

1 The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in
2 regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Lander County
3 Courthouse in Battle Mountain, Nevada, 315 S. Humboldt Street,
4 on November 5, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. Transcript produced by
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7 **PRESENT: STEVEN STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER**
8 **PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER**
9 **SEAN BAKKER, COMMISSIONER**
10 **ART CLARK III, COMMISSIONER**
11 **DOUG MILLS, COMMISSIONER**
12 **KEITH WESTENGARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
13 **SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK**
14 **THEODORE HERRERA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
15 **NAN ANCHO, FINANCE DIRECTOR**
16 **BECKY JOHNSON, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**
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18 Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of five
19 commissioners.
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21 Let the record reflect the presence of Austin via telephone
22 conference.
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24 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I'd like to call to order the
25 November 5th, 2015, meeting of the Lander County Commissioners,
26 Town Board of Battle Mountain, and Austin Board of city --
27 Highway Commission to order.

28 And would you please follow me in the pledge.
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30 (Pledge of Allegiance)
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32 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Now we'll have a moment of silence,
33 please.
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35 (Moment of silence)
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38 **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**
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40 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's go to commissioners'

1 reports on meetings, conferences, and seminars attended.

2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. Where to begin.

3 I went to a meeting with -- NDOT was here to do a -- a
4 public meeting. And we discussed a bunch of -- it's kind of a
5 repeat of the issues that we presented to them when we came here
6 to present some things to the commission last spring, whenever
7 that was. We covered a lot of -- of different things.

8 It was interesting. They had us sit in groups and come up
9 with what we thought were priorities. And there were some new
10 ideas that came out of that that are kind of interesting and I
11 think NDOT would be interested in helping with. One of those,
12 in particular, was to connect the Old 8A to the exit on the
13 south side of the freeway on the east side of town, which I
14 think would open up a lot of access to some things in our
15 county. That would also alleviate a lot of the pressure on the
16 overpass over 305 across the freeway, I think, from all those
17 people coming from Hill Top.

18 But it was a good meeting. They were very open and
19 receptive to the ideas we had. And it was really a good
20 meeting.

21 We had a debt management meeting. The county has no debt
22 so that was pretty easy. But the school district now has
23 \$2 million in debt to finish their construction. So there is --
24 there is debt in the county. It's just not ours. So it's not
25 all bad.

26 LE- -- there was supposed to be a LEDA meeting, but it was
27 canceled.

28 Last night we had a hospital board meeting. There are a
29 couple of things I want to say pertaining to the hospital. As
30 you all may know, there was a -- a guy came in to the lobby of
31 the emergency room and committed suicide the other day. I have
32 to -- I have to compliment the hospital on the way they handled
33 that situation. They handled it very well. They have protocols
34 in place to handle those things, and they followed those
35 protocols really well.

36 The sheriff's department handled everything really well.
37 They were really quick to arrive. And they -- need also to be
38 complimented in the way they handled things.

39 It could have been a much, much worse situation than it
40 was. I think in -- I'll just say we dodged a bullet, but I

1 don't know if that's appropriate. It just could have been a lot
2 worse than it was.

3 And the hospital handled it well. They followed the
4 protocols. And they need to be congratulated and recognized for
5 the way they handled that.

6 From the meeting last night, there are some issues with the
7 Kingston clinic that we're trying to work out. The clinic is
8 doing a good job, but they're having some difficulties with the
9 way that the clinic's budgeted with being able to have enough
10 hours to accomplish the things they feel they need to do. And
11 we're trying to figure out ways to make that work. So there's
12 some things going on there.

13 We have gone out and publicized the opening for the CEO
14 position. And at this point, we have 15 applicants that have
15 submitted --

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many applicants?

17 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Fifteen.

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Fifteen.

19 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Fifteen applicants for that position,
20 which is impressive.

21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Wow.

22 COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's pretty good.

23 As you know, there are two open seats on the board. Seat
24 B, which is from southern Lander County, has been advertised.
25 And I believe there's one application for that position.

