

1 The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in
2 special budget workshop session in the Commission Chambers of
3 the Lander County Courthouse and Administration Building in
4 Battle Mountain, Nevada, 50 State Route 305, on March 17, 2016,
5 at 9:31 a.m. Transcript produced by Tiffany Elkington, C.C.R.,
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8 **PRESENT: STEVEN STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER**
9 **PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER**
10 **SEAN BAKKER, COMMISSIONER**
11 **ART CLARK III, COMMISSIONER**
12 **DOUG MILLS, COMMISSIONER**
13 **KEITH WESTENGARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
14 **SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK**
15 **THEODORE HERRERA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
16 **NAN ANCHO, FINANCE DIRECTOR**
17 **BECKY JOHNSON, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**
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20 (Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of five
21 commissioners. Let the record reflect the presence of Austin
22 via teleconference.)
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24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- call this meeting to order. Lander
25 County Commissioner meeting, Town Board of Battle Mountain, and
26 Austin Board of County Highway Commissioners, March 17th, 2016.
27 Call -- Steve, will you say the Pledge of Allegiance.
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29 (Pledge of Allegiance)
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31 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Moment of silence, please.
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33 (Moment of Silence)
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35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Lander County Commissioners will
36 break for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
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1 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

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3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Commissioner reports on meetings,
4 conferences, and seminars attended.

5 Steve?

6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I have -- since last week, I
7 haven't attended anything. I do have a -- a convention and
8 tourism next Tuesday.

9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. We had a hospital board meeting
11 last night and EMS came up again. And they -- they continue to
12 press for the county to pay them the 25,000 a month. And I
13 continue to tell them, no, we're not going to do that.

14 And I told them that they need to -- the hospital board needs
15 to present something to the county that they want. We've left it
16 open for them to make a presentation and make a recommendation.
17 So we're going to -- I -- I think I finally convinced them to try
18 to pursue that course. So we're going to go that route and see
19 what we get out of that.

20 On the bright side, we -- we spent a lot of time talking
21 about the budget at the hospital last night. And because of some
22 of the changes we've made at the hospital this year, we -- we've
23 made some improvements in -- in the way we're doing things over
24 there. And we're trying to spend less money. And so far, our net
25 operating loss for this year's been adjusted to a loss of
26 5.5 million rather than a loss of 6.8 million.

27 So we're making a million-and-a-half-dollar improvement so
28 far in our projected losses for the year. So things are
29 improving. And they are getting better in that respect over at
30 the hospital. And I'm -- I'm happy that we're going in the
31 right direction anyway.

32 There are many other things that we're working on to improve
33 that. And it's -- you know, there's -- there's a lot of ideas
34 being tossed around and some -- a lot of work being done to remedy
35 a lot of those kinds of things.

36 And that's all I've got.

37 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good deal.

38 Patsy?

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. The Austin Airport
40 Advisory Board did have a meeting. We were anxious to see what

1 was going to happen as the av fuel bid was coming to a close.
2 Didn't look real promising at that point. So we'll have to
3 tackle that one.

4 And we did send some requests for some support letters for
5 our GPS. And they had set the fly-in for August 20th, the third
6 Saturday in August.

7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I haven't had any meetings since the
8 last meeting that we've had.

9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I'm in the same boat so...

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12 **STAFF REPORTS**

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14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Staff reports on meetings, conferences,
15 and seminars attended.

16 KEITH WESTENGARD: As Commissioner men- -- Waits mentioned,
17 we didn't get any bids for the Austin fuel project. We're
18 exploring a couple of different avenues to try and get that
19 done. We got four for the Battle Mountain rehab pavement
20 project. J-U-B is going through those right now. And hopefully
21 we'll be able to have some type of a decision to present to you
22 at the next meeting.

23 Reminder next week Commissioner Mills and I will be in
24 Boulder City for the FAA conference.

25 And the rest is all about what we're doing today.

26 Thank you.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

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30 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Public comment for non-agendized items
33 only. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing and/or
34 attend and make comments on any non-agenda item at the board
35 meeting, if any, and discussion of those comments at the
36 discretion of the board. All public comment may be limited to
37 three minutes per person, again, at the discretion of the board.
38 Reasonable restrictions may be placed on public comment based
39 upon time, place, and manner. But public comment based upon
40 viewpoint may not be restricted.

1 Any public comment?

2 (No comment.)

3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

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6 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Consent agenda. All matters listed under
9 the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon
10 by the Board of County Commissioners with one action, without
11 extensive discussion. Any member of the board or any citizen
12 may request that any item be taken from the consent agenda,
13 discussed, and acted upon separately during this meeting.
14 Consent agenda materials are available at the Lander County
15 Clerk's Office for viewing and copies are available for a
16 nominal charge.

17 One, approval of agenda notice, March 17th, 2016.

18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I move that we approve the agenda
19 notice for March 17th, 2016.

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made a motion. Steve seconded it.
22 Any public comment?

23 (No comment.)

24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All in favor?

25 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

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33 **COMMISSIONERS**

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35 1) **Discussion and possible action on determining a course of**
36 **action concerning Leighton Hall and all other matters**
37 **properly related thereto.**

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39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Agenda Item Number 1, discussion
40 for possible action on determining a course of action concerning

1 Leighton Hall and all other matters properly related thereto.
2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So how to word this? I -- I would
3 move that we submit a letter of -- what do we call that? -- a
4 letter of...
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Demand letter.
6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: A demand letter? Or not a request, a
7 demand.
8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Demand request.
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Termination.
10 COMMISSIONER MILLS: To -- to Humboldt County pertaining to
11 Leighton Hall and requesting a -- a termination of the agreement
12 with them and a return of last year's funds? Is that what --
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: This --
14 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- we're looking for?
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: This year's.
16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: This fiscal year.
17 COMMISSIONER MILLS: This fiscal year's funds?
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And a dissolution of the
19 interlocal agreement.
20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: And dissolution of the interlocal
21 agreement. I'll say it to add.
22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.
23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made a motion; Steve seconded it.
24 Any public comment?
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We have to -- if you could
26 point out that it's -- the letter would be sent through our
27 attorney, Hoy, Chrissinger, Kimmel, and Vallas. Sorry.
28 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll withdraw my second until he
29 finishes.
30 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I further move that that demand letter
31 be sent from a Hoy, Chrissinger, Kimmel and Vallas, attorney and
32 counselors at law.
33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second that motion.
34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Made, seconded. Any public comment?
35 (No comment.)
36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
38 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

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4 2) Discussion for possible action regarding presentation of the
5 FY 2016-2017 budget highlights. This meeting is the first
6 public hearing on the FY 2016-2017 budgets. The Board of
7 County Commissioners is required to hold budget hearings in
8 accordance with NRS 354.569. The county offices,
9 departments, and boards will present and discuss their FY
10 2016-2017 budget proposals with the Board of County
11 Commissioners during the budget workshops. The budget
12 workshops may include the presentation, review, and
13 discussion of revenues, expenditures and transfers to and
14 from county funds and specific funding requests including but
15 not limited to additions or deletions to personnel,
16 equipment, supplies, and services used or received. The
17 Board of County Commissioners may take action for approval of
18 the proposed budget, but all budgets are subject to final
19 approval and action at the time final budgets are submitted;
20 and all other matters properly related thereto.

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22 TOPICS for DISCUSSION TODAY: Grant Requests, Departmental
23 Information and Requests, Capital Outlay Requests by
24 Department, Airport Capital Improvement, CCP Projects,
25 Building and Equipment
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27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Agenda Item Number 2.

28 Discussion for possible action regarding presentation of
29 the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget highlights. This meeting is
30 the first public hearing on the fiscal year 2016-2017 budgets.

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32 budget hearing in accordance with NRS 354.569.

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34 and discuss their fiscal year 2016-2017 budget proposals with
35 the Board of County Commissioners during the budget workshop.

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37 and discussion of revenues, expenditures, and transfers to and
38 from county funds and specific funding requests, including but
39 not limited to additions or deletions to personnel, equipment,
40 supplies, and services used or received.

1 The Board of County Commissioners may take action for
2 approval of the proposed budget. But all budgets are subject to
3 final approval and action at the time final budgets are
4 submitted -- and all other matters properly related thereto.

5 That was a mouthful.

6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Before we start, I would like to
7 make one comment. I know our *ad valorem* taxes are down a little
8 over a million dollars. I don't know what percentage that is of
9 what we had last year or what our total *ad valorem* tax is
10 percentage-wise.

11 NAN ANCHO: Um.

12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: What I'd like to put the proposal
13 in is that we look at what everybody was given last year in
14 their budgets and then we reduce them by that percentage.
15 Because we don't want to get into our net -- our ending fund
16 balances or net proceeds or anything, but -- and that way, we'd
17 be fair. And then take everything else that wasn't given money
18 last year that may -- may need to look at after that.

19 NAN ANCHO: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'm just making that as a
21 suggestion.

22 NAN ANCHO: Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, Steve.

24 NAN ANCHO: Well, I'd like to welcome everybody to the
25 budget workshop. And thank you for spending your day with us.

26 Budgets were submitted to me on February 1st, according to
27 the direction of the Board of Commissioners, to make an effort to
28 balance the budget.

29 Departments were given directions to find areas within
30 their budgets to cut operating costs.

31 During the week of February 16th through the 19th, the
32 individual department budgets were reviewed and adjustments were
33 made if necessary.

34 The following criteria was used in the evaluation: needs of
35 the department, reasons for increases, comparison of last year's
36 actual costs along with average of this year's costs, analysis of
37 fuel and utility increases, and capital requests.

38 So during this year's budget, I reviewed the needs as well as
39 constraints and as -- and in this process, the tax rates were
40 adjusted according.

1 And I received preliminary numbers back in February. I
2 just received the final numbers for -- just yesterday -- for the
3 final.

4 So this information in here's a little misconstrued. So I'm
5 going to do two parts here.

6 So the -- the beginning was this year's assessed valuation
7 in the preliminary of 651,232,420 for Lander County would
8 generate 12 million five hundred thirty-one -- five hundred
9 thirty-one thousand six hundred and sixty-five compared to last
10 year's total of 12,865,985 is down 334,320 or 2.67 percent,
11 excluding the hospital and the district. That was the
12 preliminary numbers.

13 And like I said, just yesterday I got the final. And this
14 does not include the abatements so there's another section to
15 come next week.

16 So our assessed value went down to 585,327,485, which then
17 would generate 11,263,457, a decrease of 1,268,208. Like I
18 said, it does not include the abatements -- I don't have that
19 information yet -- which is a decrease of 11.26 percent, just in
20 the final numbers, more to come later.

21 So the tax rates for the funds were General Fund last year
22 was 1.2705. This year it was adjusted to 1.2650. And -- a
23 difference of .0055.

24 Road and Bridge last year was .1855. This year it's adjusted
25 up to .1912, an increase of .0057.

26 Indigent remained the same -- remained the same of .0755.

27 Ag Extension remained the same at .0150.

28 Aged Services remained the same .0850.

29 Airport, the same at .0400.

30 Culture and Recreation, the same at .89 -- .0895.

31 Youth services. I will have to adjust this because the state
32 tells me what I have to budget for in youth services and then the
33 tax rate has to be adjusted to according to that. So between this
34 and the General Fund after the pre- -- final numbers, I'll have to
35 adjust that again. Youth services was reduced .0002. Last year
36 it was .0028. And this year it's .0026.

37 State Indigent, the NACO, remained the same, .0150.

38 State medical remained the same at .0655.

39 And Capital Acquisitions remain at the same at .0300.

40 So it's a total difference of .0002 in the override rate

1 and in the -- the regular major funds.

2 The tax rate for the Lander County landfill remained the same
3 as last year's, .0500.

4 So our combined rate is 1.9243. That remains the same. It
5 doesn't change.

6 So like I said, the Youth Services and General Fund will be
7 adjusted according to the final numbers, because it'll be a
8 drastic change. So I'll update you on that.

9 Fiscal year '16/'17 revenues and expenditures. The
10 expenditures does not include the salaries and benefits due to
11 this being a negotiating year. So we don't have any idea where
12 that's at at the moment.

13 This is for operating expense and capital for the main
14 operating. And they're as follows: General Fund, the revenues
15 were expected to be 13,480,407, and the expenditures for just
16 operating is 5,522,627; Road and Bridge revenues were expected,
17 2,247,296, and the expenditures are 803,285; Indigent revenues,
18 491,680, and expenditures at 609,700; Ag revenues, 97,685 and
19 expenditures, 33,340; Age Services, 670,525 and expenditures
20 150,795; Landfill revenues, 397,580 and expenditures at 447,350;
21 Airport revenues 282,785 and expenditures 199,785; Austin Town
22 revenues are expected at 33,890, and expenditures are at 52,800;
23 Battle Mountain Town revenues 336,375 and expenditures of
24 494,660; and Culture and Recreation revenues is 1,112,570 and
25 expenditures at 874,280; which gives us a total revenue of
26 19,150,793 and the current operating expenditures of 9,188,622.

27 In fiscal year '16/'17 General Fund expenditures, it only
28 includes the operating costs, which is the 5,522,627 and capital
29 of 15,000.

30 Revenues are projected at 13,480,407.

31 And keep in mind that in fiscal year '14/'15 -- this is
32 what was just audited -- is General Fund revenues came in at
33 393,997 over the budgeted 13,099,646. And the expenditures came
34 in 3,287,918 under the budgeted 13,593,318.

35 Road and Bridge revenues came in at 315,357 under the
36 budgeted 2,472,460. And the expenditures came in at 517,215 under
37 the budgeted 2,379,919.

38 So the Road and Bridge took in a little less, but they still
39 came in under their expected expenditures, same with the General
40 Fund so...

1 Okay. So on for your information notes here. Our main
2 sources of revenues derive from *ad valorem*, consolidated tax,
3 gas tax, and PILT tax. Fiscal year '16/'17 revenue of those it-
4 -- of those are to be -- ex- -- or we're proposing 18,146,631,
5 which compared to last year's 18,227,447 is down 80,816 or
6 .45 percent. And that will be adjusted as well when it -- the
7 final numbers.

8 Salaries. The county is preparing to start negotiations
9 regarding wages, benefits for fiscal year '16/'17 with the
10 exception of Argenta Justice Court and request for additional
11 positions. The salaries, benefits, and requests for promotional
12 wage increases are not included in the expenses. Those requests
13 will come before you at a later date.

14 Salaries for the elected officials have been increased by 3
15 percent. This was passed at the last legislature.

16 Group insurance. The county's cost for providing health
17 insurance to employees in fiscal year '16/'17 is budgeted at -- at
18 1,420,115. And this is based on a 15 percent increase, which is
19 known at this time because we haven't had any information come in.
20 So that's still pending as well.

21 Unemployment is increased. In some departments, we're
22 increased 2 percent and some of them were increased just a
23 little bit higher. But it's to compensate based on what was
24 expended last year.

25 PERS, the contribution rate for fiscal year '16/'17 remains
26 the same as '15/'16, as the fiscal year '15/'16 rate. Regular
27 members is 28 percent. Police members is 40.5 percent. And
28 volunteer fire members is 20 -- 29 percent.

29 Utilities. It was necessary to increase some areas as the
30 cost of usage has increased over the prior year.

31 Transfers. The assessor will be transferring \$125,000 from
32 the tech fund 300-068 in the form of a grant to the General Fund
33 for the computer services this year.

34 The quarter option tax. At the regular commission meeting on
35 January 14th, 2016, the Board of Commissioners approved
36 Resolution 2016-02 to amend the quarter percent option tax policy.
37 This will reallocate the 50/50 between the Water Fund and the
38 Sewer Fund.

39 Net proceeds. The current way the net proceeds is
40 distributed is changing from projected to actual.

1 So in 2016, we're projected to receive 13,476,134. And that
2 would -- and then we need to minus the school and the hospital and
3 the rest of the mandates.

4 This will be the final year for the projected payments. In
5 2017, we'll be settling up. So we may have to pay some back. We
6 may get some back. We might not get anything at all.

7 But in 2018, we'll be back to receiving actual proceeds
8 instead of projected, which will be a good thing.

9 So topics for discussion today will be the grant requests,
10 departmental information and requests, capital outlay requests by
11 department, airport capital improvement, CCP projects, capital
12 construction projects, and building and equipment.

13 And for your information, there is attachments that
14 reference each one of these in your packet in there so you can
15 follow along.

16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any public comment?

17 (No comment.)

18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

19 NAN ANCHO: So Number 3?

20 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yep.
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1 GRANT REQUESTS

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3 3) Discussion for possible action regarding submitted grant
4 requests for:

5 **General Fund Grant Requests**

- 6 Austin Chamber of Commerce, \$17,700.00;
7 Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce, \$32,000.00;
8 Conservation District, \$23,175.00;
9 Lander County Conservation District, \$50,000.00;
10 Town of Kingston, \$4,550;
11 Town of Kingston Fire Company, \$109,000;

12 **Battle Mountain Town Grant Requests**

- 13 Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce (Parade of
14 Lights), \$350.00;
15 Battle Mountain Family Resource Center, \$25,000.00;
16 Lander County Historical Society, \$56,800;
17 Gold Country Grange (Lander County Fair), \$6,000.00;
18 Battle Mountain Assembly of God, \$4,000.00;
19 Miscellaneous Grants, \$5,000.00;

20 **Austin Town Grant Requests**

- 21 Austin Youth Center, \$4,500.00;
22 Austin Medical Clinic, \$6,600.00;

23 and other matters properly related thereto.
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25 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 3. Discussion for
26 possible action regarding submitted grant requests for: General
27 Fund Grant Requests: Austin Chamber of Commerce, 17,700; Battle
28 Mountain Chamber of Commerce, 32,000; Conservation District,
29 23,175.00; Lander County Conservation District, 50,000; Town of
30 Kingston, 4,550; Town of Kingston Fire Company, 109,000; Battle
31 Mountain Town Grant Requests: Battle Mountain Chamber of
32 Commerce (Parade of Lights), \$350; Battle Mountain Family
33 Resource Center, 25,000; Lander County Historical Society,
34 56,800; Gold Country Grange (Lander County Fair) 6,000; Battle
35 Mountain Assembly of God, 4,000; Miscellaneous Grants, 5,000;
36 Austin Town Grant Requests: Austin Youth Center, 4,500; Austin
37 Medical Clinic, 6,600; and all other matters properly related
38 thereto.

39 So we'll start with Austin Chamber of Commerce.
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1 Austin Chamber of Commerce Grant Request

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3 NAN ANCHO: For those of you following, it's Attachment
4 Number 10 in the packet.

5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Dee, are you there?

6 DEE HELMING: Yes, I'm here.

7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Thank you.

8 Give us a second.

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know we were looking at -- at trying
10 to cut this a little bit and the request came at 17,700. Last
11 year we gave 12,000.

12 NAN ANCHO: 12,000.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think they asked for --

14 NAN ANCHO: They asked for the --

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They --

16 NAN ANCHO: -- same, --

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- asked for a --

18 NAN ANCHO: -- the 17--.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- little bit more. Yeah. They asked
20 for the same.

21 And I know it's not a time to be doing the whole 17,000. So
22 if I keep in mind that we're looking at the 12,000 to fund, Dee,
23 how's your fundraisers? Can you make it on something like that?

24 DEE HELMING: On the 12,000?

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.

26 DEE HELMING: Yes, I can make it on the 12,000.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: You sound a little disappointed, Dee.

28 DEE HELMING: Well, no, not really. You know, sometimes I
29 think about increasing my hours. But then I decide that if I
30 just leave it the way it is, then we're okay, you know. And
31 I -- I get everything done that we need to get done. I give the
32 chamber a few free hours here and there. It's no big deal.
33 Okay.

34 Thank you, Dee. We appreciate it.

35 DEE HELMING: Okay.

36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I need a motion, though.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You want a motion on that?

38 I'll make a motion that we fund the Austin Chamber of
39 Commerce 12,000.

40 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Patsy made the motion. Doug seconded.
2 Any public comment?

3 (No comment.)

4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

5 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye. Thank you, Dee. We appreciate
9 what you --

10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Art?

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do.

12 DEE HELMING: Well, thank you. We appreciate what you give
13 us every year.

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

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17 **Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce Grant Request**

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19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce.

20 SADY TINGEY: Happy St. Patrick's Day.

21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Sady.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Sady.

23 SADY TINGEY: Everyone giggles when I come in. Jeez.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where's your green?

25 SADY TINGEY: You know what? The sun is shining, and we're
26 feeling right today; right? It's going to be good. I got a
27 ring here, a little bit of everywhere.

28 HEATHER FRANCOM: You don't want to know where my green is,
29 Art.

30 SADY TINGEY: Good morning.

31 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good morning.

32 SADY TINGEY: What do you want to hear from --

33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Good morning.

34 SADY TINGEY: -- us today?

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: How you would like to cut that a
36 little bit for --

37 SADY TINGEY: Cut?

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- us.

39 SADY TINGEY: Okay. So as you see can see in your packet,
40 we already have cut a lot out of our budget this year. So we

1 have not -- the executive director is no longer traveling to
2 functions. So that was about -- about -- I would say -- about a
3 thousand, 1250, for all motel rooms and everything. That would
4 be, like, Rural Roundup or also to our member database
5 conferences.

6 The other great place that we have cut budget is we felt
7 that we didn't need to ask for grants from Lander County
8 Convention and Tourism from their marketing because all of our
9 events did so well last year that we kind of have that money to
10 do that or decrease in that way.

11 The other great thing that we have already decreased -- or
12 increased our revenues is we've already started another great
13 event. It's called Business with Brushes. And so it's like --
14 I'm just going to refer to Reno's Picasso with Wine. And we had
15 such a great turnout with that, we had to add another class of 25.

16 So therefore, we've already increased our revenues enough
17 to keep going. So I'm okay. You just shoot --

18 HEATHER FRANCOM: Plus we're already --

19 SADY TINGEY: -- out a number.

20 HEATHER FRANCOM: -- booking the next one for that.

21 SADY TINGEY: Yeah.

22 HEATHER FRANCOM: Because there was such great, positive --

23 SADY TINGEY: Uh-huh.

24 HEATHER FRANCOM: -- feedback from the community on the
25 first one that we did so I'm already had -- I've already had a
26 couple of meetings, like, getting the next one going. So I
27 think that's going to be a really positive new for us.

28 SADY TINGEY: Sorry. And I didn't state my name. I'm Sady
29 Tingey with the Battle Mountain Chamber --

30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I'm not doing --

31 SADY TINGEY: -- of Commerce.

32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- my job right.

