain Fire Department is requesting \$150,000 for the Nevada Division of Forestry Wildland Fire Protection Program. This is basically the Wild Fire Insurance that was approved in the February 28, 2013 Commission meeting.

Commissioner Stienmetz moved to approve the \$150,000 for the Nevada Division of Forestry Wildland Fire Protection Program. Seconded by Commissioner Garner, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

ARGENTA JUSTICE

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained this is a request for a title change and pay increase of \$5,000 to the Court Administrator/Clerk position.

Judge Max Bunch explained this is basically the promotion of current employee. He based the \$5,000 off of his comparisons to the wages of other Court Administrator's in other Counties.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve \$5,000 for the court Administrator. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously.

APPROVED

ROAD & BRIDGE

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, stated Road and Bridge South is requesting \$10,000 and Road and Bridge North is requesting \$20,000 to partner with the BLM on weed abatement program.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

AMBULANCE

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, said this is to approve or disapprove the continuation of the Hospital Contract along with the additional quarterly settlement payments of \$125,000. She had provided a copy of a memo from Mr. Phil Hanna that stated they are paying \$300,000 a year currently for the Ambulance, and are looking at additional costs.

Commissioner Bullock stated the numbers do not add up and there are things the Hospital is asking the County to pay for that the Board did not approve.

Commissioner Garner moved to disapprove the additional \$125,000 a quarter. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried. **NOT APPROVED**

CULTURE & RECREATION PARKS DEPT.

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, explained this request is for one full-time employee to help maintain the Culture and Recreation Departments. This position would be a Maintainer II position.

Commissioner Bullock proposed taking one of the full-time positions from the golf course for this full-time position that is being requested. They can then create a part-time position at the golf course so they don't have them year round or they can just hire summer help.

Tami Dimitroff explained why a new employee was needed.

Jake Edgar, Public Works Foreman, stated he doesn't have an employee at the golf course he would want to move.

There was also discussion of creating only a part-time position instead for a full-time position.

Commissioner Garner moved to give Mr. Edgar one full-time employee to help maintain Culture and Recreation up to a Maintainer II. Seconded by Mason, the motion was voted and carried with Commissioners Stienmetz, Garner, Mason, and Waits voting "AYE" and Commissioner Bullock voted "NAY". **APPROVED**

LEDA

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, said this is to approve/disapprove a distribution of \$75,000 of Net Proceeds to fund LEDA.

Commissioner Bullock explained there is a new Regional Authority. The Great Basin Regional Authority which involves Eureka, White Pine, and Lander County. The \$40,000 that was going to LEDA will be going to that Regional Authority. It can or cannot be distributed depending on how it is voted. With LEDA we have Sustainable Development Authority, but they will not let the County be a part of its Sustainable Development Authority so if they insist on having Sustainable Development Authority the LEDA Board needs to be dissolved. His opinion is to not fund it.

Commissioner Garner moved to disapproved distribution of \$75,000 Net Proceeds to fund LEDA. Seconded by Commissioner Mason, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **NOT APPROVED**

STATE MANDATES

Rogene Hill, Finance Director, stated this is to approve/disapprove distribution of \$500,000 Net Proceeds to fund Indigent Emergency State Mandates. She recommended putting the funds in while we still get Net Proceeds.

Commissioner Garner moved to approve distribution of \$500,000 Net Proceeds to fund Indigent Emergency State Mandates. Seconded by Commissioner Waits, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **APPROVED**

- 4) Discussion For Possible Action Regarding The FY 2013-2014 Net Proceeds:
- 5) Discussion For Possible Action Regarding The FY 2013-2014 Major Construction Budgets:
- 6) Discussion For Possible Action Regarding Continuation Of The FY 2013-2014 Budget:
- 7) Discussion For possible Action Regarding Changes To The FY 2013-2014 Recommended Annual Budget As Prepared By The Finance Director; Discussion For Possible Action Regarding FY 2013-2014 Tentative Annual Budget To Be Submitted To The Nevada Department Of Taxation:

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board at this time, Commissioner Garner moved to adjourn the meeting of March 13, 2013. Seconded by Commissioner Stienmetz, the motion was voted and carried unanimously. **ADJOURNED**

ATTEST:



LANDER COUNTY CLERK


CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF LANDER
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE
LANDER COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD

NOTE: The Board of Lander County Commissioners serves as the town Board for the unincorporated towns of Battle Mountain and Austin, Nevada.

Lander County Board of Commissioners

Special Budget Meeting of March 13, 2013