26 The hospital board would like to see that before it comes
27 to the commission, which I think would be appropriate. And same
28 thing for Seat C, which is a northern Lander County position.
29 And the -- the board -- the hospital board would like to see the
30 applications for that and make recommendations --

31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, the --

32 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- before it comes to the commission.

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, there's only one applicant.

34 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The hospital board -- and I've
35 already discussed this with Keith. When -- when Keith or Sadie
36 gets a letter, a copy needs to be sent to the hospital board so
37 they can. Because they have all the right by statute and by
38 ordinance to make a recommendation.

39 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So that's --

1 COMMISSIONER MILLS: We just --
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- already in the byplay.
3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: We just want to make sure that --
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yep.
5 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- goes through.
6 The hospital is doing a survey about the needs that the
7 people of the county want from the hospital.
8 And Kelly Price, who's our interim CEO, has copies of that.
9 KELLY PRICE: Copies.
10 COMMISSIONER MILLS: And we would really appreciate if
11 everybody would fill that out and help us out at the hospital in
12 getting some of those done.
13 KELLY PRICE: Should I just -- do you want me to give you a
14 bundle?
15 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, if you would.
16 KELLY PRICE: Hand out ten and then if anybody else wants
17 one, I'd love for you to fill it out. Right now we only have a
18 hun- -- well, as of Monday, November 2nd, we only had 139
19 turned into the school of medicine. And so we need more -- we
20 need closer to 300. So...
21 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So we're -- we're asking help from
22 everybody in the county, I guess, to -- to help get these filled
23 out and submitted for the hospital. It will be really
24 beneficial to the hospital in getting some things done we need
25 to do.
26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Why did that just go to Reno? Doug?
27 COMMISSIONER MILLS: It's -- that's through -- how's that
28 work?
29 Because the -- the survey is required by federal mandate.
30 And it's handled through the University of Nevada Reno School of
31 Medicine.
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Just curious.
33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So...
34 Yeah. We're not doing it for fun. We're doing it because
35 we have to. So...
36 KELLY PRICE: There's a big fine associated with it if
37 we -- we don't get it done. So...
38 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.
39 KELLY PRICE: So we're -- we're trying to stay in
40 compliance.

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And we'll help you out.
2 KELLY PRICE: Well, thank you. Anybody wants any bundles
3 or it's on Survey Monkey. So...
4 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.
5 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Kelly, --
6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: And then.
7 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: You should identify yourself, please.
8 KELLY PRICE: Oh. I'm sorry. Kelly Price. Interim CEO,
9 for the record.
10 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Just so it's on the recording.
11 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right. And then just one last -- well
12 --
13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Kelly, you can leave a bundle at the
14 coffee shop if you want.
15 COMMISSIONER MILLS: The new building that the hospital
16 built, the John Peters Building, was going to be available to
17 the state for their mental health organization to have some
18 space rented from us there.
19 But due to circumstances, one of those being a security
20 problem at the hospital with a guy committing suicide over there
21 the other day and some other issues, we've decided that the
22 hospital's going to use that space for our own staff, mainly
23 our -- who is it? -- it's finance --
24 KELLY PRICE: Finance, IT, and Compliance, Infection
25 Control.
26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.
27 KELLY PRICE: They're all out in the trailer.
28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: They're all out in trailers behind the
29 hospital. And they don't have restrooms out there. The
30 security's poor. There's some issues.
31 So we're going to put them into the John Peters Building
32 and not lease that space to the state mental health group.
33 We were thinking that because we have the annex building
34 that is going to become available when we move into the new
35 courthouse, maybe even though we've got some offers from the
36 community college in Elko, to possibly use that space. We were
37 thinking maybe that could be made available to the state and let
38 them either rent or lease or buy or whatever they want to do
39 with it, as an option. Because they need somewhere to go.
40 So we just thought we'd kind of throw that out there.

1 Other than that, there is a livestock event center meeting
2 this evening.

3 And other than that, I think that's all I've -- that's all
4 I've got.

5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's it?

6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's it.

7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Are you sure?

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's all.

9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think I'll quit there.