33 SADY TINGEY: And this is Heather Francom.

34 HEATHER FRANCOM: Or you can call me the new Sady. That's
35 what I keep hearing.

36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Could you guys state your name for the --

37 HEATHER FRANCOM: You're the new Sady.

38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- record.

39 SADY TINGEY: I know. I'm so sorry. I'm all over here
40 going, dang it. I already screwed up.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'd like to make a comment on this.
2 And I've -- and I've talked to the Chamber of Commerce about
3 this before and that is that the county is looking at cutting
4 some of these grants that we've been doing on a year-to-year
5 basis for some of these organizations because there's -- we're
6 running into some -- some legal issues with doing that and what
7 it looks like to people outside the county, basically the state.

8 But if we're going to fund these organizations year to year,
9 in a way, they could look at it as being a county function. And
10 they should be county employees. And they should be, you know,
11 all these -- all these complications come into play so we are
12 looking at cutting some of these --

13 SADY TINGEY: And I think that --

14 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- things in --

15 SADY TINGEY: -- just makes --

16 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- the future.

17 SADY TINGEY: -- us --

18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: This year, I think we're going
19 continue kind of sort of as we have.

20 SADY TINGEY: Right.

21 COMMISSIONER MILLS: But I think next year, we're going to
22 start seeing where we're going to cut a lot back quite a bit
23 more.

24 SADY TINGEY: Good. Well, and I think that, like, as of --
25 I ran the Chamber for two years -- as we keep going, that's our
26 goal is to be more self-sustainable.

27 But with our numbers and our membership base, even though
28 we received 34 new members last year, we're still gathering
29 there.

30 So our goal as a chamber is to have 55 percent of our
31 chamber dues as membership of our revenue, I should say, and
32 then 45 percent of those as our event income. So right now I'm
33 so pleased and happy to tell you we're at 48 percent this year
34 as our chamber membership revenue. And then the rest is the
35 events.

36 So as we continue to grow and continue -- and the only
37 reason -- I was looking over our records for the last year. We
38 didn't retain membership at 92 percent. It dropped down to about
39 88 -- was because we had certain businesses that went out of
40 business or they relocated.

1 So it wasn't like, oh, my gosh. I hate the Chamber and
2 Sady. But it was more of sadness, you know, like, oh.

3 So -- but I totally -- great -- think that if you're going
4 to cut us, that just makes us want to work harder. So I'm okay
5 with that today.

6 HEATHER FRANCOM: Oh, you be quiet.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Sady, do you -- do you have different
8 levels of membership?

9 SADY TINGEY: Yes.

10 HEATHER FRANCOM: Yes.

11 SADY TINGEY: Different tiers and it's all based on
12 employ- -- employees. So, like, a non-profit, home-based
13 business is \$75. The zero -- or one employee up to 25 is 125.
14 And then it goes up from there. Do you want me to keep going?

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you take individual memberships
16 too?

17 SADY TINGEY: Uh-huh.

18 HEATHER FRANCOM: Yes.

19 SADY TINGEY: Yes. Yes. Those were the 75.

20 HEATHER FRANCOM: I think that Sady has just done an
21 amazing job at contributing to that self-sustainability. There
22 are new programs in place, new events that we're sponsoring.
23 We're getting more membership. And I think that the more that
24 our business community understands what this organiz- --
25 organization has to offer them and help promote them and build
26 their business, just the more involvement that we're going to
27 get. So I think that all leads towards the goal of
28 self-sustainability. And she's put some great things in place
29 so I hope to just, like, take the baton and keep going. Keep
30 running.

31 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

32 What are you thinking?

33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'm thinking half. Any ideas on a
34 number?

35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: 25-?

36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: That's what I was thinking.

37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: 25- --

38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Can you survive on that?

39 SADY TINGEY: Uh-huh.

40 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

1 SADY TINGEY: Yeah.
2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Then I need a motion.
3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. I make a motion that we provide
4 a grant to Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce in the amount of
5 \$25,000.
6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll --
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
8 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- second that.
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Motion made by Doug. Seconded by Steve.
10 Any public comment?
11 (No comment.)
12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
13 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Motion carries. Thank you, guys.
19 SADY TINGEY: Thank you.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank --
21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you, ladies.

23
24 Conservation District Grant Request
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26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Conservation district. Hey guys,
27 you've got to state your name for the record.
28 SHANNON BERUMEN: Shannon Berumen, Lander County
29 Cooperative Extension Conservation District, for the record.
30 PAUL TOMERA: For the record, Paul Tomera, chairman, Lander
31 County Conservation District.
32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
33 PAUL TOMERA: And the first item we're proposing is an
34 operating expense request for -- basically, Sh- -- our portion
35 of Shannon's wages as secretary and operating expenses for the
36 office.
37 Okay. And to the amount of forty --
38 SHANNON BERUMEN: 4000.
39 PAUL TOMERA: \$4,440. And that is our operating expense
40 so...

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. You guys?
2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: They're requesting \$4,440?
3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah. Paul, is it 23,000 or...
4 PAUL TOMERA: Yeah, 23,175.90 is the total amount.
5 Shannon's wages comes to \$18,735.90. And that is based upon her
6 as a Grade 22 Executive Secretary.
7 And then the \$4444 is an operating expense for the office.
8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So the overall is 23,000?
9 PAUL TOMERA: 23,000.
10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
11 PAUL TOMERA: Yeah.
12 SHANNON BERUMEN: And that -- the wages will be adjusted
13 accordingly to the -- after the negotiations are done with the
14 county.
15 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. I'll make a motion that we
16 approve a grant to the conservation district in the amount of
17 \$23,175.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made the motion. Art seconded. Any
20 public comment?
21 (No comment.)
22 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
24 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
25 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
28 SHANNON BERUMEN: And --
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
30 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- a quick question. So will we have to
31 come back and change that if that amount goes up or down or
32 changes after the negotiation?
33 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Nan will handle --
34 SHANNON BERUMEN: Okay.
35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- all that.
36 SHANNON BERUMEN: Okay.
37 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So...
38 Okay. Lander County Conservation District for fifty-five --
39 50,000.
40 PAUL TOMERA: Okay. The second item, we're requesting

1 \$50,000 to be applied toward sage grouse habitat projects.
2 Lander County had started out with a \$50,000 grant to our
3 district.

4 Okay.

5 We had spent that first two years of this project working
6 on two separate projects.

7 We had put 28,000 into a pinyon pine removal project within
8 Chalspes. That project had been completed in 2012.

9 We've been working on a project in Fire Creek that is a
10 riparian area behind Beowawe, over by the Pondex mines.

11 This project has been ongoing. It's a private landowner
12 from Chicago. We had looked at doing a -- an enclosure of the
13 spring and doing a water development to provide water for Shawn
14 Mariluch who has the water -- the water rights to that riparian
15 area. And we're working with the BLM on doing an enclosure over
16 there. The landowner -- since -- we thought we had this project
17 all lined up, ready to go. After conversation with BLM, he has
18 decided not to proceed with this project with the exception of
19 doing an enclosure of the spring. Shawn Mariluch has worked
20 with BLM and the landowner to the remedy the water situation
21 there.

22 So we're putting \$3,000 towards an enclosure around the
23 springhead on private property. And that money will come out of
24 this money here.

25 After reevaluating our process, we have decided what we would
26 do with this money is we are asking for requests from landowners
27 for projects. What we've done in the past is we have looked for a
28 project and then tried to pursue it. And we ran into this
29 property issue, trying to get somebody on board with a project.
30 So what we did this last round is we submitted -- or asked for
31 requests.

32 Currently, Tomera Ranches has put in a request. And they've
33 been granted 16,000 for a -- a solar pump and panel project for in
34 the Slaven Canyon. And a second half of that project is going to
35 be addressed at our next meeting for pipeline and troughs.

36 After addressing that, we should have \$3,000 remaining to
37 address sage hen projects.

38 So now we're requesting another 50,000 to be put towards sage
39 hen habitat projects.

40 As you're all aware, the listing of the sage hen has not

1 happened, but there are a lot of management plans, issues with
2 BLM. And habitat issues is probably the main issue as far as
3 getting the bird to thrive.

4 We feel if we can get enough money towards producers to be
5 able to work on some of these projects, I think this would be a --
6 money well spent for the economy in Battle Mountain. So...

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do we -- Nan, do we have some funds
8 left over that they're still using on any of this that we
9 haven't used?

10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: He just said --

11 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yeah.

12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- they have 3,000.

13 SHANNON BERUMEN: That's what he was explaining, the --

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's -- that's all there is, is
15 3,000?

16 PAUL TOMERA: There will be -- they're -- at current,
17 there's 26,000.

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, I thought those --

19 PAUL TOMERA: We have a request that we will be processing
20 at the -- we have a meeting tentatively scheduled for the end of
21 the month.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You'll be using that up? Okay.

23 PAUL TOMERA: We should be able to spend the rest of it.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

25 PAUL TOMERA: Uh-huh. I think 3,000, maybe, left over.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I know last year we gave --
27 what? -- 20,000? Last year?

28 PAUL TOMERA: Uh-huh. Yes.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So it goes way back a couple of years
30 when you had the original 50,000.

31 PAUL TOMERA: Uh-huh.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And you think 50,000 this year you can
33 get the projects done all this year? That's pretty ambitious.

34 SHANNON BERUMEN: Well, it looks to. Because the fiscal
35 year is July 1st. So we actually, you know, part of the money
36 would not only just be used for the end of th- -- the end of
37 this -- this year, the end of this spring. Because a lot of
38 these projects can't be done in winter.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I understand. It's a full year --

40 SHANNON BERUMEN: It'd be --

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- '16, --
2 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- the beginning --
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- '17.
4 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- of spring of next year as well.
5 PAUL TOMERA: What we've done in the past is we've tried to
6 find a project and then try and put it together.
7 We're going to redo our mailing list. And we're going to
8 submit articles in the paper requesting applications.
9 And what we hope to do -- this last round, we only had one
10 application. It was Tomera Ranches submit an application on this
11 Slaven project. But we --
12 SHANNON BERUMEN: But we did have interest.
13 PAUL TOMERA: We've had interest from several other
14 producers. And what our plan is now is to ask for producers to
15 come in with a ready-made project. Rather than trying to put
16 one together, we would like to have somebody else come in and
17 request funding to get one of their projects done.
18 SHANNON BERUMEN: And have all the footwork done that we've
19 been doing, that our board's been doing.
20 PAUL TOMERA: Because a lot of the hang-up that we've
21 experienced is funding for these projects. This project that we
22 are working on, Tomera Ranches, is going to run about 45- to
23 \$50,000. And if we can get some assistance towards some of
24 these projects, not just us, any producer with a project, it
25 will go a long ways toward getting some of these things done.
26 So that is what we're hoping to do is find -- by increasing our
27 mailing list, putting advertisements or requests in the paper,
28 we're hoping to have people coming in with projects that they
29 want to get done but need some money to be applied towards it.
30 SHANNON BERUMEN: And not just producers. We're putting it
31 out to everybody, --
32 PAUL TOMERA: Yes.
33 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- any landowner --
34 PAUL TOMERA: Yes. Any landowner.
35 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- in the county that has land in a sage
36 grouse area, that has -- that has priority in those areas.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, there's no question, the sage
38 grouse has been a priority and certainly will continue --
39 PAUL TOMERA: Uh-huh. Yes.
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to lead us on all of this.

1 The confusion about the new management plans from the BLM
2 and Department of Interior are still up. Nobody even knows
3 how -- how to work with that.

4 PAUL TOMERA: Uh-huh.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So I'm -- I'm fine with -- with all
6 that because I think Lander County has to stay on top.

7 But I'm wondering now, without -- without our cooperative
8 extension handling -- what? -- the range camps and stuff? They
9 used to come in and do all the -- the --

10 SHANNON BERUMEN: Boot Straps?

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- pinyon pine and --

12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: The Boot Strap program.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- everything. Yeah. The Boot -- the
14 Boot Straps. Is that --

15 SHANNON BERUMEN: It'll just be -- now that there's no Boot
16 Straps crew currently, there --

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You're going to try and --

18 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- is some --

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- take some of that?

20 SHANNON BERUMEN: There is a group trying to -- to take
21 over the work, not the actual program, because that's a
22 Cooperative Extension program.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But they would work with --

24 SHANNON BERUMEN: But --

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you on -- on that then?

26 PAUL TOMERA: Tentatively. Or it's --

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

28 PAUL TOMERA: -- possible.

29 SHANNON BERUMEN: Possible.

30 PAUL TOMERA: Yes.

31 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yeah.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

33 PAUL TOMERA: Um.

34 SHANNON BERUMEN: Otherwise, it'd be hired out. They --
35 you know, either the people that -- that are putting in the
36 applications would either have to have that in their proposal
37 or, you know, if they're requesting for us to assist with that,
38 then we would have to put those out for --

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But they could look to you for the --
40 for the assistance --

1 SHANNON BERUMEN: For assistance, yeah.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and the funding.
3 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yeah.
4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: To get the materials and stuff.
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
6 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Paul, I --
7 PAUL TOMERA: Uh-huh.
8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- know we're cutting and we're
9 downsizing and we gave you 20 grand last year?
10 PAUL TOMERA: Yes, uh-huh.
11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Guys good with that?
12 PAUL TOMERA: Twenty would go a long ways towards getting
13 a --
14 SHANNON BERUMEN: It works.
15 PAUL TOMERA: -- project --
16 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yes.
17 PAUL TOMERA: -- done.
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, because of the priority, I'd
19 love to see us go a little bit -- bit higher. I mean, it's
20 going to drive everything that this county does with --
21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, we're --
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the sage grouse in the interim.
23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: It --
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know. I -- I hear what you're
25 saying, but I --
26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We can't say --
27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
28 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- we're cutting everyone or we're
29 keeping everyone the same and then not doing the same.
30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What'd you get last year?
32 PAUL TOMERA: Twenty.
33 SHANNON BERUMEN: Twenty.
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: 20,000.
35 PAUL TOMERA: We're requesting 50- open for as much as we
36 can get. The more money we can get, the farther we can go
37 with -- what we've looked at doing is partially funding several
38 projects, you know. If we get four requests and we have 20,000,
39 we'll divvy it up among four producers. Or we could potentially
40 look at the four projects and decide this one is a four-star

1 project. And this is -- these other three are not going to
2 address sage hen habitat to the extent this one is. So -- how
3 do you say -- the more money we have, the more projects we can
4 help get accomplished so...

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And you can always come back if you
6 were --

7 PAUL TOMERA: Well, that's why I asked for 50-, Art. I was
8 hoping to get as much as possible. So...

9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, I would move that we grant -- or
10 Lander County convention -- or Conservation District \$20,000 for
11 sage grouse habitat --

12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- projects.

14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made a motion. Steve seconded. Any
15 public comment?

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think it's money well spent.

17 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I do too.

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I wish we had -- we had the --

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- ability to give you more, but right
21 now we're slowing down on the spending.

22 PAUL TOMERA: Well, it is appreciated.

23 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yes, very much. Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: All those in favor?

25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, guys.

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.

32 PAUL TOMERA: Thank you.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

34 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thanks.

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36 **Town of Kingston**

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38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Town of Kingston, \$4,550.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Shannon's here. Uh-huh.

40 NAN ANCHO: Well, this grant was submitted by our

1 treasurer, Grace. So she'll be in here for this one.

2 GRACE POWRIE: Good morning. Grace Powrie, for the record.

3 SHANNON THISS: Shannon Thiss, deputy clerk from Kingston.

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

5 GRACE POWRIE: On the cemetery budgets, we usually get
6 together with the -- the cemetery board and Public Works work
7 together to see what beautification items we want to do or, you
8 know, what -- what could improve the cemetery every year.

9 Last year, we had the Austin Cemetery get a new flagpole.
10 And we wanted to use that as a -- kind of an example just to see
11 if it was nice enough that we'd like to do all the cemeteries in
12 the county with a nice flagpole, to represent them the same way.
13 And it turned out to be a very nice flagpole.

14 So on Kingston Cemetery, that's what that flagpole is. It
15 would be mirroring what's in Austin.

16 And when -- when I get ready to come up for the Battle
17 Mountain Cemetery, we'll be asking for the same -- the same
18 flagpole. That's the biggest, you know, of the money.

19 Other than that, it's a hundred -- or a thousand dollars for
20 just helping with the -- the trees and the -- the weed killer and
21 just a little something so those folks down there have something,
22 you know, to kind of help them out.

23 And then the veteran markers, you know -- I don't know if you
24 got veteran markers last year.

25 SHANNON THISS: We have -- no.

26 GRACE POWRIE: Okay.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You have homemade one- -- veteran
28 markers.

29 SHANNON THISS: Yes.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you not? That hold -- all --
31 that -- identified as veterans. They're just to hold the -- the
32 flags, right?

33 SHANNON THISS: Right. Uh-huh.

34 GRACE POWRIE: But the veteran markers run about 50 bucks a
35 piece. You know, everything in the small communities and even
36 in Battle Mountain's there so much volunteer and there's so many
37 people that get hit, business owners and -- and residents alike.
38 You can only -- you can only ding the residents so many times
39 before you just don't have anything else to go.

40 So that was the wish list, basically, in Kingston for the

1 cemetery is just to get a flagpole and maintain some of the --
2 the basics.

3 As far as the veteran markers, I don't know if you really
4 need them, Shannon, or if we could get a couple a year. Like I
5 said, they're -- they're 50 bucks a piece. But those are ones
6 we buy, not the ones that -- that were handmade.

7 SHANNON THISS: Handmade.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The problem I have with the veteran
9 markers -- because I know a lot of individual families buy them,
10 you know, for their families that have passed on, is that people
11 come through and steal them --

12 GRACE POWRIE: I know.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- because they're brass and such.

14 GRACE POWRIE: I know.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They wipe them out.

16 GRACE POWRIE: They do.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And there -- that's a huge expense.

18 GRACE POWRIE: It is.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I know they run that much. I've
20 -- I've --

21 GRACE POWRIE: And the reason --

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- bought --

23 GRACE POWRIE: -- we --

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- several.

25 GRACE POWRIE: -- we started doing that is because I keep a
26 track -- keep track of all the veterans, you know, in the old
27 section of Battle Mountain and in the new section. And, of
28 course, in Austin and Kingston each of the cemetery board
29 members keep track of that, basically. But at the end of the
30 day there's so many --

31 (Radio chatter)

32 GRACE POWRIE: -- there's so many people that don't have
33 family members come and even represent their family. Or, you
34 know, there's nobody there.

35 So the VFW on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, it looks
36 beautiful when all those flags are flying. And it just -- it's
37 just a respect thing more than anything else. So that's where
38 I'm coming from on this side of the table. But what you fund
39 is -- is totally up to you.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do understand what you're saying.

1 And I think it's -- it's so important. And it would be
2 wonderful if they would stay there. And that's why last year, I
3 think, Kingston and Austin both did -- did something. At least
4 we have the flag holders so the flags don't go in the ground.
5 They go in the holder. And it makes it easier when the American
6 Legion and the VFW put the flags out that they see a holder
7 there too.

8 GRACE POWRIE: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So it's easier all the way around for
10 identification.

11 But with the extra cost, I'm just going, I -- I hate to see
12 it and have people wipe us out --

13 GRACE POWRIE: We have --

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- taking them.

15 GRACE POWRIE: -- no control over that because none of our
16 cemeteries are --

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know.

18 GRACE POWRIE: -- monitored at --

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know.

20 GRACE POWRIE: -- all. You know, it's a -- it's -- you'd
21 like -- you'd like to think that they wouldn't, but they -- they
22 do. And that's anything. You know, you -- you do the right
23 thing and hope they will too.

24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: The honor system.

25 GRACE POWRIE: Yes. Yes.

26 SHANNON THISS: It works pretty good in Kingston.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So...

28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So the -- our flavor as a board is to
29 hold the line? Is that what we're looking at doing -- we're
30 trying to do today?

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Uh-huh.

32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I would hope so.

33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: All right. I'll make a motion that
34 we off- -- or provide a grant to the Town of Kingston for
35 cemetery beautification in the amount of \$1,000.

36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Got a motion.

37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made a motion. Steve seconded. Any
39 public comment?

40 (No comment.)

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All in favor?
2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
7 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: What's that amount, Sean?
8 COMMISSIONER MILLS: 1,000.
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: 1,000.
10 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: 1,000? Thank you.
11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All five ayes.
12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: We appreciate -- appreciate the work
13 you do out there.
14 GRACE POWRIE: Thank you.
15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you.
16 SHANNON THISS: I'll be right back.
17 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

18
19 **Town of Kingston Fire Company Grant Request**
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21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Town of Kingston Fire Company, \$109,000.
22 SHANNON THIS: Yeah, I have the distinction of being the
23 most needy person here; right?
24 Excuse me, I have a cold. So if I have to cough, that
25 might happen.
26 We're asking for a new rescue truck. It says brush truck on
27 here, but we -- we -- it's actually a rescue truck, if you look at
28 it. It's a mini rescue pumper.
29 The reason why we need a new truck is all of our stuff is
30 very antiquated. The rest -- we have a Fast Attack truck right
31 now that only holds two firefighters, and it's a 1984 Ford that
32 gets about 5 miles to the gallon and can't hold any more than
33 two firefighters. And it's pretty much on its last leg.
34 We also have a problem with the -- the previous fire
35 department, Kingston Volunteer Fire Department, was relieved of
36 duty by the town board. And we created a new fire department,
37 Town of Kingston Fire Company, who this grant is under. And it
38 is recognized by the Town of Kingston. When they left, they
39 took all the titles to the trucks. We are running the trucks.
40 And they are in our -- housed in -- in our bay. But they took

1 all the money. And they took all the titles to the trucks. So
2 we can't sell them to surplus out.

3 So after many attempts of getting legal help and advice on
4 how to get these titles back, the town board has kind of given
5 up and decided to just stop with that and move on and try to get
6 new trucks for our fleet.

7 And that's where this grant comes into. Because this is the
8 first kind of truck that we would need. We do have a large pumper
9 truck, like a parade truck, I guess you could call it. And it's
10 very beautiful, but it's not really made for Kingston. But it's
11 doing the job right now that it's doing. So we're going to keep
12 that until maybe we can surplus it out, if we ever get the titles
13 back.

14 We go on calls on the highway a lot. That's most of our
15 stuff, is medical, on the highway, on 50, Austin Summit, Bob
16 Scott Summit. And we have actually started covering Austin when
17 Austin's fire department is not running. They're having trouble
18 or have in the past. I understand how hard it is to keep
19 volunteers. So we were asked to also cover Austin. And we've
20 gone on calls in Austin.

21 So that's pretty much it in -- in a nutshell. We just need
22 new equipment. I know it's a big grant. But if you could maybe
23 put some towards it. I could -- I'm talking about going to
24 Round Mountain Gold, maybe, to see if they could come up with
25 some money for a truck too.