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And when -- when do you think that
11 you'll get through all 15 résumés and find a CEO?
12 That's going to be quite a process.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I believe the deadline for submitting
14 applications is November 15th?

15 KELLY PRICE: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, so you just --

17 COMMISSIONER MILLS: And after that we'll start looking at
18 them --

19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So you could have more?

20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Possibly.

21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, that's good.

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's good.

23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Wow, that's kind of hard to follow.
24 I really didn't -- I had a bunch of little meetings that I'm not
25 going to report on, really.

26 I had a fair and rec board. We talked about water rights
27 and the golf course. As you guys may know, we're going to redo
28 the water system at the golf course in a couple of the holes.
29 We've got some water work -- rights we've got to get worked out.
30 And then that's about it for once.

31 I really -- we didn't have a rec center meeting or anything
32 this go around. So...

33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. I had a PLUAC meeting. And we
34 talked about sage grouse and then we talked about sage grouse.
35 Then we talked about sage grouse. Then we talked about sage
36 grouse.

37 There were -- there was some good news that Dan Tomera
38 brought forward. And that was that they finally -- the powers
39 that be finally agreed that they could fence off the six acres
40 in nine different locations in the Argenta Allotment that's been

1 established as critical riparian areas.

2 Last season, the ranchers were told, if you try to fence
3 this off, we'll take the fence posts out quicker than you can
4 put them in. So that was a -- that was a big -- a big hurdle
5 that they got over.

6 I also attended a rather interesting NRA meeting in Elko.
7 And what's coming in November 16th to Nevada is the Bloomberg
8 Initiative to basically start -- or will destroy our second
9 amendment rights.

10 Now it -- what they did was they couldn't get it through
11 the state legislature so Bloomberg sent people with petitions to
12 the Reno, Carson, and Las Vegas area. And they had two
13 clipboards. And they said if you sign this petition, it's for
14 medical marijuana. If you sign this petition, it's for
15 recreational marijuana, when all the time they were collecting
16 signatures for the universal background check stuff.

17 So we need to be aware of that. And we need to vote that
18 down in November.

19 I also went to game board meeting last night. The game
20 board supports our endeavors with the sage hen. We talked more
21 about the sage hen. And I -- I did a little bit of research
22 because I'm -- I'm going to go -- I'm really interested in
23 seeing what a 400- to 600-dollar-an-hour attorney does. And the
24 --

25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We got one right there.

26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They don't do anything that I
27 don't do.

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: The -- the big issue for me is I
29 wanted to research the judge -- the judge's background that's
30 going to be hearing this case. The Judge is Miranda Du. She is
31 from Vietnam. And she was appointed by Obama and endorsed by
32 Harry Reid.

33 The same judge -- I don't know if you're familiar with the
34 area 15, one, Area 51 land issue. And this judge heard the case
35 and took the land away from the family that was mining over
36 there by Area 51.

37 So you put those things together, I'm -- I'm not real
38 hopeful on a positive outcome.

39 The case was supposed to be heard on November the 12th.
40 That's been moved to the 17th for a couple of reasons.

1 And also at the game board, they're going to come to the
2 commissioners and they're going to come to the fair and rec
3 board to try to get money to improve habitat for our wildlife in
4 area 15 [verbatim]. There's some concerns about the deer herd
5 in area 15 and they'd like to do some things.

6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They haven't been out to my house yet
7 then.

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Deer?

9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yep.

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Or antelope?

11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Both.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. That's what I have.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

14 On October 23rd, we did have a NACO meeting in Carson City
15 and right behind that a SLUPAC meeting. And our executive
16 director was there and our chair also was there. So I'll let
17 them add to this.

18 One of the things is we actually had a couple of
19 representatives from the attorney general's office. Asking us
20 to support the state coming into our -- our sage grouse
21 litigation situation. And I'm sure many of you have read it.
22 It's kind of a political thing between the governor and our
23 attorney general.