26 So that's it. Any questions?

27 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think we might have some ideas on
28 how to help you with that, I believe?

29 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We actually have some excess equipment,
30 trucks here.

31 SHANNON THISS: Really?

32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yes.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good ones.

34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And we --

35 SHANNON THISS: Nice.

36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- we've been talking. This all come up
37 this morning. But Ron and I were talking. And there's a couple
38 of trucks we can actually send to Kingston.

39 SHANNON THISS: Really?

40 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yes.

1 SHANNON THISS: That is great. I -- that's wonderful.
2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Instead of doing the 109,000.
3 SHANNON THISS: I -- okay. I --
4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: It's cheaper --
5 SHANNON THISS: -- appreciate that.
6 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- this way.
7 SHANNON THISS: Yeah. Definitely. Yeah. No, that's --
8 that's really great. I appreciate that.
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Ron, you want to add to that?
10 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yeah, I can --
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Your name.
12 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- I can put a little information on
13 that.
14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: State your name for the record.
15 SHERIFF RON UNGER: We do have --
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Ron Unger, for the --
17 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- the --
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- record.
19 Ron -- your name.
20 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Ron Unger, for the record.
21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
22 SHERIFF RON UNGER: We do have a brush truck that has a --
23 it's a -- an older Chevy. It's low mileage. It's a good
24 running truck. It's not a real fast truck, as an example. It's
25 got low gearing so it's good in the mountains. We have that.
26 The new pump unit on the back of it. When I say "new,"
27 it's several years old. But it's only got five to eight hours
28 of running time on it. It's a great unit. It has foam
29 capacity. It's a good unit. You can draft off of it. We do
30 have that one available that we would be -- would entertain
31 sending there.
32 We do have a Class A pumper. And this -- this Class A
33 pumper's got a 750-gallon tank on it, 1200-gallon-per-minute
34 pump. You could draft with it. This truck is one that you can
35 actually -- it's got two different pump system on it. It has a
36 main pump and a -- a PTO pump. So you can actually pump and
37 roll at the same time. You can drive it and spray water. So
38 it's good for brush. It's -- it's got -- it's good for highway
39 stuff. It's good for structures, a lot of them.
40 It's a 1972, but it is still low mileage. It's a good

1 running vehicle. We do use it. We have it. So we have that
2 available.

3 Also available to you -- and I haven't discussed this a
4 whole lot -- but for, like, a quick response vehicle you're
5 looking at -- and I know the one that you have -- down at the old
6 county yard, we have three or four old ambulances that are still
7 running. And one of them -- I don't think there are any
8 four-wheel drive, but there could be -- the only thing we have to
9 do there is take the ambulance stickers off of it and convert it
10 over to a -- a truck that you could haul your -- your SCBA, extra
11 bottles, extra hose, extra foam, your turnout gear, if needed.
12 You could follow your fire trucks with it. So there -- we have
13 equipment available --

14 SHANNON THISS: Okay.

15 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- that I don't see any problem of
16 sending it down --

17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

18 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- there.

19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: What's the one at the airport?

20 SHERIFF RON UNGER: We have a -- American LaFrance at the
21 airport. It's a four-wheel drive unit. It's a Class A pumper.
22 It's got an inline Detroit diesel. It's a good running truck.
23 It's not a fast truck by no means. It's got a
24 1500-gallon-a-minute pump. So it'll pump more water than any
25 pumper that we have in the county. It is an older unit. But it
26 is a runnable, usable piece of equipment. And we have that one
27 also.

28 SHANNON THISS: Okay.

29 SHERIFF RON UNGER: And it's got the back cab on it so you
30 can haul extra firemen behind the driver's compartment. Both of
31 these trucks do.

32 SHANNON THISS: Okay.

33 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So you can haul --

34 SHANNON THISS: That was a good --

35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- more than two people?

36 SHANNON THISS: Yeah.

37 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Absolutely. You can actually haul --
38 on the L.N. Curtis, you can have five people or six if you want
39 to crowd them in the front seat. You get four in the front, two
40 in the back. It's under the cover. In the American LaFrance,

1 I believe, four, possibly; they can hang off the sides if they
2 need to.

3 SHANNON THISS: Okay.

4 SHERIFF RON UNGER: So --

5 SHANNON THISS: Well, I appreciate --

6 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- there --

7 SHANNON THISS: -- that.

8 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- is equipment available.

9 SHANNON THISS: Okay.

10 Would I just call you?

11 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Sure.

12 SHANNON THISS: Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Shannon, I know that wasn't the answer
14 you were looking for.

15 SHANNON THISS: That's all right. You know, anything -- I
16 understand that you guys are under budget constraints. And I --
17 I -- I appreciate that there's an alternative because it could
18 have just been no; right?

19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.

20 SHANNON THISS: So that's a good thing.

21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: But we also have other equipment and
22 stuff that we can send down there too; right?

23 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Pardon me?

24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Other gear.

25 SHERIFF RON UNGER: We -- we do have some excessive gear.
26 We have -- we have equipment there.

27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, you can give them --

28 SHERIFF RON UNGER: And I'll also tell you if you do decide
29 to take these trucks, we'll send somebody down to Austin or
30 Kingston to train you on it.

31 SHANNON THISS: Okay.

32 SHERIFF RON UNGER: So we'll make sure you're trained up on
33 the use of the trucks.

34 SHANNON THISS: Great. That's great. I appreciate that.

35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: You look a little disappointed.

36 SHANNON THISS: Well, it's a different kind of truck. I
37 understand that. But that's okay.

38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

39 SHANNON THISS: You know, we -- we have to do what we do
40 with what we can get, you know.

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.
2 SHANNON THISS: And I understand that you guys have money
3 problems just like everybody else does, you know. So...
4 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well, and these are trucks that we have
5 in our fire hall right now.
6 SHANNON THISS: Yeah.
7 SHERIFF RON UNGER: These are trucks that are usable
8 trucks. We use them.
9 SHANNON THISS: Right.
10 SHERIFF RON UNGER: So we don't use them a lot. Don't get
11 me wrong on that, you know. The -- we do take the trucks and
12 park them on the chance that there's a brush fire so we have
13 structure protection. They are -- they are good pieces of
14 equipment.
15 SHANNON THISS: Okay. Good.
16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Solved.
17 SHANNON THISS: All right.
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Shannon.
19 SHANNON THISS: Thank you.
20 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, Shannon.
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We need any direction or do we need a
22 motion or anything? A timeline? I don't want this to just be
23 forgotten.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We need to have a decal too.
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Some direction.
26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Get a direction to have the executive
27 director to work with Ron on getting that equipment down to
28 Kingston?
29 SHERIFF RON UNGER: And Bart.
30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And Bart.
31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And Bart.
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Timeline?
33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Work with Shannon?
34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: This month or ne- --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Want 30 days?
36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah. Thirty days.
37 Okay.
38 JENNIFER O'KANE: Jennifer O'Kane, for the record. Is
39 there a dollar amount that's going to possibly be approved to
40 allow the stickers and the vehicles to be transferred down

1 there? Yada yada yada.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Identification.
3 JENNIFER O'KANE: Got to get it out there.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Sean?
5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Oh, she said her name.
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That'd just be normal --
7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah, she said her name.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, I didn't hear her say that.
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.
10 JENNIFER O'KANE: Sorry.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It was just --
13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Keith, do you want to take that one?
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: I can cover that.
15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: We're probably looking at \$300, maybe,
17 worth of --
18 SHERIFF RON UNGER: I think -- the only expense you're
19 looking at is it's just going to be a transfer from -- from our
20 department to Kingston's.
21 The lettering, you know, you take a heat gun and pull the
22 lettering off and stick it on. I don't know what else you're
23 looking at there.
24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah, I mean, --
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's under this year's budget,
26 though, to do that now.
27 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Spray paint?
28 SHANNON THISS: I -- Shannon Thiss.
29 I think that Kingston, with some of their fundraising -- we
30 had a successful St. Patrick's Day, except for I caught this
31 cold. I think that we can probably handle taking the lettering
32 off and putting new stuff on.
33 SHERIFF RON UNGER: You probably got your own stickers
34 already designed for --
35 SHANNON THISS: Yeah.
36 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- Kingston. So it'd --
37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
38 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- just be a matter of taking the
39 Battle Mountain fire department and our truck number off of the
40 doors on those with a heat gun. I think you could get it off

1 and then putting their sticker over the top of it. So I think
2 the cost is going to be minimal.

3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Okay. Sounds good.

4 Thank you, Shannon.

5 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

6
7 **Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce Grant Request**

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9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Battle Mountain Town grant
10 requests.

11 Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce, Parade of Lights,
12 \$350.

13 SADY TINGEY: I'll start off with saying, Merry Christmas.
14 Sady, from the Chamber.

15 This grant just basically covers the cost that as the kids
16 visit Santa Claus that they get a little treat with it,
17 basically. And we implemented two new contests with that last
18 year with the lighting contest and the coloring contest for the
19 little kids. So that's just basically the cost.

20 If you really would like to drop it, we could probably
21 squeak by with \$300.

22 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I think we can manage the 350 again.

23 SADY TINGEY: Oh.

24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: For the Parade of Lights.

25 SADY TINGEY: Okay.

26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, we're --

27 SADY TINGEY: I really would like to --

28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- we're not --

29 SADY TINGEY: -- see, like, it --

30 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- that hard-hearted yet.

31 SADY TINGEY: -- all follow and have, like, a big Christmas
32 tree lighting or something.

33 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We're not getting down to one dollar here
34 and two dollars there. Yeah.

35 SADY TINGEY: Well, I'm just being --

36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, though.

37 SADY TINGEY: -- honest.

38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: We appreciate that.

39 SADY TINGEY: Yes.

40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'll make a motion to fund the

1 Parade of Lights for \$350.

2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second motion.

3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Art made the motion. Steve seconded it.
4 Any public comment?

5 (No comment.)

6 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

11 SADY TINGEY AND HEATHER FRANCOM: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

16
17 **Battle Mountain Family Resource Center Grant Request**

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19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Battle Mountain Family Resource
20 Center. 25,000.

21 MAITE KOVIS: Good morning.

22 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good morning.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Good morning.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

25 MAITE KOVIS: I'm Maite Kavis.

26 FALLON HILL: I'm Fallon Hill.

27 So, basically, we would like \$25,000 to add emergency
28 services and for our occupancy and supplies for the resource
29 center.

30 We used to offer emergency services. We lost our grants.
31 And so right now we're unable to do that. And we'd like to bring
32 it back. We'd also like to be able to restock our pantry -- or
33 stock our pantry with items we can order online through the Food
34 Bank of Northern Nevada. It's one of our partner agencies. And
35 we would be able to keep meats, eggs, produce. And there's a need
36 for it. We have the mobile food bank that comes to town once a
37 month with Catholic Charities. And there's 250 to 300 people at
38 every single one of those, lined up. And every day we give away
39 food to probably four to six families daily. So we do have a need
40 for it.

1 We've reached out to Austin to see if we could go there
2 once a month and provide services to them. And we start that in
3 April.

4 And -- yeah, we just want to add to what we're already doing.

5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And your board's restructured?

6 FALLON HILL: Our board is completely restructured.

7 MAITE KOVIS: Yes.

8 FALLON HILL: We are doing well. We're completely self
9 reliant at this point. Operating on what we made at our crab
10 feed fundraiser.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do have a concern why the -- the
12 state did not fund you.

13 They still had some problems and said that you weren't even
14 open through the Christmas season when the people really needed
15 you, and it was closed.

16 FALLON HILL: See, we were open during the Christmas
17 season. And I e-mailed -- and -- because we watched the GMAC
18 meeting on Thursday.

19 And what we did is only notified WIC. I didn't know that we
20 had to notify the FRC and CSBG granpers [phonetic]. And we
21 weren't closed for the holiday sea- -- we weren't closed for that
22 holiday. We chose not the answer the phone because we were doing
23 our Christmas Alert program. And our cell phone numbers were
24 posted on the door. We still met people down at the resource
25 center on Christmas day to give food away. My case manager worked
26 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, served people all those days. We
27 delivered 60 Christmas dinners, wrapped gifts for -- from 8:00 in
28 the morning until 6:00 at night, daily.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But they opted not to fund you
30 because...

31 FALLON HILL: They opted not to fund us because of fiscal
32 irresponsibility.

33 MAITE KOVIS: That was out of our control.

34 FALLON HILL: From our previous director.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But they -- they knew you had changed
36 hands. We -- we spoke with them. And -- and they --

37 FALLON HILL: Yeah, they knew --

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- were aware.

39 FALLON HILL: -- we had changed --

40 MAITE KOVIS: They knew --

1 FALLON HILL: -- hands.
2 MAITE KOVIS: -- we had changed hands. But they, at the
3 same time, just kind of wanted to pull away. And then --
4 FALLON HILL: They s- --
5 MAITE KOVIS: -- they told us that, you know, give us a
6 year. And then we can come back and --
7 FALLON HILL: They would reconsider a partnership.
8 MAITE KOVIS: -- they would reconsider everything and --
9 FALLON HILL: And Cindy Smith --
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Are you still paying your thousand
11 dollars a month to the hospital? Is that your rent?
12 FALLON HILL: No. We actually gave up one of our rooms to
13 the WIC program. WIC is operated by Pershing County right now.
14 And they wanted to stay in that room. So the hospital cut our
15 rent down to \$500 a month. And then they -- WIC pays \$500 a
16 month. So that --
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: When --
18 FALLON HILL: -- letting that room go was a big help.
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You guys came to us for \$6,000 --
20 MAITE KOVIS: And we --
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- to get --
22 MAITE KOVIS: -- appreciated it, --
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- through the holidays
24 (indiscernible).
25 MAITE KOVIS: -- yes.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But they --
27 FALLON HILL: Right.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- paid --
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: They were open during Christmas
30 because --
31 MAITE KOVIS: We were --
32 FALLON HILL: We were.
33 MAITE KOVIS: We were open during Christmas.
34 FALLON HILL: Yeah.
35 MAITE KOVIS: And that 6,000 --
36 FALLON HILL: There wasn't -- (indiscernible).
37 MAITE KOVIS: Yeah. That \$6,000 was able to help us pay
38 some of the taxes, the late rent.
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I remember.

1 MAITE KOVIS: Yeah.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I know 3,000 of it went for rent.
3 And I thought, --
4 MAITE KOVIS: Yes.
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- wow, here the county's paying the
6 hospital for you to be in a thousand-dollar place rent. And I
7 wondered if we needed to tackle that.
8 MAITE KOVIS: No. We have taken care of a lot of things.
9 And with that \$6,000, we were able to, you know, pay the taxes
10 and then with the crab feed, we got all caught up with our
11 taxes. So it was really nice to make money and give it up, you
12 know, so...
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How much -- how much equipment do you
14 guys need? I heard something about computers. You don't have
15 any computers in your office?
16 FALLON HILL: No. WIC actually owned the computers --
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
18 FALLON HILL: -- we were operating on. And -- and we had
19 to have those back to them by last Thursday.
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'm --
21 FALLON HILL: So...
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- wondering if we could do the same
23 thing that we just did with --
24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Hey.
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Kingston.
26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All right.
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioner.
28 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We're getting --
29 FALLON HILL: Well, --
30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- off topic.
31 FALLON HILL: -- we're all --
32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No. No.
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioner, for your
34 edification, we are dealing --
35 FALLON HILL: Yes.
36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- with that.
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
38 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And that will come in front of
39 you properly agendized at the proper time. So we're looking for
40 old computers with Lura.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh. Okay.
2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's all I wanted to do.
4 LURA DUVALL: That will go on our next --
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
6 LURA DUVALL: -- commission meeting.
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. We're looking at the amount of
10 25,000 and where we still might be able to cut. And I know
11 that's needed. But I also looked at some of the things that you
12 had listed in -- in your backup material seem a little -- I want
13 to say, pie in the sky for where we are to start you over and
14 have you, you know, handle the current things.
15 MAITE KOVIS: We have handled all of our current --
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Like --
17 MAITE KOVIS: -- things.
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- like your FAS [phonetic] programs
19 and all that type of thing. And I'm really not in favor of
20 funding those kinds of things currently.
21 FALLON HILL: The FAS program and stuff would be funded
22 through the Frontier Community Coalition. We have that BTRS
23 [phonetic] conference tomorrow. And that grant, that ball is
24 rolling on that. And we're going to do -- they completely pay
25 for that, the coalition does.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Let's bring it back to Austin.
27 You made a comment that you wanted to start working in the
28 southern part of the community?
29 FALLON HILL: We do. We would like to take our services to
30 Austin also, once a month.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And do what? The food bank? Or what?
32 FALLON HILL: No, we would --
33 JODEE RAMOS: That -- Jodee Ramos, for the record.
34 Actually, on the first Monday of every month, they have food
35 bank all -- already coming down there. And Kingston --
36 (indiscernible) -- come in.
37 But when I spoke with Donna White, she said they didn't
38 have anybody to help with food stamp applications, Medicaid
39 applications, any of that, --
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

1 JODEE RAMOS: -- you know, for the elderly, blind,
2 disabled. None of that.
3 So I'm going to go down the first Monday of every month
4 from 12:00 to 2:00 --
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: In addition to the current food bank
6 that we have?
7 JODEE RAMOS: Yeah, I'll be there during it --
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
9 JODEE RAMOS: -- and help --
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
11 JODEE RAMOS: -- everybody.
12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
13 FALLON HILL: We'll kind of do a needs assessment there.
14 And if there are people who get on assistance and they need
15 groceries, elderly, they could make us a list. And we could
16 bring those back up when we come to town once a month.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I think it sounds fabulous. The
18 personal contact is -- is extremely important. And that's what
19 I was checking. Thank you.
20 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
21 Dollar amount?
22 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'm open.
23 Ideas? Amounts? Comfortable with?
24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I say start out with 25 with the
25 agreeance that next year it'll be reduced.
26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: How about -- how much have you been
27 typically getting from the state?
28 FALLON HILL: We don't get anything from the state.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They were.
30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: They were.
31 COMMISSIONER MILLS: What were --
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They got --
33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- you getting --
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- cut off.
35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- from the state?
36 FALLON HILL: We were --
37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's --
38 FALLON HILL: -- getting...well, the WIC rent was for
39 34,900. The FRC grant was for 18,000. And the CSBG grant was
40 for 9-.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. So the WIC was separate from
2 yours; right?
3 FALLON HILL: Yeah, the WIC was separate. It paid for half
4 of the occupancy. It paid the WIC clerk. And --
5 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So were -- and you were receiving the
6 18,000 and the 9,000?
7 FALLON HILL: Yes.
8 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
9 All right.
10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So we start out and then next year just
11 --
12 FALLON HILL: Yeah.
13 MAITE KOVIS: Cut it --
14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Be ready to --
15 FALLON HILL: We will --
16 MAITE KOVIS: -- down.
17 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- reduce.
18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Because the state --
19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.
20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- the state should be back in line
21 again and --
22 FALLON HILL: The state should be back in line again. The
23 Frontier Community --
24 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
25 FALLON HILL: -- Coalition grant is -- it's a fairly high
26 grant. It'll pay for us to do this program and also for the--
27 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
28 FALLON HILL: -- project coordinator.
29 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So kind of back to the idea that, you
30 know, we're -- we're happy to help out, but we don't want it to
31 become the annual event.
32 FALLON HILL: Right. No.
33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
34 FALLON HILL: It would just --
35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: All right.
36 FALLON HILL: Just for now.
37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll make a motion that we provide a
38 grant to Battle Mountain Family Resource Center in the amount of
39 \$25,000.
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made the motion. Art seconded. Any
2 public comment?

3 JODEE RAMOS: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

9 FALLON HILL: Thank --

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

11 FALLON HILL: -- you.

12 MAITE KOVIS: Thank you.

13 JODEE RAMOS: Thank you very much.

14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All five ayes. Thank you.

15
16 **Lander County Historical Society**

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18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Lander County Historical Society and
19 56,800.

20 THERESA RYAN: Good morning.

21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good morning.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

23 THERESA RYAN: Theresa Ryan, for the record.

24 And I'm here representing Lori Price who could not be here.
25 And if it was possible for her to be here, she would be here.
26 So...

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you.

28 THERESA RYAN: You're very welcome.

29 The grant request is actually a two-part request. The sixty
30 -- 68,000. Let's try that again. The 6800, 6,800 is utilities
31 for the museum. In the past, I believe it was higher. The
32 request was higher. This year we dropped it down a little bit
33 lower than previous requests just to kind of help out a little
34 bit.

35 The 50,000 is for a project that we are starting. It's --
36 we're --

37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's 56,000.

38 THERESA RYAN: -- we'll bring back the historic depot that
39 was torn down years ago. It's not exactly the same, but a
40 replica of it.

1 The collection at the museum is just growing and we're
2 running out of room in the cookhouse. And so this would be a
3 wonderful addition to the museum and the community.

4 If -- I don't know -- you can see, in your packet you have
5 the pictures of the architectural renderings. And they're also on
6 display over here on the left.

7 LEDA has earmarked 50,000 for the project. The Historic
8 Society is going to match it with another 50,000. And we were
9 hoping that the county would be willing to participate and be a
10 part of this also with the -- the 50,000.

11 The overall cost is -- we're expected to be about 400,000 for
12 the finished project, in that ballpark.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLS: To build -- to build the depot?

14 THERESA RYAN: To build the -- yeah -- 400,000.

15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: You see this.

16 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I have. I've seen the designs of the
17 park. It's a neat project.

18 THERESA RYAN: Huh?

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, I --

20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: It's a --

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- have it --

22 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- neat project.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: and I've looked at it.

24 THERESA RYAN: It is.

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was wondering when you were --

26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's not a bad price, actually.

27 THERESA RYAN: It's not. (Indiscernible.)

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was wondering when you were going to
29 run out of space.

30 THERESA RYAN: Oh, no kidding.

31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know. And it's really -- it's nice.

32 THERESA RYAN: And the -- the roof on the building, we're
33 hoping to have advertisement on there that says museum to pull
34 more people off the interstate and into town also. It's not on
35 the renderings, but it's in the plans.

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'll make a motion to fund
37 \$56,800 for the Lander County Historical Society.

38 And I said this last time, I think it's incumbent upon the
39 commissioners to help preserve the history of Lander County. And
40 we have such a good program going on down south and here, that

1 I -- I just I find it very valuable.
2 I put it out there, folks.
3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second that.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: There we go.
5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Art made a motion. Doug seconded.
6 Any public comment?
7 JENNIFER O'KANE: Jennifer O'Kane, for the record.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Could you come up here, please.
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Hey, Jennifer, come --
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Could you come up here.
11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- where the sp- -- speaker is.
12 JENNIFER O'KANE: How are you?
13 THERESA RYAN: Okay.
14 JENNIFER O'KANE: Good.
15 I know you're probably going to go ahead and go with it, but
16 we're looking for \$3 million; right? We're doing our budget?
17 Why don't we table this for the year when we can actually
18 afford it? There's a lot of things that we need in this town.
19 And --
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is one of them.
21 JENNIFER O'KANE: -- don't feel like this is --
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is one of them. This is one of
23 those things that we need in our town.
24 THERESA RYAN: You know what? Something to think about, I
25 think this would also draw people in. It's -- it will bring
26 people off the interstate and in to spend money.
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You really --
28 THERESA RYAN: That might be.
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You really -- you realize how
30 important this is when you have been here for a long time and
31 you're a community member and you see things of days gone by and
32 people that you once knew and activities that were going on. It
33 brings it all together.
34 JENNIFER O'KANE: I am a part of the community, been here
35 for a little bit, going on --
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Uh-huh.
37 JENNIFER O'KANE: -- five years. I've been through that
38 building every year.
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Uh-huh.
40 JENNIFER O'KANE: I think it's a beautiful building. But

1 we still have to find \$3 million.
2 It's not -- I've seen people die. I've seen people come.
3 I've seen companies go. I've seen businesses go.
4 It's a beautiful building. But we have so many other
5 things that we need to put our money into that's more logical at
6 this point for Lander County.
7 That's just my public comment.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.
9 JENNIFER O'KANE: Just that's what I feel. The money could
10 be spent in a much better area.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Jennifer.
12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. With that, we're going to go ahead
13 and go with this.
14 Theresa?
15 THERESA RYAN: Yes.
16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Next year I would just say, when you come
17 back and ask, just ask for the 6800 for the utilities.
18 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Did we --
19 THERESA RYAN: Oh.
20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Did we vote on this?
21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: No, not yet.
22 I'm just saying, if that's the way we're going to go.
23 THERESA RYAN: Okay, now say that again.
24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: If we --
25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: You probably won't get 50,000 next
26 year.
27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: No, just come back and ask for utilities
28 next year.
29 THERESA RYAN: No. Yeah, this is a one-time. We're not
30 asking --
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
32 THERESA RYAN: -- for. Yeah.
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's for a project.
34 THERESA RYAN: Yeah. This is for a project. It's not an
35 ongoing. This is for a one-time project.
36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right. But next year, I'm just saying,
37 just come back and just ask for the utilities, --
38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Uh-huh.
39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- if we --
40 THERESA RYAN: Oh.

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- approve this amount.
2 THERESA RYAN: Okay.
3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. That's what I'm saying.
4 THERESA RYAN: Okay. And if it's not --
5 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Mental note --
6 THERESA RYAN: -- me, it'll be Lori --
7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- mental note for --
8 THERESA RYAN: -- or somebody, but --
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- next year.
10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah. Mental note for next year.
11 THERESA RYAN: Yes, but this year we should've; right?
12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah. Okay.
13 THERESA RYAN: Okay.
14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any more public comment?
15 (No comment.)
16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
21 THERESA RYAN: Thank --
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
23 THERESA RYAN: -- you.
24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thanks, Theresa.
25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
26 THERESA RYAN: Thank you.
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28 **Gold Country Grange, Lander County Fair, Grant Request**

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30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Gold Country Grange, Lander County
31 Fair.
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: The grange people.
33 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And they're not here.
34 But it doesn't matter. We -- I was going to ask --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- you guys, the livestock event center
37 is actually putting on a rodeo this year. And we were just
38 going to wrap it all up in one. So we didn't need to actually
39 grant this money so...
40 But we'll move on.

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Wait a minute. I'm -- I'm confused.
3 I heard what you said. But you said that we're not going to
4 have a county fair?

5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: No, I didn't say that. We were going to
6 wrap the fair up with the livestock rodeo that we're going to
7 put on.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we'll address it later?

9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yes. Later in here too.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Got it.

11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Got it.

13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: The --

16 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Do we need to make a motion that
17 we're not going to fund this this year?

18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah. So I need a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion that we're not
20 going to fund the \$6,000 for the Land- -- Lander County Fair at
21 this time.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.

23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Steve made the motion. Doug seconded.

24 Any public comment?

25 (No comment.)

26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

29 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

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33 **Battle Mountain Assembly of God Grant Request**

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35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

36 Battle Mountain Assembly of God, Fourth of July parks events,
37 \$4,000.

38 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Pastor Jon Layden, Battle Mountain
39 Assembly of God, for the record. Good morning.

40 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good morning.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.
2 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: How are we today?
3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good. You?
4 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Good deal. I'm doing good. It's
5 beautiful outside. So that's always good.
6 Before you should be a budget. We're just basically asking
7 for the same amount that we got last year and had approved. I
8 didn't want to ask for more than what was needed. So pretty
9 much what already is requested is just the bare-bones budget
10 that we are requesting.
11 There might be some wiggle room here and there because I
12 understand you guys are trying to cut, and we don't want to take
13 money that could be used elsewhere, obviously.
14 But, yeah, pretty much, that's the budget. Should be in
15 front of you.
16 And what we're planning on doing is pretty much the same
17 thing as last year. We'll rent -- or we'll reserve Elquist
18 Park. We're only doing the park event, not the parade or the
19 fireworks or anything. But we'll have some inflatables and
20 vendors and food.
21 We talked to some people last year -- who helped us out
22 last year. We talked to the gym. They're willing to do a
23 volleyball tournament. We'll have games throughout the day and
24 night with some prizes and stuff and make it a family-friendly
25 event.
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Have you talked with Convention and
27 Tourism at all about some help on this?
28 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: No, I haven't. I wanted to -- to see
29 what would be done here and then go from there.
30 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. Because they can probably also
31 give you some help --
32 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Okay.
33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- in -- not -- not always just a
34 financial way, but in --
35 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Okay.
36 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- in planning and ideas --
37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Advertising.
38 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- and some o- --
39 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: No, I --
40 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- advertising and some of those kind

1 of things that you could do --

2 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Uh-huh.

3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- through them that could be helpful
4 to you.

5 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: So one -- one of our goals also for
6 this year if it gets approved, we're hoping to not have to come
7 back. And the church would just put on the event itself and
8 stuff. And so as our church grows and funds come in that way,
9 we're hoping to budget this within our personal budget. So
10 we're hoping that this would be the last year that we would have
11 to request anything from the county.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Commissioner Mills is correct, though.
13 Any time that we're looking to bring other people in and -- and
14 events like this too --

15 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- they bring families in and tourists
17 that go different places, --

18 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Uh-huh.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- depending on what's going on. So
20 the Convention and Tourism Authority has the grants available --

21 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Uh-huh.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to do that type of thing --

23 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Uh-huh.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- more so than the county, actually.

25 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Uh-huh. Okay.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So I -- I don't know why that hasn't
27 been done. I thought you went there last year. We asked you
28 about it last year.

29 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Yeah. Well, we were also trying to go
30 through the process with here. And just scheduling and timing,
31 I just honestly wasn't able to do it and stuff.

32 And so we went with what we were able to do and so -- but
33 we do plan -- now that you've mentioned it again -- I'm glad you
34 brought that up -- we will be pursuing that as well.

35 But like I said, we're just trying to do what we did last
36 year and go through these processes.

37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: They don't really have any money
38 in here for advertisement.

39 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Yeah. The church was going to be
40 making flyers and handling all of that. We were also going to

1 talk with the chamber -- the Chamber of Commerce and see if they
2 would partner in helping as far as, like, getting vendors and
3 whatnot for that.

4 We would also utilize Facebook and social media.

5 People within the church would also help advertise and do
6 things like that.

7 We're -- the main thing that we're looking for specifically
8 for our budget is just to -- what goes directly into the event.
9 And the church would handle the advertising, the manpower, the
10 planning, the organization, all that.

11 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. I would move that we provide a
12 grant to Battle Mountain Assembly of God in the amount of \$4,000
13 for Fourth of July events.

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second it.

15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made a motion. Steve seconded it.
16 Any public comment?

17 (No comment.)

18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

24 SHERIFF RON UNGER: What was that that amount, Sean?

25 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: 4,000.

26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: 4,000.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Miscellaneous grants.

28 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Thank you.

29 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you.

30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.

31 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Is there anything else that I need to
32 do that you guys would need? I know we have to provide a rider
33 for insurance purposes. I'll have my insurance company work on
34 that. But is there anything else I need to do for you?

35 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Same as last year. Just --

37 NAN ANCHO: You just need to provide a breakdown of your
38 expenses.

39 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: Okay. Cool. Thank you so much.

40 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, Jon.

1 PASTOR JON LAYDEN: You guys have a great day.

2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: You too.

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4 **Miscellaneous Grants**

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6 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Miscellaneous grants.

7 NAN ANCHO: This is money is set aside in the event that
8 unexpected grants come up dow- -- through next year. So this is
9 our little --

10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Safety net.

11 NAN ANCHO: -- safety net.

12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Did we do this last year?

13 NAN ANCHO: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Uh-huh.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is this a rollover from last year? Or
17 we're just re- --

18 NAN ANCHO: Yeah. We didn't touch it last year. Or we
19 haven't yet.

20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

21 NAN ANCHO: The year's not over with yet.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is this something that we could
23 just --

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion --

25 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- roll over?

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that we approve the miscellaneous
27 grants for \$5,000 to hold.

28 NAN ANCHO: That's basically what you're doing.

29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

30 NAN ANCHO: If you don't use it, it rolls. So --

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

32 NAN ANCHO: -- it's the same amount as this year.

33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: All right.

34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I've got a motion.

35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.

36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Patsy made a motion. Doug seconded. Any
37 public comment?

38 (No comment.)

39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

40 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Five ayes.

6
7 **Austin Youth Center Grant Request**

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9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

10 Austin Town Grant requests. Austin Youth Center, 4,500.
11 Austin Medical Clinic, 6,600. Austin?

12 DEE HELMING: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: How's it going?

14 DEE HELMING: Good.

15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know we had to cut some of our
17 events last year because of the -- the cut in our budget. And
18 unfortunately, that -- that is too bad.

19 So Dee, you want to address that and see what we can do?

20 DEE HELMING: Well, you'll notice, I had to resubmit the
21 grant because I had used the previous year's. So I actually
22 dropped the amount of the request to 3200 because we dropped the
23 insurance. I called the insurance company to see what the
24 insurance actually covered for the board members and stuff. And
25 the guy told me, he said, I don't even know why you have it. So
26 I took that off. So that's one expense that we've taken it
27 right off the top there. So that dropped down us down to 3200.

28 We have about 400 in our account right now. And we use the
29 money for parties. We do pizza parties, pool parties, you know,
30 like, pool tournaments. And we do different things. And we
31 also help the fire department with the Easter egg hunt. We buy
32 the prizes for that. And they pay the cash prizes.

33 And so the money -- I don't actually have any receipts this
34 year -- I really apologize -- but I will next year. And --

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Last year --

36 DEE HELMING: But the money always goes for the kids.
37 We've helped kids do all kinds of different things with it. And
38 we use it locally -- or for events at the youth center itself.

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Last year you had some concerns about
40 equipment in the youth center. I believe it was computers. Did

1 you get that straightened out?
2 DEE HELMING: We were just going to go ahead and put in
3 for -- when they do the surplus sale, we were going to go ahead
4 and see what we could get there.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
6 DEE HELMING: But we do -- later down the list, you'll see
7 where we have repairs and stuff. And the youth center is on the
8 list for, like, the roof.
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
10 DEE HELMING: We really, really need the roof fixed. We
11 have a bucket catching the water at the moment. So, you know --
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, they did fix all --
13 DEE HELMING: That's, like, a major concern for us.
14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I thought we addressed that last year.
15 DEE HELMING: Yeah. I talked about it last year, but we
16 didn't get the roof fixed last year.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, that --
18 DEE HELMING: So we really need it fixed because the bucket
19 fills up faster this year than it did last year.
20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: That sounds familiar.
21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Anna?
22 ANNA PENOLA: Anna, with the building -- Penola, with the
23 Building Department. We've got that addressed in my budget.
24 DEE HELMING: Yeah, --
25 ANNA PENOLA: (Indiscernible).
26 DEE HELMING: -- it's addressed in Anna's budget. But I
27 just wanted to put a --
28 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: For this year or last year?
29 DEE HELMING: -- plug in for that also --
30 ANNA PENOLA: (Indiscernible) --
31 DEE HELMING: -- to let you know that --
32 ANNA PENOLA: -- not -- not this year, --
33 DEE HELMING: -- it really is a problem.
34 ANNA PENOLA: -- next year.
35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Next year. Thanks, Anna.
37 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We did get the other repairs done.
39 Those are all done inside because we had --
40 DEE HELMING: Yes. Yes. Desi finally got those --

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- several --
2 DEE HELMING: -- all taken care of. And the bathrooms are
3 safe to use again.
4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: So what's she asking for?
5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Um.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we approve the
7 3200 for the youth center.
8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I got a motion.
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.
10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
11 Any public comment?
12 (No comment.)
13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
15 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
19 DEE HELMING: Thank you.
20 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, Dee.
21 NAN ANCHO: What was the amount.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: 3200.

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24 **Austin Medical Clinic**

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26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. The Austin Medical Clinic.
27 Dee, is anyone there for Austin Medical Clinic?
28 DEE HELMING: Nope. No one here for that.
29 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I have -- I have a question on that.
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll go ahead and address that for
31 you, Doug. Go ahead.
32 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is -- is that clinic still
33 functioning?
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Absolutely.
35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Every week.
37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is it -- is it consistent?
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Every week. Yes.
39 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. Because I've -- I've been
40 hearing things that it may not be as consistent as it was

1 intended to be or there's some problems there.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I only know of one time that they --
3 actually two times, they changed the date.
4 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Did they? Okay. All right.
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But otherwise, no, they're there with
6 a -- a PA -- yeah -- or --
7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- or the nurse. Right.
9 And -- and the biggest bulk of this, as we address every
10 year, is because they need to pay rent. And so the -- the
11 counties usually provide some place where the rural clinics are
12 for that -- that space to be available.
13 And in Lander County, they have to rent it from the actual
14 Convention and Tourism Board, which owns that property.
15 So the 3600 pays automatically for the rent to say, we're --
16 we're glad you're coming in.
17 They've also asked for a couple of other items this year.
18 And I have it on my other one. But I have to look. Do you have
19 it handy?
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The spirometer --
21 NAN ANCHO: It's --
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- or something.
23 NAN ANCHO: It's for the spirometer unit and signage for
24 the building.
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Signage. Right. Signage for the
26 building because that's -- that's what's needed. Right. So --
27 but it is exactly the same amount as last year.
28 NAN ANCHO: Last year they received 6,000. They're
29 requesting 6,600 this year.
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We approved 6,000 --
31 NAN ANCHO: Six thousand --
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- last --
33 NAN ANCHO: -- last year.
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They ask for 6,600 every year and
35 every year we approve 6,000. Okay. I'll make a motion we
36 approve the 6,000.
37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.
38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any public comment?
39 ANNA PENOLA: Anna Penola, with the Building Department.
40 I actually used the facility about a month ago. Had

1 something in my eye and the doctor from Eureka was there. And
2 it was pretty sweet.

3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, Anna.

4 COMMISSIONER MILLS: All right.

5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All in favor?

6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We're going to --

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Take a break.

13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- take a five-minute break.
14 Austin?

15 DEE HELMING: Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you.

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18 (Break taken between 10:57 a.m. and 11:11 a.m.)
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21 **DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION AND REQUESTS**

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23 **4) COMMISSION -- Discussion, no action required.**
24 **Salaries for the commissioners were increased at the rate of**
25 **3 percent per the decision of the Nevada Legislature.**
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27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- to order. Agenda Item Number 4.
28 Commission. Discussion, no action required. Salaries for
29 the commissioners were increased at the rate of 3 percent per
30 the decision of the Nevada legislature. There are no increase
31 in operations.

32 NAN ANCHO: Correct.

33 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: You just wanted me to read that into the
34 record?

35 NAN ANCHO: Just -- you can just note exactly what's there.

36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Works out like \$5 a month.
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1 5) **CLERK -- Discussion and possible action:**
2 Overall budget was decreased by \$68,080 from prior year due
3 to a possible reduction of a court clerk position. This
4 reduction of staff has not been finalized and is awaiting an
5 order from the district court judge; and all other matters
6 properly related thereto.
7

8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Moving on.

9 Agenda Item Number 5. Clerk. Discussion and possible
10 action. Overall budget was decreased by \$68,080 from prior year
11 due to a possible reduction of a court clerk position. This
12 reduction of staff has not been finalized and is awaiting an
13 order from the district court judge, and all other matters
14 properly related thereto.

15 Where did she go?

16 Keith? Want to grab Sadie?

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: I don't -- where is she?

18 LAKEN MARINE: I don't know.

19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah, we need --

20 JEANNE FALZONE: I'll go get her.

21 KEITH WESTENGARD: Want to go to the next one? And I'll go
22 find her.

23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, let's go to 6. Is Grace here?
25 Yeah.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes, Grace is here.
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28 6) **TREASURER -- Discussion and possible action:**

29 A) Requesting an increase of \$850 in operations for
30 services and supplies. Needs decision made to
31 approve/disapprove.

32 B) Requesting funds to hire two (2) new part-time
33 employees to be hired three (3) months prior to the
34 retirement of two (2) current employees. This 3-month
35 period would be for training. The additional cost for
36 one (1) more part-time position is \$11,450. Needs
37 decision made to approve/disapprove;
38 and other matters properly related thereto.
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40 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Agenda Item Number 6. Requested

1 action of the Lander County Commission is: Treasurer --
2 discussion and possible action requesting an increase of \$850 in
3 operations for services and supplies. Needs discussion made to
4 approve or disapprove.

5 B, requesting funds to hire two part-time employees to be
6 hired three months prior to the retirement of two current
7 employees. This 3-month period will be for training. The
8 additional cost of one more part-time position is \$11,450.
9 Needs discussion made to approve/disapprove, and all other
10 matters properly related thereto.

11 GRACE POWRIE: Good morning, again. Grace Powrie, for the
12 record.

13 The first one, the \$850, I have a scanning machine. And
14 I've had it a year. And I did not realize that I had to buy the
15 software every year for it. So the 850 is the software to run
16 the scanner.

17 Anyway, --

18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh.

19 GRACE POWRIE: -- I thought I'd budget for it this year.

20 So I just wanted to explain that. It won't --

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So it --

22 GRACE POWRIE: -- work --

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- would be --

24 GRACE POWRIE: -- without the software --

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- ongoing? It doesn't go down? The
26 cost is 850 every year?

27 GRACE POWRIE: Ever year.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They get to us; don't they?

29 GRACE POWRIE: Yeah. Those little details. And maybe I
30 just didn't listen good that day. But I -- I don't believe that
31 was the case.

32 But at the end of the day, I do need to raise that 850,
33 please.

34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

35 Any questions?

36 COMMISSIONER MILLS: The -- on the -- on the other part
37 there, with the hire two employee, part-time three months, --

38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Hey, Doug. Let's --

39 GRACE POWRIE: I --

40 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Isn't that something --

1 GRACE POWRIE: I have a real unique situation in my office.
2 I have one --

3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- isn't that something you do every
4 year or every budget?

5 GRACE POWRIE: I do one every year. I added the second one
6 this year.

7 I have one employee that's been with me tw- -- she's in her
8 24th year and one in the 27th. Both of them are over retirement
9 age. So I need to prepare in case both of them walked in one
10 day and said, Grace, we're going to retire. And that could
11 happen. And I don't know if any other office has that situation
12 where you've had that longevity in their offices and have worked
13 for one person forever.

14 So depending on if one retired in, like, tomorrow and one
15 retired in maybe March of next year or -- I just want to be
16 prepared so that I can have -- and they're willing to stay and
17 train whoever would be hired in those positions.

18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good.

19 GRACE POWRIE: So it's more proactive than anything. I
20 don't have -- no one's come to me and told me they're going to
21 retire. But I've been doing that for one employee for four
22 years. And now that the other employee is getting closer, I
23 just want to be prepared. And it just rolled over. If they
24 don't retire, nothing happens. But if they do retire, it's in
25 the budget to properly handle that situation and hopefully make
26 an easy transition for the other people that are in the office.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So you -- you don't really need the
28 extra staff? You're just preparing?

29 GRACE POWRIE: What happens -- say -- say a person leaves
30 in my office, they're willing to stay three months to hire the
31 new person -- or, when I hire the new person, to train the new
32 person. So they would be mirroring and training the new person
33 before they actually stepped out the door.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I understand that. But I'm
35 saying, I guess because of the overlap. And you're going,
36 nobody's said they're going to retire yet. They haven't given
37 any --

38 GRACE POWRIE: Well, I'm going to --

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- anything definite.

40 GRACE POWRIE: -- take that back. They both told me

1 they're going to retire. One of them told me they were going to
2 retire four years ago. One of them told me she's thinking about
3 it. That's been going on for a couple of years. I don't --

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So --

5 GRACE POWRIE: -- know when they're going to retire.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So here we mirror for three months or
7 six months or the next year. And then -- then they retire and
8 your person leaves and moves out of town and we're in the
9 same -- the same boat. I don't know how --

10 GRACE POWRIE: Well, you don't have --

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't know how we can all pre-plan
12 and prepare --

13 GRACE POWRIE: Well, I'm --

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- is what I'm saying.

15 GRACE POWRIE: It's not so much -- I'm going to say anyone
16 can come in and learn a job. Anyone can be cross trained, which
17 they are. The thing is, they've got anywhere from twenty -- 24
18 to 27 years of experience. They're willing to help give the new
19 person -- if that new person bails on me or bails on the next
20 person, you have no guarantee ever. I'm -- I'm doing it for the
21 benefit of the -- the jobs that they do and they do well. How
22 wonderful it is if somebody's willing to train the new person to
23 step in and do it well.

24 They do it -- they do it in the other departments when you
25 have a -- a key personnel. These people are very key to my
26 function of that office. And they're willing to give back
27 what -- what they've learned.

28 So, I mean, it would be just as easy to walk out the door
29 and let somebody, you know, not be trained. But why would you
30 not take advantage of that if they're willing to give back?

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I understand the willing to give
32 back. What I don't understand is -- is trying to prepare ahead
33 of time when we don't know. And that -- that seems if you don't
34 need that extra person right now, then when they get ready to
35 retire and say, I'm going to be gone in two months and you hire
36 and they train for two months. At least you know they're
37 leaving. I mean, there's -- there's no set time. It's just, I
38 want to prepare.

39 GRACE POWRIE: Oh, I'm not hiring anybody now. Until
40 somebody tells me they're going to retire, I would never bring

1 somebody on board.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh. Okay. You just want it in your
3 budget.
4 GRACE POWRIE: Just in the budget.
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
6 GRACE POWRIE: Just in the --
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
8 GRACE POWRIE: -- budget. I -- I apologize. I wasn't
9 following the --
10 NAN ANCHO: Current one.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, yeah, I'm saying that's nice to
12 prepare, but --
13 NAN ANCHO: Last --
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So if it happens this year, you
15 want it in the budget.
16 NAN ANCHO: Last year, she had -- was approved. And it's
17 been carried over for a couple of years for one part-time person
18 for that reason.
19 This year, she is requesting that two for the same reason if
20 she -- if they don't retire this year, then it'll roll over and
21 she'll --
22 GRACE POWRIE: Worst case --
23 NAN ANCHO: -- continue it.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
25 GRACE POWRIE: -- scenario, I may lose two people in one
26 fiscal year.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I've got it.
28 GRACE POWRIE: Okay.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is your just-in-case money?
31 GRACE POWRIE: Yes.
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.
33 GRACE POWRIE: Yes.
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.
35 GRACE POWRIE: Yes. The unknown.
36 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Did -- did -- last year, did you have
37 two potential employees that would retire last year?
38 GRACE POWRIE: Yes. Possibly but --
39 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Has something changed?
40 GRACE POWRIE: It scares me to death. It scares me to

1 death to think --

2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: But has something changed?

3 GRACE POWRIE: No. No, nothing has. The thing is is one
4 employee is -- well, yes, both of them are -- both of them are
5 in the Social Security age status to when they start pulling
6 Social Security, I have to start thinking retirement.

7 Just in the back of my head.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Or you could move them to part-time.

9 GRACE POWRIE: What's that?

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You could move them into part-time.

11 GRACE POWRIE: I don't think they would do that.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. But you can. You can still
13 collect Social Security and still collect under the amount --

14 GRACE POWRIE: Oh. I'm not saying that. They -- oh --

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

16 GRACE POWRIE: And they can claim it until they -- until
17 they retire.

18 What I'm saying is when you get to that point in your life,
19 it's the more guarantee it's going to happen than it's not going
20 happen. I just don't know when.

21 It could be next year I'll be right here back here asking
22 you the same thing. I don't know. I honestly can't tell you.
23 I'm just trying to prepare. No different than when I started
24 doing it for one person.

25 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Are there -- are there other
26 departments doing this?

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: No.

28 GRACE POWRIE: I think department heads have.

29 NAN ANCHO: We do have one request.

30 LESLEY BUNCH: Lesley Bunch, for the record, the recorder.
31 I have an employee who is also going to retire.

32 I didn't have it in here because I didn't have the
33 information or the date. And she is actually retiring. And so I
34 have been talking to Nan about it. And I will need a little
35 preparation time in this current year's budget and a little bit in
36 next year's budget to get somebody online to take her position.

37 So I am another person. But I've never asked for it ahead
38 of time because I've not been here long enough to know to do
39 that. And I didn't know she was going to retire until just the
40 other day. So I understand what she's doing as far as trying to

1 prepare for such a thing, if that's what you were going to ask
2 me. If not, I'm sorry I bored you.
3 GRACE POWRIE: Do you know --
4 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well, to add to that -- Ron Unger, for
5 the record -- we've also been at it at the sheriff's office
6 also.
7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
8 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Just so you know.
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Are you -- do you -- do you do that
10 for -- how many employee do you do that for?
11 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Mainly for our office staff.
12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is -- do -- do you plan that for one
13 employee? For two employees? For three employees? Do you --
14 SHERIFF RON UNGER: We have it budgeted for -- well, this
15 year we haven't. But --
16 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Or do you not --
17 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- we've got --
18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- do it for a specific --
19 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- to replace them and --
20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- number of employees?
21 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- Lesley are saying, it's -- it's a
22 big deal.
23 NAN ANCHO: We do have one other request for this also in
24 the Road and Bridge South that's -- that'll be coming up.
25 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
26 GRACE POWRIE: I know Road and Bridge North did it --
27 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
28 GRACE POWRIE: -- when Karen Morgan retired. They had a
29 6-month employee --
30 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right. So --
31 GRACE POWRIE: -- that shadowed.
32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I need a motion.
33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: The -- the thing I'm still trying to
34 work out is, in the past -- I know we've done this for you in
35 the past, but it's always been one employee. It's the change to
36 two that --
37 GRACE POWRIE: Only because I have two in that category.
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: There's only one --
39 GRACE POWRIE: I mean, if I had one person at five years
40 and one at ten, I would only come to you.

1 I'm looking at --
2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
3 GRACE POWRIE: -- an age factor and a longevity factor.
4 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So the other part of those, you know
5 --
6 GRACE POWRIE: No one else has that (indiscernible).
7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Doesn't matter how long they've been
8 there. The employee can leave any time they want.
9 GRACE POWRIE: True.
10 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So you don't know -- you still don't
11 know. It could be three.
12 GRACE POWRIE: It could.
13 COMMISSIONER MILLS: And -- and you don't know.
14 GRACE POWRIE: I don't know.
15 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So it's --
16 GRACE POWRIE: But --
17 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- it's whether -- it's whether to
18 increase it to the two employees thing is I'm not sure I want --
19 GRACE POWRIE: I mean, like I said, --
20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- to do that.
21 GRACE POWRIE: -- if they don't retire, it's not a dollar
22 spent. If they do retire, --
23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
24 GRACE POWRIE: -- we're prepared. That's -- that's all I'm
25 asking is to have that cushion and that comfort zone.
26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: What? Are you thinking of only budgeting
27 one?
28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's -- I mean, because -- yeah.
29 It's all unknowns. And she doesn't --
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And they are cross-trained. So if one
31 left and the other one didn't --
32 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
33 GRACE POWRIE: The thing is, is --
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You've got --
35 GRACE POWRIE: -- when you --
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a new person.
37 GRACE POWRIE: -- bring a new employee in, they are cross
38 trained. But it still puts a big burden on the employees to do
39 their own job. That's all I'm saying, is they're all there for
40 a reason. They're all there for a reason.

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Someone --
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we approve one
3 part-time employer -- employee to be hired three months prior to
4 the retirement of a current employee.
5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Motion made.
6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Are you going to also --
7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Include the --
8 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- include the --
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- \$850?
10 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- \$850?
11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We'll do that one next.
12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh, you want them separate?
13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Uh-huh.
14 COMMISSIONER MILLS: All right. I'll second.
15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Any public comment?
16 (No comment.)
17 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
18 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
19 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
22 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We'll keep the one for you, Gracie.
24 GRACE POWRIE: That's -- no, that's appreciative.
25 If something was to happen, though, can I come back before
26 the board during --
27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You can always --
29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: If you --
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- come back --
31 GRACE POWRIE: -- (indiscernible).
32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- would happen --
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- for anything.
34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- to lose that second employee,
35 know about it, I would recommend you come back to the board and
36 --
37 GRACE POWRIE: I would --
38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- let us know.
39 GRACE POWRIE: -- recommend I'll -- I mean, I can guarantee
40 I'd be back here.

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah. I know, but --
2 GRACE POWRIE: I would.
3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: But I mean, --
4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. I need --
5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- that's what I'm saying.
6 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I need another motion for Item A.
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I make a motion that we increase the
8 treasurer budget \$850 in operations for services and supplies.
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.
10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Patsy made a motion. Doug seconded it.
11 Public comment?
12 (No comment.)
13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All in favor?
14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
15 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
19 GRACE POWRIE: Thank you very --
20 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Motion --
21 GRACE POWRIE: -- much.
22 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- carries.
23 Thanks, Grace.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Appreciate you keeping the rest down.
25 Thank you.
26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Mrs. Sullivan?
27 Ms. Sullivan. Sorry.
28 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Good morning. Sorry I was not
29 here.
30 Sadie Sullivan, for the record.
31 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Do you want me to read this back in or
32 just open Agenda Item Number 5 again?
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You need to reopen it.
34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Hold on, Sadie. Sorry.
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1 5) CLERK -- Discussion and possible action:
2 Overall budget was decreased by \$68,080 from prior year due
3 to a possible reduction of a court clerk position. This
4 reduction of staff has not been finalized and is awaiting an
5 order from the district court judge; and all other matters
6 properly related thereto.
7

8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Clerk, discussion and possible action:
9 Overall budget was decreased by \$68,080 from prior year due to a
10 possible reduction of a court clerk position. This reduction of
11 staff has not been finalized and is waiting an order from the
12 district court judge; and all other matters properly related
13 thereto.

14 I'll turn it over to you.

15 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: That amount, I believe, Nan had
16 came up with. Is that correct?

17 NAN ANCHO: That is the reduction of the court clerk's
18 salary and benefits.

19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

20 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I wasn't aware of what the exact
21 amount was. So Nan brought that amount up with the benefits and
22 that type of thing.

23 What has been asked is Judge Shirley has a court clerk,
24 specifically. So it would go from Fund 002 of the clerk to 020,
25 District Court. And that's what that 68,080.

26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

27 NAN ANCHO: That one was just basically for information. I
28 don't believe there was any action required because she wasn't
29 requesting anything.

30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, --

31 NAN ANCHO: Just pending the order from the district court.

32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

33 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Is there any discussion?

34 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Legally, Commissioners, a
35 Lander County employee is going to be turned into a judicial
36 employee. And so you need to understand that you're not
37 approving that. And that's why it's -- the language is in
38 there.

39 We're pending -- Judge Shirley has told both of us or all of
40 us, I believe, that he's going to or has done an order, but we

1 have yet to see the order. So...

2 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I do have an order, actually.

3 Would you like me to...

4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, the commission nor I have

5 seen the order --

6 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay.

7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- so --

8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, I -- the action will be tomorrow

9 when we do the district court judge.

10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right, so --

11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.

12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- that's what I'm saying.

13 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay.

14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'm just pointing --

15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.

16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- that out that --

17 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay. So tomorrow I can --

18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We'll approve --

19 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- get that order and --

20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Exactly.

22 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: So it's not in tomorrow's packet,

23 then?

24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, we -- we -- no one's seen.

25 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: You haven't seen -- okay.

26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

27 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I'll make copies.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. We're just looking at the new

29 budget, which was reduced in her -- in her area by that.

30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

31 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: By that one employee.

33 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Action. And we'll -- yeah.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: When we --

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

37 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- discuss it with Shirley.

38 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay.

39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Awesome.

40 Is that it?

1 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: That's it.
2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thanks, Sadie.
3 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Thank you.
4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, Sadie.
5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Agenda Item Number 7.
6 NAN ANCHO: Okay.
7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Hold on.
8 NAN ANCHO: This one here just -- they -- operations,
9 they --
10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Hey, Nan.
11 NAN ANCHO: I'm sorry.
12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Let me read it in real quick.
13 NAN ANCHO: Sorry.
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15 **7) ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT -- Discussion and possible action:**

- 16 **A) Operations was decreased by \$65,500;**
17 **B) Requesting the final phase of the Lander County**
18 **reorganization to include abolishing the following**
19 **positions: Road and Bridge North and South foremen,**
20 **Water and Sewer department head, safety manager,**
21 **building inspector, and to create the following**
22 **positions: civic center manager with a salary of**
23 **\$40,000 per year plus benefits, a part-time civic**
24 **center manager/janitor with an hourly rate of \$13 per**
25 **hour with no benefits, a recreational center manager**
26 **with a negotiated salary of \$40,000 per year plus**
27 **benefits, an assistant recreational center manager**
28 **with a negotiated salary plus benefits, two full-time**
29 **lifeguard positions at \$13 per hour plus benefits, and**
30 **combine the water/sewer secretary and executive**
31 **director secretary position at a salary of Executive**
32 **Secretary II, to be negotiated, plus benefits;**
33 **and other matters properly related thereto.**
34

35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Administration Department. Discussion
36 and possible action: A, operations was decreased by 65,000; B,
37 requesting the final phase of the Lander County reorganization
38 to include abolishing the following position: Road and Bridge
39 North and South foremen, Water and Sewer department head, safety
40 manager, building inspector, and to create the following

1 positions: civic center manager with a salary of 40,000 per year
2 plus benefits, a part-time civic center manager/janitor with an
3 hourly rate of \$13 per hour with no benefits, a recreational
4 center manager with a salary of 40,000 per year plus benefits,
5 an assistant recreational center manager with a negotiated
6 salary plus benefits, two full-time lifeguard positions at \$13
7 per hour plus benefits, and combine the water/sewer secretary
8 and executive director secretary position at a salary of
9 Executive Secretary II, to be negotiated, plus benefits, and
10 other matters properly related thereto.

11 NAN ANCHO: Aren't you glad you read that one in?

12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.

13 NAN ANCHO: I'll let Keith talk about this one.

14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, if I didn't read it in, Ted would
15 have been yelling at me so...

16 KEITH WESTENGARD: The first part, the -- the operation
17 decrease is in your book there.

18 I cut out of the gas and oil, the repair and maintenance, the
19 professional services, and the safety training budget for a total
20 of \$65,500. That was the direction. So that was the reduction
21 out of my operations.

22 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

23 KEITH WESTENGARD: Also out of 029, which we'll discuss
24 later, there was money cut out of that -- that have safety
25 budget too.

26 Item B. So last year I came to you with my reorg plan. And
27 we started it. This will finalize it. By first cutting those
28 positions, Road and Bridge North and South foremen, the Water and
29 Sewer department head, the safety manager, the building inspector.
30 Those will cut those positions. And then we have the public works
31 director in place as we speak, as you all know.

32 The civic center manager with the salary of the 40,000. With
33 what's going on with the civic center, I'm preparing for the
34 future by building in a civic center manager, if this is approved.

35 Since I won't be here next week, the week af- -- the
36 commission meeting after, I will have a job description for the
37 civic center manager position for you to look over.

38 Then we'll also need a part-time civic center manager
39 combination part-time -- I'm sorry -- combination part-time civic
40 center manager/janitor with an hourly rate.

1 Once we get the rec center in place, I want to have that in
2 the budget. I realize we're 14 months or so out with the rec
3 center, but we need to have that because it is in next fiscal
4 year's budget.

5 Life- -- the lifeguard positions.

6 And then the Water and Sewer we did combine with the
7 executive director secretary position in the front office.

8 And we'll have the new job description for that as well. The
9 reason those are negotiated is because of the union contract
10 that's coming forth that we're going to start working on here
11 shortly. And that's it.

12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Combining those two is a cost savings
13 too.

14 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. Everything that I worked on with
15 Nan is a cost savings.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So tell me about the civic
17 center. We -- we need to get this in the budget if it's
18 something we're going to do. But we haven't had it on our
19 agenda to discuss anything at all.

20 KEITH WESTENGARD: It'll be --

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So when -- what kind of a time frame
22 are we looking at? Because there's other things in the budget
23 too regarding supplies with the civic center and all this. And
24 we're looking at -- what? -- a couple hundred thousand dollars,
25 more than that by the time we -- we finish. And we haven't even
26 made any decisions yet.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We did receive the letter from Amens Law
28 that said they were going to vacate in 90 days. We're coming to
29 the 60-day mark now where we should receive their 30-day notice
30 to vacate, that they are going to be leaving.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But they had asked to be on the agenda
32 is what she said in public comment last time.

33 KEITH WESTENGARD: They have not asked to be on the agenda.
34 They need --

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So last --

36 KEITH WESTENGARD: They need to --

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- meeting she asked to be on the
38 agenda.

39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. And I did talk with Paula
40 outside. She needs to get an agenda request. And it's not on

1 the next week's agenda. I haven't seen anything as of yet. So
2 this is just in preparation.

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Help me here.

4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: She came in public comment and
6 requested they be on the agenda. And the commissioners said,
7 yes.

8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The -- no, Commissioner, that's
9 not how that happened.

10 Commissioner Stienmetz, on -- on future agenda items,
11 pointed out that that needs to be on the agenda.

12 She said she was going -- going to request to be on the
13 agenda. And the executive director, as he's supposed to,
14 says -- make it -- put a re- -- agenda request and you'll be on
15 the agenda. And he's just waiting for the agenda request.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So it's still --

17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's a process that everyone
18 has to go through.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. It's still not on anything.
20 Okay.

21 KEITH WESTENGARD: No, it -- I haven't seen anything and --

22 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Isn't it on your guys' agenda for your
23 next week's meeting too?

24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, I think it is on ours for
26 Tuesday.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So maybe there's something else coming
28 out of that.

29 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I have a question. On that, for
30 Lander County's sake, if they are leaving in the 30 days,
31 wouldn't we as the county want to put that on ourselves so it's
32 covered? Because I'm sure there's already events that have been
33 scheduled. So isn't that something, as a commissioner or
34 executive director, whomever, could put that on there to -- that
35 way those events that have already been scheduled out that we
36 don't leave those people in limbo?

37 You know what I mean?

38 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.

39 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay. So what happens is there's
40 people that have gone and scheduled these events. They do

1 school testings over there. They have school, like, fairs. I
2 don't know the time frames. The elections, that type of things.
3 So there's events that have been scheduled to use for the civic
4 center. And so I'm just asking if that's something that -- will
5 those events be still in place when we take it over? Don't we
6 need --

7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It -- it should be. We don't
8 know if we're taking it over because we've been -- we've been
9 informed by Commissioner Stienmetz and by Paula that they're
10 going to make an agenda request.

11 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: But couldn't we, as a county, put
12 it on to make sure that we're covering for our people with these
13 events?

14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We haven't been given the
15 30-days' notice yet, Sadie. We were given a 90-day notice. And
16 in the letter, it's -- and there's a letter in the packet, I
17 believe.

18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It says that after 60 days,
20 they would send us -- they would either attempt to negotiate by
21 putting it on the agenda or sending us a 30-day notice. When we
22 get one of those two things, then we can agendize it.

23 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: So you can't approach it ahead of
24 time is what you're saying.

25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, we're doing it the best
26 way we can --

27 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay.

28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- by preparing financially, if
29 that is what occurs.

30 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay. Well, and I was just asking
31 because of the staff and that type of thing. You know, if they
32 do have the 30 days, like you were stating, we're going to have
33 to hurry and get somebody in there for those events that have
34 people -- that people will be in limbo is -- I guess is what I'm
35 asking.

36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Sadie, have you read the
37 letter?

38 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: No, I haven't.

39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It contemplates all that.

40 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: And so Lander County's prepared for

1 that?

2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: As soon as we know what they're
3 doing.

4 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay.

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: And this is part of that. As best as we
6 can, we're moving forward with participation.

7 NAN ANCHO: So right -- right now they're just asking for
8 the funds to build the budget, just in case.

9 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Right.

10 NAN ANCHO: But there's not --

11 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Well, the funds can be there, but
12 if you don't have -- I understand what you're saying. I'm just
13 asking to make sure that -- you know, that --

14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I get what you're saying; we're going to
15 have to hurry up and advertise and do all that.

16 COMMISSIONER MILLS: There's -- there's timing issues --

17 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We get that.

18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- with it, getting the people in
19 there --

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- to make sure --

22 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Right.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- those events, --

24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.

25 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Just an overall --

26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- that the --

27 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- that's my question.

28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- civic center stays open and there's
29 no lapse.

30 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Right.

31 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And that might be something Keith --

32 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

33 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- goes to next week's meeting and
34 discuss.

35 KEITH WESTENGARD: We're supposed to be in Boulder City
36 next week.

37 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Oh, that's right. Okay. Yep.

38 KEITH WESTENGARD: But, I -- I mean, I have to say there --
39 there's a lot of things going on next week too.

40 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: Hospital EMS things, Convention and
2 Tourism. So...

3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Commissioner Stienmetz, do you
4 know when that meeting is? Their meeting?

5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, it's Tuesday at 6:00.

6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Next week?

7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

9 Any more discussion on that?

10 Got anything else on any one of the other ones?

11 Patsy? Art?

12 So I need a motion to approve the Administration Department's
13 budget?

14 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll make a motion to approve the
15 Administration Department budget.

16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Got a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made the motion. Steve seconded.
19 Any public comment?

20 (No comment.)

21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All in favor?

22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All five ayes.
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- 1 8) ASSESSOR -- Discussion and possible action:
2 A) The overall budget was decreased by \$56,290 from prior
3 year due to the mapping coordinator position being
4 removed;
5 B) Requesting funds to move the part-time deputy assessor
6 I from non-benefited to a part-time benefited
7 position, needs decision made to approve/disapprove
8 C) requesting a \$4,000 increase for additional overtime,
9 needs decision made to approve/disapprove;
10 D) Requesting an increase of \$6,415 in operations for
11 advertising, computer service (ADS), dues,
12 subscriptions, and postage, needs decision made to
13 approve/disapprove;
14 and other matters properly related thereto.
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16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 8. The assessor.
17 Discussion and possible action: A, the overall budget was
18 decreased by \$56,290 from prior year due to the mapping
19 coordinator position being removed; B, requesting funds to move
20 the part-time deputy assessor I from non-benefited to a
21 part-time benefited position, needs decision made to approve or
22 disapprove; C, requesting 4,000 -- \$4,000 increase for
23 additional overtime, needs decision made to approve or
24 disapprove; D, requesting an increase of \$6,415 in operations
25 for advertising, computer services -- ADS, dues, subscription,
26 and postage, needs decision made to approve/disapprove; and
27 other matters properly related thereto.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So Number A is no action;
29 right? So now we move to Number B.

30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Lura?

31 LURA DUVALL: Yeah, sure.

32 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Past 11:30. Thanks.

33 LURA DUVALL: Did you have a question?

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do. Thank you. Yes. Okay. So we
35 have a part-time person right now.

36 LURA DUVALL: Uh-huh.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And they're working how many hours?

38 LURA DUVALL: Nineteen.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Eighteen?

40 LURA DUVALL: Nineteen.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Nineteen.
2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Hold on, Patsy. Sadie, should I put on
3 the record that Doug had to leave?
4 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: That'd be great.
5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah. I just state on the record Doug
6 had to leave for another meeting. And he will be back after
7 lunch. Okay. Sorry, Lura.
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9 (Let the record reflect a quorum of four commissioners.)
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11 LURA DUVALL: Lura Duvall, assessor, for the record. I'm
12 sorry, Patsy. Go ahead.
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. So you want to increase
14 your hours?
15 LURA DUVALL: Yes.
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: To?
17 LURA DUVALL: Twenty-five.
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Twenty-five hours.
19 LURA DUVALL: Yes. Uh-huh.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Which then means it has benefits --
21 LURA DUVALL: Yes.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- with it.
23 LURA DUVALL: Uh-huh. Yeah.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Because in the next one you're
25 asking for overtime. So I guess my question is: Why don't you
26 move full-time on that one?
27 LURA DUVALL: I don't feel that I -- well, this is sort of
28 a progressive transition. I'm going to request that it go to a
29 25-hour. This year we'll see how it goes. Next year, as we
30 start to migrate into the annual recosting that we're going to
31 be forced to do, that I'm the last county that hasn't gone to
32 that. So this is sort of just a migration. The \$4,000 increase
33 in overtime happens periodically over the 5-year cycle depending
34 on where our reappraisal is. This year it's in the southern --
35 the -- the furthestmost southern part of the county, which is
36 Kingston, Gilman Springs, and Austin Road. So it's not feasible
37 to have people travel down there and spend five hours driving
38 down there to do three hours of work and come back. It's
39 just -- it doesn't even work out.
40 So what they do is they leave bright and early 6:00 o'clock

1 in the morning. They stay till dark. And they get home very
2 late. And that's -- like I said, it just happens when we happen
3 to be doing the southern end, which is what we're doing this
4 year. Next year -- I'm not sure where our crazy cycle is next
5 year. But this only happens once or twice in the 5-year cycle.
6 And then it just goes back to the normal overtime. But it just
7 makes a lot more sense to just spend, you know, the 12 hours.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's mostly per diem that you're
9 looking for because --
10 LURA DUVALL: Right.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it isn't your regular day-to-day
12 activity.
13 LURA DUVALL: It isn't. NO.
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Let's go back to the person
15 then --
16 LURA DUVALL: Okay.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- with the 19 hours moving to 25.
18 For that six hours, --
19 LURA DUVALL: Uh-huh.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- all of a sudden we are paying
21 benefits, --
22 LURA DUVALL: Uh-huh.
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- full benefits.
24 LURA DUVALL: No, it's not full benefits. It's only
25 partial.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: How do you get part-time benefits?
27 LURA DUVALL: It's prorated.
28 NAN ANCHO: It's prorated.
29 LURA DUVALL: Uh-huh.
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They still have everything. They
31 still have --
32 NAN ANCHO: They have to cover --
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Insurance?
34 NAN ANCHO: -- the -- they have -- on the insurance, as a
35 part-time employee, they have to cover the difference in the
36 costs. And -- because it's prorated, based on however many
37 hours.
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And PERS. They get PERS.
39 NAN ANCHO: They get PERS. Yes.
40 LURA DUVALL: It's also --

1 NAN ANCHO: And that's only paid on their hours worked, not
2 as a full-time.

3 LURA DUVALL: Yep.

4 NAN ANCHO: But the insurance, the medical, dental, vision,
5 they would have to cover the cost of the difference.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. My -- my question is: For six
7 hours more, it's costing the county how much more?

8 They're going to be moving, like, if they were making \$15 an
9 hour for one, all of a sudden is it costing us \$25 an hour to give
10 them --

11 LURA DUVALL: No.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to move them up? That's what I'm
13 asking. Because the benefits hit us hard.

14 NAN ANCHO: Let's see where we're at.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is it something we could look at to
16 do, like, two part-time people instead of --

17 LURA DUVALL: No.

18 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.

19 NAN ANCHO: If you do two part-time people, then you run
20 into --

21 LURA DUVALL: A union issue.

22 NAN ANCHO: You basically have to hire a full-time.

23 LURA DUVALL: The union won't allow that.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's the PERS people again.

25 NAN ANCHO: Yes.

26 LURA DUVALL: Well, the PERS and the union both -- yeah --
27 won't allow for that.

28 NAN ANCHO: Okay. So I don't think I had the -- part-time
29 person. It increased --

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The point is you need them another six
31 hours, another day.

32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Hold on. For the record, real quick,
33 Doug's back.

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35 (Let the record reflect a quorum of five commissioners.)
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37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: All right. Sorry about that.

38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Short meeting?

39 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So -- they didn't show up.

40 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Oh.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So the -- you've got an extra six
2 hours' worth of work for this person.

3 LURA DUVALL: Well, a lot more than that, but we're going
4 to try to make it work with just 25 hours. Like I said, I was
5 just trying to do it incrementally at this point. We'll see how
6 it works out and then next year it'll be revisited again if we
7 need to go a little bit more. So just kind of a gradual
8 increase.

9 I was just trying to see if we can make it work. And then
10 if -- if we can't, then we'll revisit it next budget year and see
11 what we can do.

12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: And I guess the -- my other question
13 would then be -- because I had to step out for a minute, --

14 LURA DUVALL: I know.

15 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- but the 56,000 decrease in your
16 budget is with these? Or is this --

17 LURA DUVALL: With these changes. So actually --

18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: With these --

19 LURA DUVALL: -- the decrease --

20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- changes --

21 LURA DUVALL: -- was much larger --

22 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- it's still a \$56,000 decrease.

23 LURA DUVALL: -- but that's what the net decrease was --

24 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. So --

25 LURA DUVALL: -- by increasing --

26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh, all right.

27 LURA DUVALL: -- these other items. Yes. The overall is
28 still a \$56,209 decrease.

29 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

30 LURA DUVALL: Yes, that is correct.

31 NAN ANCHO: So to -- to add the benefited part-time
32 position, it adds -- it basically doubles the -- the cost. So
33 she's looking at additional about \$30,000 to the budget with the
34 benefits, insurance.

35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

36 NAN ANCHO: Increase.

37 LURA DUVALL: But again, it's still a decrea- -- an overall
38 decrease of 56,000.

39 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So even -- even with that, --

40 LURA DUVALL: Even with --

1 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- it's still --
2 LURA DUVALL: Yeah, it's still --
3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- a \$56,000 --
4 LURA DUVALL: -- a decrease.
5 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- decrease.
6 LURA DUVALL: Yes. That's correct. Yes.
7 NAN ANCHO: Yes.
8 LURA DUVALL: Yes.
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: All right.
10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I need a motion to approve the assessor's
11 budget.
12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I make a motion to approve the
13 assessor's budget.
14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.
15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Public comment?
16 (No comment.)
17 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
18 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
19 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
20 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
23 LURA DUVALL: Thank you.
24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you, Lura.
25 LURA DUVALL: Thank you.
26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you. Finance.
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, Nan.
28 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Hold on.
29 Let's not run into that again.
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31 **9) FINANCE -- Discussion, no action needed.**
32 **Operations was decreased by \$20,000.**
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34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 9. Finance.
35 Discussion, no action needed. Operations was decreased by
36 20,000.
37 NAN ANCHO: I guess I'll take this one.
38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Self-explanatory.
39 NAN ANCHO: Yeah. Self-explanatory. I reduced my
40 operations by 20,000. Maybe next year, may be a little more.

1 We'll see how the new audit firm does this year. But I'd like
2 to keep a little bit there just in case they have to do
3 additional audit issues because it's their first year. But I
4 did -- I did decrease it by 20,000.

5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Any questions?

6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Uh-uh.

7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Building and planning. Agenda Item
9 Number 11. Building and maintenance. Discussion, no action
10 required. Overall budget was increased due to adding two
11 full-time janitors. Operations was decreased by 20,000.

12 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Are we on 10.

13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Oh, 10. I'm sorry.

14 NAN ANCHO: I was going say. I'm off here.

15
16 **10) BUILDING AND PLANNING -- Discussion, no action needed.**

17 **A) operations was decreased by \$19,000.**

18 **B) Requesting \$1,000 for minor equipment -- rollover.**

19 **Needs decision made to approve/disapprove;**
20 **and other matters properly related thereto.**

21
22 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Building and planning.
23 Discussion, no action needed. A, operations was decreased by
24 19,000. B, requesting a thousand dollars for minor equipment
25 rollover. Needs decision made to approve/disapprove. And all
26 other matters properly related thereto.

27 NAN ANCHO: And that item does not belong in that
28 department.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oops.

30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

31 NAN ANCHO: That will be addressed tomorrow. That should
32 be in the Finance Department.

33 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And -- and that's correct.
34 You'll notice it says, discussion, no action needed. But then
35 it says on B, action needed. So if you could -- if you could
36 just delay this and -- and put it in the finance thing tomorrow,
37 it would be appropriate.

38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And it would make sense.

40 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

1 So we need a motion to do that?
2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion that we move
3 Item B off of 19 here for the -- or 10 for requesting the
4 thousand dollars for minor equipment to be moved to the
5 financial.
6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second that.
7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Steve made the motion. Doug seconded.
8 Public comment?
9 (No comment.)
10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All in favor?
11 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Five ayes.
17 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I've got to excuse myself now.
18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Now Doug's leaving --
19 COMMISSIONER MILLS: My appointment --
20 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- for a meeting.
21 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- showed up. Sorry.
22 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
23
24 (Let the record reflect there is a quorum of four
25 commissioners.)
26
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- have a question on Number 10 yet.
28 Is Jan coming up?
29 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Is she?
30 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yeah.
31 NAN ANCHO: You have questions on Number 10?
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I have a question on Number 10.
33 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Jan? Anna?
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
35 If code enforcement, which is kind of ongoing, is increased a
36 little bit, where are we on that?
37 JAN MORRISON: We de- -- decreased it, I thought.
38 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: What are we?
39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah, it went --
40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Which one are we on?

1 NAN ANCHO: Number 10.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It was 12,000 going to 13,000?
3 ANNA PENOLA: Does he have to read that in?
4 JAN MORRISON: It's in there. We've decreased it by 13-, I
5 believe. That's --
6 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Thirteen.
7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Hold on.
8 JAN MORRISON: I have it. Pardon me?
9 So we --
10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: The --
11 JAN MORRISON: -- we decreased --
12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- code enforcement, did it decrease?
13 NAN ANCHO: Yes, they decreased their code enforcement from
14 20,000 --
15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: To 12-.
16 NAN ANCHO: -- to 12-.
17 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: The sheet says --
18 JAN MORRISON: Yeah, I think it was --
19 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- 12-.
20 JAN MORRISON: -- 25- to 12-.
21 NAN ANCHO: It was 25- to 12-.
22 JAN MORRISON: Yeah. Twenty-five --
23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
24 JAN MORRISON: -- to twelve. We --
25 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Those are all --
26 JAN MORRISON: All of ours --
27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- decreased.
28 JAN MORRISON: -- are decreases.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Okay. Decreased by \$13,000.
30 JAN MORRISON: Yeah. Because we are pretty well up to date
31 on what we're doing?
32 JAN MORRISON: Simply because we don't -- we -- we didn't
33 see a need for it. And -- and so --
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. And tell me on the travel and
35 training. That's --
36 JAN MORRISON: We're --
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You don't --
38 JAN MORRISON: -- consolidating --
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- think we --
40 JAN MORRISON: -- more --

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- need as much training? Or --
2 because your travel's going to be --

3 ANNA PENOLA: Well, we don't have --

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the same back and forth.

5 ANNA PENOLA: -- another position so --

6 JAN MORRISON: That's right.

7 ANNA PENOLA: -- it's just me and Jan. There isn't three.
8 There's two.

9 JAN MORRISON: It's two so --

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So it's still covered okay?

11 JAN MORRISON: We're covered.

12 ANNA PENOLA: I would think so.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: All right. Well, --

14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- good. Congratulations on keeping
16 it down. We appreciate it.

17 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, guys.

18 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.

19 ANNA PENOLA: Thanks.

20 JAN MORRISON: Thanks.

21
22 **11) Building and Maintenance -- Discussion, no action required.**
23 **Overall budget was increased due to adding two (2) full-time**
24 **janitors. Operations was decreased by \$25,000.**
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26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 11. Building and
27 maintenance. Discussion, no action required. Overall budget
28 was increased due to adding two full-time janitors. Operations
29 was decreased by 25,000.

30 Any questions?

31 NAN ANCHO: 2500.

32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Huh?

33 NAN ANCHO: 2500.

34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Did I read that wrong? It says 25,000 in
35 here.

36 NAN ANCHO: The report. Oh. Sorry. I'm on to the next
37 one. Sorry.

38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Oh. Okay.

39 Okay. Number 11? Okay.
40

1 12) **RECORDER -- Discussion, no action required.**
2 **Reduced operations in the amount of \$2,500.**

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4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Twelve. Recorder. Discussion, no action
5 required. Reduced operations in the amount of 2,500.

6 What?

7 Oh. Any questions?

8 Okay.

9 Oh, boy.

10 We should probably wait to do that one.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: After lunch?

12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, Robert, we might as well get
13 started with you guys for a minute.

14
15 13) **SHERIFF -- Discussion and possible action:**

16 **A) Reduced operations in the amount of \$37,000**

17 **Detentions/Jail**

18 **A) Requesting \$6,000 for PSI investigative fees. This**
19 **line item has not previously been requested. Fees**
20 **have been paid out of this line item since 2012.**
21 **Needs decision made to approve/disapprove.**

22 **B) Requesting \$6,500 for minor equipment, \$5,000 rollover**
23 **from FY 2015/'16 and \$1,500 for a computer**
24 **workstation. Needs decision made to**
25 **approve/disapprove.**

26 **Animal Control**

27 **A) Requesting \$2,500 to continue with the feral cat**
28 **program. Needs decision made to approve/disapprove;**
29 **And other matters properly related thereto.**

30
31 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Sheriff. Discussion and possible action.
32 A, reduced operations in the amount of 37,000.

33 Detention/Jail, A, requesting \$6,000 for PSI Investigative
34 fees. This line item has not previously been requested. Fees
35 have been paid out of this line item since 2012. Needs decision
36 made to approve/disapprove, B, requesting 6,500 for minor
37 equipment, 5,000 rollover from fiscal year 2015/'16 and 1500 for
38 computer workstation. Needs decision made to
39 approve/disapprove.

40 Animal control: A, requesting 2,500 to continue with the

1 feral cat program. Needs decision made to approve/disapprove;
2 and all other matters properly related thereto.

3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's all?

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, that's just a start.

5 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Hey, we're just here to please,
6 (indiscernible).

7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: That's just a tentative for their budget.
8 Okay.

9 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Robert -- Robert Quick, for the
10 record, from the Sheriff's Office.

11 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Ron Unger, Sheriff's Office.

12 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: So as -- as far as detentions
13 for the jail under Item A, several years ago we received an
14 unfunded mandate by the state that we had to pay for the
15 presentence investigation reports for P and P, for parole and
16 probation.

17 So that line item was actually put into the budget by the
18 previous finance director, but it was never funded. So ba- --
19 our budget covered it.

20 And the current finance director felt that we need to
21 actually fund the line since it's been there at a zero.

22 And so that's -- that's based on what we've been paying for
23 the last two years.

24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

25 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: As far as line B, the 5,000,
26 that is a -- what we consider a major equipment repair for the
27 jail. Several years ago we had to repai- -- replace a dryer.
28 That's about the only major piece of equipment we've had to
29 replace. But again, we've been in there about 17 years now. So
30 if we have a freezer or refrigerator going out, that's what we
31 would use that for. And we haven't used it to date. So it'd be
32 a rollover at this point.

33 And then the \$1500 is a replacement for one work station in
34 the jail.

35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

36 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: For the animal control, we
37 have, to date, already disseminated all of the available
38 certificates for the feral cats.

39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Seriously.

40 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We've given them all out.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Really?
2 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We have.
3 SHERIFF RON UNGER: That ended -- what? -- two months ago?
4 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Approximately.
5 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Approximately two months ago, we run
6 out of our last --
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Really?
8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So it was a success?
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: But there's a problem that we -- we
10 can only run that program for a year; otherwise, we have to
11 change the ordinances. Isn't that how that went down when we
12 started it, that we could do it for one year?
13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I don't think we have a cat ordinance.
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, we don't --
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- have a cat ordinance.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, we don't.
18 SHERIFF RON UNGER: I think the money --
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So that's why we did it this
20 way.
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: But we could only do it for one year
22 without changing the ordinance.
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, it -- we don't have an
24 ordinance. We were going to see if we were going to change the
25 ordinance --
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- to include that. But you
28 can do it --
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We'll just keep doing it --
30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- you can do it --
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- like this.
32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You can -- every year
33 through --
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- 50 years, if you want.
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It ran out at \$2500 at \$50 a piece,
37 huh?
38 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I -- I believe, Commissioners,
39 that you wanted to see how successful --
40 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Successful --

1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- this --
2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- this was going to be.
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- was.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
5 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We have -- we brought a list
6 with us to provide to the commission for --
7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Are you sure those people had cats and
8 they weren't just getting a voucher?
9 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: No, they had cats.
10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
11 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We actually input the owner's
12 name in and the cat information --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
14 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- into a system.
15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Wow.
16 SHERIFF RON UNGER: And the vet, they're the ones that bill
17 us so we've got a description from the vet on what was done.
18 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: So we put this back into the
19 budget to whatever the commission's pleasure is.
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: If it's being received like that, I
21 think that's -- that's a pretty good response.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Not only that, I think we need to
23 activate the committee again so we can look for some other
24 funding sources so we can continue with something like this.
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I'll call a meeting and let
26 everybody know.
27 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Really that was only 50 cats. And we
28 allowed -- what? -- three -- three vouchers per family.
29 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Per person. Yeah.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's a lot of litters. Fifty cats
31 is a lot of litters. I mean, if -- if -- that's significant.
32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Well, the highlights of the feral
33 cat program.
34 I need a motion.
35 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to approve the
36 sheriff's budget as shown.
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Made by Steve. Seconded by Art. Any
39 public comment?
40 (No comment.)

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All in favor?
2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you, guys.
6 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Thank you very much.
7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you.
8 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Almost painless.
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
10 NAN ANCHO: Wait until the salaries come up.
11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Art?

12
13 **14) AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT -- Discussion, no action needed.**
14 **Reduced operations in the amount of \$16,800.**

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16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Austin Fire Department.
17 Austin?

18 NAN ANCHO: You --

19 DEE HELMING: Yes?

20 NAN ANCHO: -- probably don't have anyone there.

21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Is anyone there for the fire department?

22 DEE HELMING: I guess I am. This is Dee Helming.

23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Dee?

24 DEE HELMING: Yes, again.

25 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Let me -- Agenda Item Number 14.
26 Austin Fire Department. Discussion no action needed. Reduced
27 operations in the amount of 16,800. Okay. I guess we're --
28 that's pretty self-explanatory.

29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

30 DEE HELMING: It is.

31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Good job.

32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good job.

33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Way to go.

34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I think Nan worked on that budget.

35
36 **15) AUSTIN AMBULANCE -- Discussion, no action needed.**
37 **Reduced operations in the amount of \$76,000.**

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39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Austin ambulance. Discussion, no
40 action needed. Reduced operations in the amount of \$76,000.

1 DEE HELMING: I have a question on that. Dee Helming
2 again.

3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

4 DEE HELMING: So does that mean that there will be no
5 ambulance service, period, for Austin?

6 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Is that what that means?

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.

8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: No.

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That is not what that means.
10 As -- as a matter of fact, nothing actually has been
11 finalized. We're still working with Battle Mountain Hospital,
12 which is keeping the EMS. Everything's status quo.

13 And we're going to be looking at some other -- other
14 options on our agendas when it comes up to our equipment.
15 Because I am not in favor of -- of selling our Austin equipment
16 from the county building ambulance and our ambulance and that I
17 still think the county should maintain.

18 DEE HELMING: I agree with that. And I think it would be a
19 mistake because we're not having really good service with the
20 Battle Mountain ambulance, I mean, with the Battle Mountain
21 Hospital anyway. And I think that maybe you should table taking
22 that line item out and wait and see what happens before your
23 final budget hearing.

24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, there wasn't -- there's no action.
25 It's not an action item, Dee.

26 DEE HELMING: Oh. Okay. So it's just basically that's
27 where it is. But this isn't the final budget hearing. So...

28 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: No. And we'll see where we're at and
29 where we need to -- this is -- we're working on it.

30 DEE HELMING: Okay.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: This is just an information item on
34 here of what they're looking at. But we -- as I said, we have a
35 lot more to do. And we'll have more decisions made. And it'll
36 be before the commissioners. So thank you. We appreciate your
37 input.

38 DEE HELMING: Okay. Thank you.

39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, Dee.

1 16) **BATTLE MOUNTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT -- Discussion and possible**
2 **action:**

3 **A) Requesting an increase of \$6,000 in operations for**
4 **utilities. Needs decision made to approve/disapprove;**
5 **and other matters properly related thereto.**
6

7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Battle Mountain Fire Department.
8 Ron?

9 SHERIFF RON UNGER: I'm going to have to refer to Nan on
10 this one.

11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Agenda Item Number 16. Battle
12 Mountain Fire Department. Discussion and possible action
13 requesting an increase of \$6,000 in operations for utilities.
14 Needs the decision made to approve/disapprove, and other matters
15 properly related thereto.

16 NAN ANCHO: Okay. So they didn't request any increases in
17 their operations. But the utilities needs to be increased
18 because they were sharing the building with the ambulance. The
19 ambulance has moved out so it falls solely on the fire
20 department to cover the utilities now.

21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I make a motion that we grant
23 the increase in operations for the fire company.

24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

25 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Art made the motion. Steve
26 seconded it. Any public comment?

27 (No comment.)

28 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

31 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Ron Unger, for the record. Thank you.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

33 NAN ANCHO: You're welcome.

34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Four ayes.

36 Oh, boy.
37

38 17) **BATTLE MOUNTAIN AMBULANCE -- Discussion, no action needed.**
39 **Reduced operations in the amount of \$268,000.**
40

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Battle Mountain Ambulance.
2 Discussion, no action needed. Reduced operations in the
3 amount of 268,000. \$268.
4 NAN ANCHO: 268.
5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: 268.
6 NAN ANCHO: There's --
7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: 268,000. There's a dot on my --
8 NAN ANCHO: Oh, is there?
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah, it's --
10 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Mine's --
11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- not a --
12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- just a comma.
13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- comma. So...
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What? I've got a --
15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, this one says -- in here it
16 has a comma.
17 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah. Anyway. Okay.
18 NAN ANCHO: Huh? And this is due to the deci-- you know,
19 the decision that the commissioners made to terminate the
20 contract. But like you said, there's still --
21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Come back and negotiate.
22 NAN ANCHO: -- come back and talking about it. So this --
23 that's where these numbers are coming from for the balance.
24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right. Okay. Any other questions?
25 (No comment.)
26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: No?
27 With that, we're going to break for lunch.
28
29 (Break taken between 11:59 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.)
30
31 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I call this meeting back to order at
32 1:15. Austin's on the phone.
33
34 **18) DISTRICT ATTORNEY -- Discussion, no action needed.**
35 **Overall budget reduced by \$54,250 due to restructure of**
36 **staff.**
37
38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We are on Agenda Item 18. Nineteen?
39 Agenda Item Number 18. District attorney. Discussion, no
40 action needed. Overall budget reduced by \$54,250 due the

1 restructure of staff.

2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Very good.

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Does this mean that we still don't
4 have a civil attorney?

5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, I'm going try another
6 approach, Commissioner.

7 Instead of the full-time position, I'm going to restructure
8 and try to do something else. I haven't quite figured out what it
9 was yet, but I'm working on it.

10 And by the time of next year, I'll -- I'll be in front of
11 you when -- when my restructure.

12 But it's very difficult to get a full-time deputy who has any
13 experience. And I need somebody experienced to do the -- the jobs
14 that are necessary that -- that need to be done.

15 And so I'm going to try a different approach.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

18 Thank you.

19 Anyone else?

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.

21
22 **19) ARGENTA JUSTICE COURT -- Discussion and possible action:**

- 23 **A) Requesting a salary increase of 72 cents or 3 percent**
24 **for the court administrator position;**
25 **B) Requesting a salary increase of \$1.44 or 8 percent for**
26 **the Court Clerk I/II position;**
27 **C) Requesting a salary increase of \$2.52 or 15.6 percent**
28 **for the Court Clerk I/II position;**
29 **D) Requesting an increase of \$13,120.00 in operations for**
30 **drug court services.**

31 **A, B, C, and D all need decisions to be made to**
32 **approve/disapprove; and other matters properly related**
33 **thereto.**

34
35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Moving on.

36 Argenta Justice Court. Discussion and possible action.
37 Requesting a salary increase of 72 cents or 3 percent for the
38 court administrator position; requesting a salary increase of
39 \$1.44 or 8 percent for the Court Clerk I or II position;
40 requesting salary increase of 2.52 or 15.6 percent for the Court

1 Clerk I or II position; requesting an increase of \$13,120 in
2 operations for drug court services. A, B and C and D all need
3 decision to be made to approve/disapprove; and all other matters
4 properly related thereto.

5 Max.

6 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Good afternoon. My name is Max Bunch.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good afternoon, Judge.

8 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I'm the justice of the peace in Battle
9 Mountain.

10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Max.

11 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Argenta Township. Sorry.

12 The -- the reason for this is that a previous commission, not
13 the current full commission that's here, had -- had the previous
14 finance director go through and -- and reorganize all the
15 salaries.

16 And what happened is that the justice court got left out.
17 They -- they gave a percentage salary, which was the same thing
18 that the employees got.

19 And this -- this -- after I went back with the current
20 finance director and went over all this information to bring
21 them up to equal to about where the other personnel are in -- in
22 the county, that's what these figures are.

23 So what's happened is over the time that that's -- that that
24 took place.

25 So I'm trying to get them back up. I'm not asking for any
26 future retirement people or anything like that, even though I have
27 a staff that may eventually ask for a retirement. But it may not
28 happen in the next fiscal year.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It just seems like a really big
30 increase when you --

31 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, --

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- look at the amounts. And I know --

33 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's because when they were
34 reorganized, it didn't happen whenever (indiscernible) --

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, but you usually come in every
36 year for your staff and your staff usually does -- they've been
37 getting an ongoing increase.

38 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: They've been getting the same thing the
39 union has -- has gotten. But when they did the reorganization
40 and Dean Bullock asked the former finance director to

1 reorganize, go back through the county, check and make sure
2 everybody was equal, when they did a salary comparison --

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I mean, we still have a lot of people
4 in the county that aren't paid, you know, outrageous rates.
5 There are still some that still make very average --

6 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, my people are not part of the
7 union; so they don't get negotiated. And if I don't come in and
8 ask, and the statute says that --

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand.

10 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- me and the commissioners have to make
11 that decision -- and the only time we can make that decision,
12 when it seems fiscally responsible to do it, is during the
13 budget.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I -- I understand all of that.

15 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I do know from past experience
17 that you've always been right there asking. So they've had an
18 increase almost every year. And they have --

19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, --

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- well, they've had an increase every
21 year, actually. You're saying they didn't get as much as --

22 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Their base --

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- they should have.

24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- pay wasn't brought up to the same as
25 the rest of the county.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, that's not true.

27 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yes, that -- that is true. When they did
28 the reorganization and the re- -- and the restructure of the
29 salary scales, justice court did not get included in that, only
30 the administration, the recorder, what- -- whatever the recorder
31 position was from the three counties or four counties that they
32 compared to.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I understand what you're saying.

34 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So -- so that's --

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I'm saying they're not. You know,
36 they're not underpaid. They've been getting increases
37 regularly.

38 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That --

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: But they've getting increases on a
40 lower number. So now we're just trying to --

1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: At a lower --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- catch up and make it even.
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: At a lower base pay.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Catch -- catch up with who?
5 Who is it that we're -- we're trying to make their salary --
6 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: What I --
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- equal to?
8 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: What I'm trying to do is, is I'm trying
9 to make my sal- -- salaries equal to what's currently in the
10 union schedule.
11 You have a union schedule for executive secretaries I, II,
12 III; mechanics I, II, III.
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And you --
14 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: There's a whole -- there's a whole list
15 of things that you have in your union --
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So --
17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- bargaining unit.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So you graciously kept your costs
19 down --
20 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Over the years. Well, it wasn't that I
21 didn't come ask. I just -- it was --
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You kept them down. And we appreciate
23 that.
24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I do.
26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: And then your drug court services,
27 13,120.
28 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, can we address the first three?
29 And I --
30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: You want us to address those?
31 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And -- yeah, if you'd like.
32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Then --
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: At the end, you've got A, B, C, D all
34 tied together. We can do it with one motion.
35 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay. So it's saying an increase of
36 \$13,120.
37 NAN ANCHO: I'll explain that one.
38 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Ms. Ancho and I had a difference of
39 opinion as to whether it's really an increase or decrease.
40 NAN ANCHO: So last year, when the commission approved to

1 increase Judge Bunch's salary for the drug court master, the
2 money was moved from this drug court line that we had budgeted
3 for up into his salaries. So that reduced this expense line
4 item for what -- expenses -- from 20,000 down to 11,880.
5 So now he's requesting to have that line item be 25,000 in
6 this budget. To me, that's increasing it. He says, no, it's re--
7 it's the same. So...

8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Pretty much we're putting the funds back
9 into the drug court fund.

10 NAN ANCHO: Yeah. Drug court line item. Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Line item.

12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So it's not an increase in the
13 drug court line item from last year.

14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.

15 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No. She's saying it is.

16 NAN ANCHO: It is --

17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I'm --

18 NAN ANCHO: -- because --

19 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- saying it's not.

20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I understand what she's saying.

21 NAN ANCHO: It is because --

22 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You're saying what she's saying?

23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'm saying what you're --

24 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.

25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- saying.

26 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's --

27 NAN ANCHO: And I'm not saying what you're saying.

28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I know. I got it.

29 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But we --

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand -- understand that you
31 lost it --

32 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: If you --

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and you want it back.

34 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Anyway, we need it.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

36 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Right.

37 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.

38 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Basically, they transferred that. And --
39 and so -- which they didn't take out of the District Court Fund
40 because the district court was -- was at a bare minimum. And so

1 they didn't take it out of the District Court Fund and put it
2 into the --

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And you feel we truly need that --
4 that extra amount? Have we used it this year? Where are we
5 now?

6 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, we -- we will be using that. We'll
7 be using the remaining amount of it, which as of the month
8 ending February of '16 -- I have the report here -- it was
9 \$11,888 is left over.

10 That will be transferred over to the -- to the Drug Court
11 Fund at -- probably towards the end of the fiscal year.

12 If you'll recall, way back when, we didn't know whether the
13 drug court was going to come out of district court or whether we
14 were going to start a new one, depending on what the district
15 attorney wanted to do and whether he wanted go forward in the old
16 system of the district court drug court. And I think when --
17 when -- when Lander County became part of the drug court.

18 Because if you'll remember, there were different judges
19 previously. And -- and so when it split and everything shook --
20 shook out like most of us thought it was going to, then -- then
21 we were able to keep our money.

22 But we had money in there that we were fearful that the
23 previous district court judge in the Sixth Judicial District may
24 try to sweep and take to Humboldt County. And so we were
25 putting in that in this fund so he couldn't sweep it.

26 And so he wasn't able to sweep it. And what we're going to
27 do is we're going to add this money into that money, which helps
28 us run the drug court for those indigent defendants who can't
29 afford to be in drug court. Those who do -- that are able to be
30 in drug court, pay for drug court. Those who -- who don't, then
31 we try to help out a little bit.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I'm saying you -- you feel we need
33 this much more in it?

34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

35 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, you just -- well, right now we're
36 just starting our program. We probably have -- 15? Somewhere
37 in there. 12? 15? -- we've got 12 or 15 clients. And we're
38 looking at trying to get up to 20.

39 So -- so as we go through this, we're going to end up with
40 more people, which obviously costs us more money for materials,

1 drug patches, different things like that, the testing, maybe
2 even the -- the rehabilitation portion of it.

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So the rest of your budget came
4 in pretty much what it was before.

5 When you look at -- because this is some -- good increases
6 here by the time we finish everything. Is there anything else,
7 like, that you -- you can actually reduce your other budget on?
8 Maybe the phone system or something? by moving into our new
9 facilities?

10 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Actually, I did.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I mean, some of them have.

12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, and overtime got cut out; right?

13 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Overtime did not get cut, I don't
14 believe.

15 In the backup for -- I believe that we -- we reduced our
16 postage line. We reduced our printing line. I took my printing
17 line from a thousand dollars to zero dollars because I didn't
18 think we were going to have to have any printing. I was going to
19 be able to get that taken care of this year.

20 And the phone/fax line was also reduced to a thousand
21 dollars.

22 So there are areas in my budget that I submitted that are
23 in red that are reduced.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

25 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And then I actually indicated that the
26 line -- when I turned in my budget, my sheet said something
27 different than what the current sheet says.

28 Would you agree with that?

29 That it actually said that I had \$25,000. And it got reduced
30 by \$10,000 or, actually, might have said 35-.

31 NAN ANCHO: Well, the way I read it was that --

32 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: At the time that we turned in our
33 budgets.

34 NAN ANCHO: Yes. Was that --

35 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It wasn't -- it wasn't changed yet on --
36 on this. It hadn't been -- come to the commissioners.

37 NAN ANCHO: You hadn't seen it. It had been changed, but
38 you hadn't seen it yet.

39 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay. So when I turned in my budget
40 January 16th, 17th, whatever that was, that's when I did it.

1 And -- and it hadn't -- and I had no idea that it hadn't been
2 changed. I was only operating off the information that I had.
3 Really?

4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. I need a motion.

5 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So there are been -- there has been
6 reductions to it.

7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Motion?

8 Anyone?

9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll make a --

10 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make -- oh. Go ahead.

11 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll make a motion to approve the
12 budget for the Argenta Justice Court.

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

15 Oh, he already did?

16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Art got it. Doug made the motion. Art
17 seconded it. Any public comment?

18 (No comment.)

19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

25 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Thank you, gentlemen.

26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, Max.

27 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And ma'am.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

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30 **20) Austin Justice Court -- Discussion, no action needed.**
31 **No changes.**

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33 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. We are on --
34 Austin Justice Court. Discussion, no action needed. No
35 changes.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No changes, no reductions.

37 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: No nothing.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Judge Schaeffer isn't here?

39 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: He might be in Austin.

40 COMMISSIONER MILLS: He was here this morning.

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: He was here earlier.
2 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: He was here and said he had to go to
3 court in Austin. He might be in Austin. On the phone.
4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Miteshell?
5 MITESHELL LANHAM: Yes?
6 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Is Schaeffer there?
7 MITESHELL LANHAM: He is. He's upstairs.
8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Do you have any questions for him, Patsy?
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just wondered. I -- on part of it
10 --
11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Can you see if he's not busy?
12 MITESHELL LANHAM: I believe he's in session right now.
13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. When he gets done, will you holler
14 at me?
15 MITESHELL LANHAM: Sure.
16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you. We'll come back to that.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
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- 1 21) PUBLIC WORKS -- Discussion and possible action:
2 A) Request an increase of \$6,400 for overtime at Road and
3 Bridge South. Needs decision made to
4 approve/disapprove.
5 B) Requesting funds to hire one (1) part-time employee to
6 be hired five (5) months prior to the retirement of
7 one (1) current employee. This 5-month period would
8 be for training. Needs decision made to
9 approve/disapprove.
10 C) Requesting an increase of \$600 in operations for
11 utilities at the Battle Mountain Landfill. Needs
12 decision made to approve/disapprove.
13 D) Requesting an increase of \$130,300 in operations
14 (\$120,000 for depreciation and \$10,000 for utilities)
15 at the Battle Mountain Water Department. Needs
16 decision made to approve/disapprove.
17 E) Requesting an increase of \$5,000 for depreciation in
18 the Battle Mountain Sewer Department. Needs decision
19 made to approve/disapprove.
20 F) Requesting an increase of \$13,675 in operations
21 (\$20,000 for the Battle Mountain Livestock Event
22 Center and reduced \$6,425 in repair and maintenance).
23 Needs decision made to approve/disapprove.
24 G) Requesting an increase of \$63,000 in operations for
25 the Lander County Convention Center in Battle Mountain
26 (\$8,000 repair and maintenance, \$14,000 service and
27 supplies, \$4,500 tele/fax, \$1,500 travel and training,
28 \$35,000 utilities). Needs decision made to
29 approve/disapprove.
30 H) Requesting \$100,000 for the kitchen/inventory at the
31 Lander County Convention Center in Battle Mountain.
32 Needs decision made to approve/disapprove.
33 And other matters properly related thereto.
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35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Agenda Item Number 21. Public
36 Works. Discussion and possible action: A, request an increase
37 of 6,400 for overtime at Road and Bridge South -- needs
38 discussion made to approve/disapprove; B, requesting funds to
39 hire one part-time employee to be hired five months prior to the
40 retirement of one current employee -- the 5-month period would

1 be for training -- needs decision made to approve and
2 disapprove; C, requesting an increase of 600 in operations for
3 utilities at the Battle Mountain Landfill -- needs decision made
4 to approve or disapprove; D, requesting an increase of 130,300
5 in operations -- 120,000 for depreciation and 10,000 for
6 utilities -- at the Battle Mountain Water Department -- needs
7 decision made to approve or disapprove; requesting -- E,
8 requesting an increase of 5,000 for depreciation in the Battle
9 Mountain Sewer Department -- needs decision made to approve or
10 disapprove; F, requesting an increase of \$13,675 in
11 operations -- 20,000 for the Battle Mountain Livestock Event
12 Center and reduced 6,425 for repair and maintenance -- needs
13 decision made to approve and disapprove; G, requesting an
14 increase of 63,000 in operations for the Lander County
15 Convention Center in Battle Mountain -- 8,000 repair and
16 maintenance, 14,000 service and supplies, 4,500 telephone and
17 fax, 1,500 travel and training, 35,000 utilities -- needs
18 decision made to approve or disapprove; H, requesting 100,000
19 for the kitchen/inventory at the Lander County Convention
20 Center, Battle Mountain -- needs a decision made to approve or
21 disapprove; and other matters properly related thereto.

22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioners.

23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Bert.

24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioners, this is what
25 I -- I explained to you earlier that we dup- -- duplicated
26 certain items.

27 So C, D, E, F, G, and H are going to be talked about
28 individually, starting with Number 26 under Landfill and then
29 under Culture and Recreation/Cemeteries and then under Battle
30 Mountain Water and Battle Mountain Sewer.

31 So -- so instead of doing them twice, I would ask that you
32 take C through H off and -- and let us talk about it later -- on
33 the other items.

34 So just do A and B at this point?

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: A and B?

36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Need a motion.

37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll -- I'll make a motion to table C,
38 D, E, F, G, and H?

39 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

40 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Art made a motion. Doug seconded

1 it. Any public comment?
2 (No comment.)
3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
4 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
6 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Bert.
10 BERT RAMOS: All right.
11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So A and B.
12 BERT RAMOS: Bert Ramos, for the record.
13 The request for the increase for the 6400 for the overtime in
14 Austin, a lot of that depends on the winter, how hard of a winter
15 we have. We went off of our numbers we had this year. We had a
16 fairly hard winter.
17 And then without me being there, being salaried, you have
18 somebody else out making all them calls. So this is to cover us
19 for any upcoming. It's not something that will be spent if we
20 have a light winter. And it's something that gets spent if we
21 have a bad one.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: How did we do this year?
23 BERT RAMOS: Um.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: With the overtime on the snow and
25 such?
26 BERT RAMOS: That's why we put this in here is we ran -- we
27 were running up against it.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we ran in a deficit?
29 BERT RAMOS: I believe so.
30 Nan, do you have --
31 NAN ANCHO: What's that?
32 BERT RAMOS: Did -- did we run into a deficit on our
33 overtime this year in Austin?
34 NAN ANCHO: Yes. Yes, you did. And the year is not done
35 yet.
36 BERT RAMOS: So...
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But we're not short anybody? We're
38 fully staffed there? Just the winter?
39 BERT RAMOS: Yes.
40 You -- well, you're short me.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Did you -- did you bring any weather
2 charts in?
3 BERT RAMOS: Nah.
4 COMMISSIONER MILLS: You have no predictions?
5 BERT RAMOS: Just -- just my good word, buddy.
6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: All right. Okay. Just checking.
7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
8 And B's --
9 BERT RAMOS: And then B, this is -- and I wouldn't ask for
10 this if it was just any position. It's a secretary position.
11 So it's not just an operator or anything like that. It's my
12 secretary up there. And she does a lot of the, you know,
13 permitting and filing for the BLM and everything else that goes
14 on up there.
15 So I would like somebody to get in and get in the swing of
16 things because she is retiring.
17 So...
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Five months --
19 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Five -- yeah.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- of training?
21 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Five months? Does --
22 BERT RAMOS: Well, we can go to three if you'd like.
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I mean, --
24 BERT RAMOS: I'm --
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you know, --
26 BERT RAMOS: -- negotiable.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I mean, --
28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: How long does it take --
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand --
30 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- to train some- --
31 BERT RAMOS: I'm negotiable.
32 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- -body?
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand it when people leave, and
34 it's wonderful to have somebody coincide for a while. But, I
35 mean, --
36 BERT RAMOS: Current- --
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- people do leave. We lost Joy
38 Brandt. And she'd run the place for how many years?
39 And we were, like, lost, absolutely lost. So I do understand
40 it takes a while. But I -- I can't see that kind of time frame.

1 I just...

2 BERT RAMOS: Currently, the secretary's up there, that's up
3 there right now, is only -- we're budgeted for 40 hours a week
4 and she's only doing 30 hours a week because some personal deal.
5 So she's not going to be in there every single day to be able to
6 help somebody with --

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

8 BERT RAMOS: -- every single hump in the road. And there's
9 a lot of important permits and stuff that need filed. And three
10 months would be fine too. But we do need -- we do need some
11 cross-training of some degree. It's different here in Battle
12 Mountain because we have other secretaries that do know the job.
13 Like I say, it's no different if we had a blade operator or
14 somebody else go out. We have other guys that know that job
15 that can come in and help somebody out. But up there --

16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: There's only one person.

17 BERT RAMOS: -- only one. And --

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, I -- I'm even thinking we're
19 sitting here with -- what -- what do you think?

20 You're getting by on 30 hours a week. Can you get by with 20
21 hours a week?

22 BERT RAMOS: Hey, that -- that's your -- that's your call.
23 But I -- this is the --

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, you're the one that has the -- the
25 amount of work. You're the one that I'm looking to for the
26 information.

27 BERT RAMOS: Oh, yeah. As a question? No, there's a --
28 there's a pile of work. And I think that in -- in the ten hours
29 that's been cut off, the secretaries up here have kind of
30 carried that burden to make up the difference.

31 And so they've been helping out with -- with anything that
32 they're short on up there. But they also have -- with Neela
33 (phonetic) being moved over and taking on other jobs. Tammy has
34 had to pick up more. So everybody's picking up more. And there
35 comes a point when the ball starts getting dropped. And we're --
36 we're running right against that.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I might go two months. I can't
38 see where somebody sharp enough can't pick up what you do and
39 learn how to permit and learn how to do this in a month or two.
40 I just can't.

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Grace wants to speak.
2 GRACE POWRIE: Grace Powrie, for the record. I --
3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Grace, come up here, --
4 GRACE POWRIE: Okay.
5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- please. Speakers sometimes pick
6 people up. And they don't.
7 GRACE POWRIE: Okay.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And Austin never can hear you way back
9 there.
10 GRACE POWRIE: I -- I feel his pain.
11 And I -- I presented that earlier.
12 This is even more unique because there is no one else to
13 cover.
14 The other part for Bert -- I worked with Donna. She covers
15 everything down there.
16 Some of those things don't happen every month. Some things
17 you do happen quarterly. Some things you do happen annually.
18 There's so many little things.
19 Even if -- even if somebody came in and Donna was there the
20 whole time, she's never going to be able to teach them
21 everything, but she'll sure help them get a good start.
22 I don't think you realize the details and the little
23 things.
24 Like you said, when Joy left, you were up in arms. Why
25 would you purposely do that to another department when you know
26 someone's leaving?
27 That's where we're coming from. You want us to be managers
28 and you want us to be elected officials and function properly.
29 Don't tie us to where we can't bring someone in that's willing
30 to train someone else.
31 It took Donna a long, long time to learn her job. And
32 she's really good at it.
33 So that's my defense to Donna and to the new employee,
34 whoever it may be, and to Bert and all the people that work.
35 Because what happens is you put the burden on the people
36 that are left. The people in the departments is who feels the
37 pain.
38 And so that's -- that's my -- my two cents' worth.
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
40 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thanks, Grace.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I understand the -- the
2 part of -- of learning and being there and planning. But I -- I
3 mean, you get a sharp individual, I don't know why it would take
4 more than two months.

5 You're never going to know everything. And that's with any
6 position you're in. That's just the -- that's why you call on
7 other people and have the support of our -- our county and the
8 north and such. But --

9 BERT RAMOS: To be honest, I'm just hoping we can get
10 applicants. You know, there's not --

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you have applications out?

12 BERT RAMOS: No. No, no, no, no. I'm -- when -- when we
13 get to that point, I mean, there's not a big pool to draw from.
14 That's the facts that --

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Maybe we --

16 BERT RAMOS: -- need to be considered --

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- should think of --

18 BERT RAMOS: -- for Austin --

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- combining --

20 BERT RAMOS: -- as well.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- perhaps Road and Bridge with our
22 commissioners' office and making it one full-time, one full-time
23 person.

24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well, we'll --

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: There's lots --

26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: That's got to be --

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- of things --

28 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- a different agenda item.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- lots of things to --

30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Let's make a --

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do.

32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Let's make a motion on A and B or take
33 action or not.

34 You want to reduce that to three months?

35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think three.

36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Would you feel more comfortable with
37 that?

38 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I like three.

39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah. So do I. So...

40 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Bert, you good with that?

1 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. I'm good with that.

2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I make a motion that we approve
4 the increase of \$6400 for overtime at Road and Bridge South and
5 that we increase the funds to allow a part-time employee to be
6 hired three months prior to the retirement of the one current
7 employee.

8 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.

9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Steve made a motion. Doug seconded. Any
10 public comment?

11 (No comment.)

12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

13 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

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19 NAN ANCHO: There's one more thing on the --

20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

21 NAN ANCHO: -- Battle Mountain operations that was left off
22 of here and that was their operations budget was decreased by
23 2,200. The north, Battle Mountain north.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How much?

25 NAN ANCHO: In the north. 2,200.

26 So they did do some reduction in their budget.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Thank you, Nan.

28 Thank you, Bert.

29 BERT RAMOS: Thank you.

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31 **22) INDIGENT HEALTH NURSE/SOCIAL SERVICES -- Discussion, no**
32 **action needed.**

33 **No changes.**

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35 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 22. Indigent health
36 nurse, social services. Discussion, no action needed. No
37 changes. Self-explanatory.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do have a question on that though.

39 Are we paying the same rent at the hospital that we were
40 paying for the roundhouse?

1 NAN ANCHO: Yes, we're still paying the same rent.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Same one?
3 NAN ANCHO: Uh-huh.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
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7 **23) STATE MEDICAL -- Discussion, no action needed.**
8 **No changes.**
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10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 23.
11 State Medical. Discussion, no action needed. No changes.
12 NAN ANCHO: No changes to this one. It basically is
13 mandated what we have to have that in the fund. So no changes.
14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Thank you, Nan.
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16 **24) AG EXTENSION -- Discussion, no action needed.**
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18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 24. Ag Extension.
19 Discussion, no action needed. No changes.
20 NAN ANCHO: Nothing.
21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
22 NAN ANCHO: They kept their budget the same.
23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Cruise on through these.
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25 **25) SENIOR CENTER (AGED SERVICES) -- Discussion and possible**
26 **action.**

- 27 **A) Requesting \$23,500 for minor equipment to be rolled**
28 **over from the FY 2015-16. Needs decision made to**
29 **approve/disapprove; and other matters properly related**
30 **thereto.**
31 **B) Operations reduced by \$6,250 due to janitorial**
32 **contract ending.**
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34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item number 25. Senior center,
35 aged services. Discussion and possible action: A, requesting
36 22,500 [verbatim] for minor equipment to be rolled over from the
37 fiscal year '15/'16 -- needs decision made to
38 approve/disapprove, and other matters properly related thereto;
39 B, operations reduced by 6,250 due to janitorial contract
40 ending.

1 NAN ANCHO: So in the senior center budget, the 23,500 that
2 she's asking to roll over is basically donations from Newmont.
3 But it's built in her budget. So she only uses it when she
4 needs it. So she's not using it this year; so she would like to
5 continue rolling it over. It's not county money. She uses the
6 donations.

7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

8 NAN ANCHO: And then the operations was reduced because the
9 contract ended and we have in-house janitorial so...

10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So do we just hold on to the money for
11 her or...

12 Nan?

13 NAN ANCHO: For the?

14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: The donation money?

15 NAN ANCHO: Yes. It goes into her fund. And then she uses
16 it for what she needs for the senior center. And she budgets
17 for it.

18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

19 NAN ANCHO: And if she doesn't need it, she doesn't spend
20 it so...

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So you just need a motion on A?

22 NAN ANCHO: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The rollover? I'll make a motion that
24 we roll over the 23,500 for minor equipment for the senior
25 center.

26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second. Oh.

28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Patsy made the motion. Art seconded.
29 Any public comment?

30 (No comment.)

31 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

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- 1 26) **LANDFILL -- Discussion and possible action:**
2 A) **Battle Mountain -- operations increased by \$600 due to**
3 **increase in utilities. Needs decision made to**
4 **approve/disapprove.**
5 B) **Austin -- no changes.**
6 **And all other matters properly related thereto.**
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8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Landfill. Discussion and possible
9 action: A, Battle Mountain operations increased by 600 due to
10 increase in utilities -- needs decision made to
11 approve/disapprove; B, Austin -- no changes; and all other
12 matters properly related thereto. This --

13 NAN ANCHO: And --

14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- is pretty self explanatory.

15 NAN ANCHO: This --

16 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: \$600.

17 NAN ANCHO: Yeah. We had -- we just had to increase the
18 utilities in the landfill budget --

19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

20 NAN ANCHO: -- for the operations.

21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to approve the
22 operations increase of \$600 for the landfill.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Steve made the motion. Doug seconded.
25 Any public comment?

26 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
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- 34 27) **AIRPORTS (BATTLE MOUNTAIN AND AUSTIN) -- Discussion and**
35 **possible action:**

36 A) **Austin airport is requesting an increase of \$1,375 in**
37 **operations for the AWOS contract. Needs decision made**
38 **to approve/disapprove; and other matters properly**
39 **related thereto.**

40 B) **Battle Mountain Airport has no changes.**

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2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 27. Airport, Battle
3 Mountain and Aus- -- Austin. Discussion and possible action.
4 Austin Airport is requesting an increase of 1,375 in
5 operations for the AWOS contract. Needs decision made to
6 approve/disapprove, and other matters properly related thereto;
7 B, Battle Mountain Airport, no changes.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: On --

9 NAN ANCHO: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the Austin one, I -- I might note
11 that we actually did decrease two of our areas down --

12 NAN ANCHO: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- for \$2,000. But the AWOS was
14 something we didn't have any control over when they increased
15 that part. So that's -- so we did try.

16 NAN ANCHO: Yep, they did.

17 Some things you --

18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Very good.

19 NAN ANCHO: -- just can't control; is there?

20 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right. Well, with that...

21 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll make a motion that we approve the
22 budget for the Battle Mountain, Austin Airports with Austin
23 increasing \$1,375 for the AWOS system.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made the motion. Art seconded. Any
26 public comment?

27 (No comment.)

28 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

30 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

31 CHAIRMAN BAKKER AND COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

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1 28) CULTURE AND RECREATION/CEMETERIES -- Discussion and possible
2 action:

3 A) Golf course: Reduced operations in the amount of
4 \$25,250.

5 B) Parks: Requesting increase of \$13,675 in operations
6 (\$20,000 for Livestock Events Center, reduced R&M
7 \$6,425).

8 A and B need decision made to approve/disapprove.

9 C) Pool: No changes.

10 D) Civic Center: Requesting \$63,000 for operations (R&M,
11 \$8,000; service and supplies, \$14,000; tele/fax
12 \$4,500; travel and training, \$1,500; utilities,
13 \$35,000).

14 E) Request \$100,000 for kitchen inventory.

15 D and E needs decision made to approve/disapprove; and all
16 other matters properly related thereto.

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18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Twenty-eight. Culture and
19 Recreation/Cemeteries. Discussion and possible action: A, golf
20 course: reduced operations in the amount of \$25,250; B, parks:
21 requesting increase of \$13,675 in operations, 20,000 for
22 Livestock Events Center, reduced R&M 6,425. A and B need
23 decisions made to approve/disapprove; C, pool: no changes; civic
24 center -- or D, Civic Center: requesting -- yeah -- 63,000 for
25 operations -- R&M, 8,000; service and supplies, 14,000;
26 telephone and fax, 4,500; travel and training, 41,500
27 [verbatim]; utilities, 35,000; E, request 100,000 for kitchen
28 inventory. D and E needs decision made to approve/disapprove;
29 and all other matters properly related thereto.

30 D and E were discussed during Agenda Item Number 21. You
31 guys caught that.

32 Okay.

33 Let's do A and B.

34 Any questions?

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, A, that's just -- that's just --

36 NAN ANCHO: That --

37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- a -- information; right?

38 NAN ANCHO: Right. They reduced --

39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

40 NAN ANCHO: -- their budget.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It would be B.
2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah, we just need approval on B.
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Or disapprove.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll make a motion to approve B for
6 the culture and recreation/cemeteries in the amounts of 13,675.
7 And 20,000 and 6,425. Oh, it's reduced 6,425. So it'd be
8 13,675 and 20,000.
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Uh-uh.
10 NAN ANCHO: No, they -- they're requesting the increase of
11 13,675. And how did I come with that is they added 20,000 for
12 the livestock, but they reduced their repair and maintenance --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. I got --
14 NAN ANCHO: -- to make it 13-.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I got it. Okay.
16 Rescind my motion. I'll make a new motion to increase the
17 parks by \$13,675.
18 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Is that right, Nan?
19 NAN ANCHO: Yes.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's right.
23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.
24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Art made the motion. Doug
25 seconded. Any public comment?
26 (No comment.)
27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just a minute. I --
29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I do have a question on it.
31 Because I -- we're moving over the livestock to parks. And why
32 do we want that kind of money?
33 NAN ANCHO: The livestock has always been a line item in
34 the park's budget. So we're increasing it by \$20,000.
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And why are we doing that?
36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: For -- quite a few things. We were
37 planning on fixing it up a little better and maybe putting on a
38 rodeo -- a Lander County-sponsored rodeo.
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is the one that your fair one is
40 coming under?

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: It would be. Yes. That's why we're not
2 -- that's why we didn't grant that 6,000.
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. But I want us to talk about it.
4 I mean, maybe you know it, but the rest of us don't know that.
5 So I -- I want it just a little bit clearer on what we're doing.
6 So that's going to county -- that's going to cover the county
7 fair?
8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yes.
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And if the county fair wants 13,000,
10 they can have 13,000? or it doesn't come back before us? It's
11 just the --
12 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Well. No, --
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- advisory board?
14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- it will. But, see, right now we need
15 to approve the budget.
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I -- I mean for the final. But
17 that's not what I mean. I mean, I -- I understand that part.
18 But I'm saying, this is what we're doing? We're not breaking it
19 down separately?
20 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Not yet. We -- we will have a breakdown
21 after our --
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: On --
23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- advisory board.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the final budget.
25 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: No. Well, when the advisory board comes
26 up with numbers and exactly what they're going to do, they will
27 present it to us for approval.
28 Right now we're just building a budget.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We need finances.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand that. But we've been so
32 clear about everything that we're doing and trying to cut. And
33 all of sudden it's \$13,000 and I didn't see any reason why.
34 That's what I'm asking. And you're saying, it's going to
35 include a fair and some other events?
36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Uh-huh.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's going --
38 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think --
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to make us more than --
40 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- a fair -- I think a fair and some

1 other maintenance.

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And some other?

3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Maintenance.

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Maintenance.

5 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I don't know about other events.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You need to say something, Casey?

9 CASEY GUNTHER: I can clarify, if you need me to, a little

10 bit. Bert, you want to come up here with me and address the --

11 BERT RAMOS: Sure. I'll do that.

12 CASEY GUNTHER: Casey Gunther, chairman of the Livestock

13 Event Center Board. And Bert Ramos with me.

14 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Guys?

15 CASEY GUNTHER: How you doing?

16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Good.

17 CASEY GUNTHER: So as I understand, the \$6,000 is going to

18 be in there to cover the fair. The remainder of that is to

19 cover a rodeo that is being scheduled and sponsored by Lander

20 County, as well as further improvement, maintenance items on the

21 next commissioner meeting coming up on the 24th, I believe.

22 We are going to be presenting a new licensee agreement for

23 use of the facility, membership, boarding, all things that were

24 discussed previously in the fee -- in the fee structure. This

25 is going towards making all that applicable with fencing, gates,

26 boarding facilities. That's all included in that.

27 Anything else, Bert?

28 BERT RAMOS: You got it.

29 CASEY GUNTHER: Outstanding. I don't know if that helps

30 clear it up, Commissioner Waits, or not, but --

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's all pretty general for \$13,000,

32 guys.

33 Okay.

34 BERT RAMOS: Well, that's all it can be, though, for now

35 because we don't have the actual structure. So it's just for

36 the budget.

37 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah, we're --

38 BERT RAMOS: And then --

39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- adding --

40 BERT RAMOS: -- you have to --

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- the numbers --
2 BERT RAMOS: -- still --
3 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- in the budget and then they're going
4 to present what those numbers --
5 CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.
6 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- are going --
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- for.
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand what we're doing. That's
10 okay.
11 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: (Indiscernible.) Yeah.
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But, I mean, we're putting everybody
13 else to the test here. And all of a sudden, I want this money.
14 We're going, okay. It's yours. Well, maybe it is. But --
15 okay. I -- I certainly, when -- when we do the final budget --
16 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Right.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I hope you have some closer
18 figures.
19 CASEY GUNTHER: We should by that -- that point in time.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Uh-huh. Okay. All in favor?
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye. We made the motion and seconded it.
25 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh, okay.
26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Patsy cut us off.
27 COMMISSIONER MILLS: All right.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
29 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I didn't know --
30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So...
31 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- for that part.
32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: I did. Okay. C, full. No changes.
33 We're on to D and E. Keith? Anyone?
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, this is in anticipation, once
35 again, of building the budget in anticipation of us taking over
36 the civic center and having to equip it.
37 Currently, the inventory at the civic center is owned by
38 the Culture and Rec. And with no discussion thus far, we don't
39 know if they're taking it, if they're going to leave it, or
40 what. So we're -- this is in anticipation.

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: You're building a budget just in case.
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Along with the taking it or leaving it
4 would also be negotiations of perhaps purchasing it. And I
5 think that's a heck of a lot of money.
6 MITESHELL LANHAM: Commissioners' office.
7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah, go ahead, Miteshell. Miteshell?
8 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Sounds like she's answering the phone.
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Oh.
10 KEITH WESTENGARD: That's.
11 MITESHELL LANHAM: Sorry. Somebody was trying to call me
12 on another phone.
13 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Oh. Okay. Thank you.
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: That's correct. Like, just as the past
15 request, this is just to put the bu- -- put the money in the
16 budget or to build a budget.
17 There's always options out there.
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Tell me what would happen if we -- if
19 we don't do this and all of a sudden we get everything back and
20 they take what is theirs and we're sitting here with this empty
21 building --
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I --
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and there's nothing in the budget,
24 what would the county do as an emergency?
25 KEITH WESTENGARD: We would have an empty building. We
26 would have to come back and discuss it with the commission which
27 would put a -- a big burden on Nan --
28 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: You'd have to augment --
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to have to --
30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- the budget.
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: Augment the budget.
32 So this -- this is in -- in anticipation.
33 If we are able to negotiate something, the figures will
34 change. If we're not, then we have gotten quotes for these
35 things for -- for everything that's in -- in these numbers.
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm having a tough time trying to
37 balance the budget with a couple hundred thousand dollars just
38 sticking out here.
39 What's the final on our budget? Is it May?
40 NAN ANCHO: The final is -- yes -- the end of May.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So hopefully --
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: And --
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we -- we can get on with some terms
4 and -- and take care of this so we're not sitting like this and
5 we can actually have a -- have a good viable budget and not
6 maybes maybes.
7 KEITH WESTENGARD: The letter from Amens Law, the -- the
8 90th day is May 7th or 9th, I believe. So...
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Do we --
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, but --
11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: -- need to get on it before?
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Early April we should have a 30-day.
13 And once we have the 30-day in hand and I get with -- with the
14 DA --
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, --
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to finalize --
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and you say --
18 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- we'll know --
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you say --
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- where to go.
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that like you -- you're assuming.
22 And I'm going, I think it's still open for negotiations so...
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'm assuming for --
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, we'll go --
25 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the worst.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on to something else, but this is
27 really important.
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'm assuming for -- not the --
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And we need to deal --
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- worst.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- with this, --
32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- not ignore it.
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: We're not ignoring --
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just deal --
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- with it. Okay.
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: That's correct. And I don't want to say
39 where I'm assuming for the worst. I'm anticipating having to do
40 this.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand.
2 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Forward thinking.
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. I was told the county needs more
5 of that the other day.
6 Anyway, can I get a motion?
7 Or --
8 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Is that for only D?
9 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Yeah.
10 Well, D and E.
11 COMMISSIONER MILLS: D and E.
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: D and E.
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: D and E.
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.
15 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Wait. Can we approve this as just
16 saying part D and E of the bu- --
17 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Uh-huh.
18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. I make a motion that we approve
19 the budget for Culture and Recreation/Cemeteries part D and E.
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: B?
21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the --
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: D.
23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- motion.
24 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made the motion. Steve seconded.
25 Any public comment?
26 (No comment.)
27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?
28 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
29 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
30 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.
31 Art? Or -- well, if you're going to say aye, Art, because
32 obviously she's not.
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. All opposed?
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye. I -- I am opposing. I
36 understand of -- of pre-planning. But I'm a bit more positive
37 about this, thinking we should really be in negotiations.
38 Why -- why we would pay this kind of money when we've got
39 something already taken care of is way beyond me; so I'm voting
40 against it.

1 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. So noted. Four eyes, one nay.
2 Agenda Item Number 30. Battle Mountain Sewer. Discussion
3 and possible action requesting an increase of 5,000 for depr- --
4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: What about 29?
5 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Oh, did I skip one?
6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Then that's twice now.

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9 **29) BATTLE MOUNTAIN WATER -- Discussion and possible action.**
10 **Requesting an increase of \$130,000 in operations (\$120,000**
11 **for depreciation, \$10,000 utilities). Needs decision made to**
12 **approve/disapprove; and all other matters properly related**
13 **thereto.**
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15 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Item Number 29. Battle Mountain
16 Water. Discussion, possible action requesting an increase of
17 130,000, operations at 120,000 for depreciation.

18 Didn't we already go over this, Ted?

19 NAN ANCHO: That was one of those that you had to set aside
20 because it was in the public works.

21 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Depreciation. 10,000 utilities.
22 Needs decision made to approve/disapprove; and all other matters
23 properly related thereto.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What's the -- what's the depreciation
25 factor here?

26 NAN ANCHO: Whenever you have equipment, --

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

28 NAN ANCHO: For, like, our wells, or -- what's -- this --
29 the depreciation went up when we brought our Well Number 9
30 online. It increases our depreciation by about 130,000 that we
31 need to -- we have to book.

32 It's --

33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Water.

34 NAN ANCHO: Yeah. Infrastructure.

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Do we need a motion or were we tabling
38 this or --

39 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: No, we moved it. We need a motion --
40 yep -- to approve or disapprove.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLS: To approve or disapprove? Okay. I
2 make a motion that we approve the Battle Mountain Water budget.

3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

4 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made the motion. Steve seconded.
5 Any public comment?

6 (No comment.)

7 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All those in favor?

8 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

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14 **30) BATTLE MOUNTAIN SEWER -- Discussion and possible action:**
15 **Requesting an increase of \$5,000 for depreciation. Needs**
16 **decision made to approve/disapprove; and all other matters**
17 **properly related thereto.**
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19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 30. Battle Mountain
20 Sewer. Discussion and possible action requesting an increase of
21 5,000 depreciation. Needs decision made to approve/disapprove;
22 and all other matters properly related thereto. Same thing.

23 NAN ANCHO: Same thing. The Sewer was -- was keeping pace
24 with the depreciation. They're slowly increasing, not like a
25 big hit like the water system took. So I just need to increase
26 it by another 5,000. Hopefully it'll be good.

27 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll make a motion that we approve the
29 Battle Mountain Sewer budget.

30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

31 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made the motion. Steve seconded.
32 All -- any public comment?

33 (No comment.)

34 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: All in favor?

35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

37 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

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1 31) OTHER GENERAL EXPENSES -- Discussion and possible action:
2 Requesting an increase of \$156,000 for computer services due
3 to an increase of ADS, new phone system, and fiber optics for
4 the new administration building. Needs decision made to
5 approve/disapprove; and other matters properly related
6 thereto.
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8 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Agenda Item Number 31. Other General
9 Expenses. Discussion and possible action requesting an increase
10 of 156,000 for computer services due to an increase of ADS, new
11 phone system, and fiber optics for new the administrative
12 building. Needs decision made to approve/disapprove; and other
13 matters properly related thereto.

14 NAN ANCHO: Okay. This one is -- is related to the
15 transfer that I talked about earlier. The assessor is going to
16 transfer 125,000 from her tech fund to help cover this cost due
17 to all the new fiber optics for the sheriff's office, this
18 building, Austin, the new technology for the county.

19 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. I make a motion that we approve
21 the Other General Expenses budget.

22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made a motion. Steve seconded it.
24 Any public comment?

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Are we going to put a figure in there?

26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: It's in there.

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, okay.

28 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: So...

29 All in favor?

30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

31 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

32 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Aye.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

35 TAMMY DIMOTROFF: Sean?

36 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Tammy?

37 TAMMY DIMOTROFF: Sorry. Going back to the -- it's come to
38 our attention, Number 29 on Battle Mountain Water, requesting an
39 increase of 130,000. She says 130- and this other one says one
40 thirty-three hundred.

1 NAN ANCHO: It's 130-. That was a typo there on your page.
2 TAMMY DIMOTROFF: Thank you.
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5 **COMMISSIONERS**
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7 **32) Discussion for possible action regarding Capital Outlay**
8 **requests by department, and other matters properly related**
9 **thereto.**
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11 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. Agenda Item Number 32. Discussion
12 for possible action regarding Capital Outlay requests by
13 department, and other matters properly related thereto.

14 NAN ANCHO: Okay. This is the special funds capitals --
15 all the funds outside the general.
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17 **Aged Services Capital Outlay Request**
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19 And first one we have is Aged Services. There, again,
20 23,500. And that is -- comes from the Newmont donations, but she
21 puts -- holds that money just for her fixed assets and minor
22 equipment.

23 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Okay. We need to approve these
24 individually, Ted?

25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Pardon me?

26 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: We need to approve these individually as
27 we go?

28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes. Yes.

29 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Didn't we already do that when we
30 rolled it over?

31 NAN ANCHO: That was minor equipment; this is capital.

32 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh.

33 NAN ANCHO: And this is a rollover. So she's just asking
34 to roll this one over.

35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. I make a motion that we approve
36 the rollover for aged services on their fixed assets of \$23,500.

37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

38 CHAIRMAN BAKKER: Doug made a motion. Steve seconded it.
39 Any public comment?

40 (No comment.)