24 So we do have that on the agenda for Number 16.

25 I also wanted to share with you: one of our
26 representatives that just has a new position now at the attorney
27 general's office -- and many of you know her -- Patricia
28 Cafferata, who was our DA at one time in Lander County. So she
29 has a new title. She is special assistant attorney general for
30 law enforcement counties and municipalities. So I imagine that
31 she'll be working a little bit closer with us in that -- that
32 area. That's a brand new position.

33 And Commissioner Clark mentioned the -- the litigation
34 actually being set from the 12th to the 17th. And I did want to
35 read that to you. It came out from -- from Tori Sundheim, which
36 is our attorney at NACO.

37 It says, due to circumstances that could not be controlled,
38 the hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction has been
39 moved to November 17th at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at
40 the federal courthouse in Reno. And those of you who are

1 plaintiffs to the sage grouse lawsuit, please urge your county
2 commissioners and managers to join us in the courtroom. It
3 would send a strong message to the court. And it's something
4 that our legal teams have requested.

5 For anyone else, your support and presence would be greatly
6 appreciated, if you can set the time aside.

7 And if you have any questions, you can contact Tori on that
8 at NACO.

9 On October 24th, I attended the branding survey of synopsis
10 of Austin. And that was a survey for Austin and Kingston both
11 that was put on through LEDA in cooperation with our cooperative
12 extension and UNR.

13 And on 10/27, I also attended the -- the NDOT Lander County
14 Workshop. And as Commissioner Mills said, it was -- it was kind
15 of neat with the priorities. But we also got to really look
16 into the future and -- and tax ourselves with what's coming down
17 in twenty years and what we might look -- look forward into
18 having. And that -- that was a plus. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you. I attended the NACO and
20 the SLUPAC meeting also. I don't have much more to say about
21 the NACO. Patsy pretty well covered everything.

22 In SLUPAC, we talked about the sage grouse and that. We
23 also talked about the rural roads and what they are doing about
24 them.

25 And ATV rules -- traffic -- because the state doesn't want
26 to allow them to even cross the state roads and -- and county
27 roads.

28 So that's part of what they're bringing forth to the -- to
29 the legislature to talk about, A- -- ATV registrations and the
30 uses that they can be used for. And that's all I have.

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Steve.

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34 **STAFF REPORTS**

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

38 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, you have all covered pretty much
39 everything I had.

40 The November 17th meeting for the sage grouse hearing has

1 been covered. I wanted to make sure everybody knew that.

2 We'll be closed next Wednesday for Veterans Day,
3 November 11th.

4 This is potentially the last commission meeting in this
5 courthouse. We'll be discussing that a little later on the
6 agenda as well.

7 Out at the SLUPAC meeting that I attended also, I did have
8 some conversation with Ken Brown of Western Counties Alliance
9 and he -- trying to set up a meeting with him to come and have
10 discussions with us on the 2477 roads, what we can do to secure
11 our permits, and the process that we need to -- to follow
12 with -- with those 2477 roads.

13 I was at the NDOT meeting also.

14 We had a policy meeting in the county. We're working
15 toward finalizing our policies and procedures. We have one more
16 meeting and it should make it to you for discussion and
17 hopefully approval.

18 We continue to work forward on our FBO. Our --

19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's going to be published in
20 the (indiscernible) and sent out --

21 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- first.

23 KEITH WESTENGARD: It'll be a little while. It'll be a
24 little while before it makes it.

25 We continue to work on the FBO, our fixed-based operator.
26 As you know, Rick Harless's contract is up. So we're working on
27 that.

28 We have potentially three interested parties. They'll be
29 doing a walk-through next week on that.

30 Our advertisements for the airport consultant, which is
31 currently J-U-B, is also set to be advertised next week. So
32 hopefully that will get done pretty soon as well.

33 That's all I have.

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, --

35 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Keith. Ted, you got anything?

37 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Got anything? Anybody else?

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Livestock event center meeting
39 tonight?

40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It -- it's -- it's on my white

1 board so I guess it exists. I didn't ask to attend. And I will
2 attend.

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.
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6 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
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8 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Now let's go to public
9 comment for non-agendized items only.

10 Do we have any public comment?

11 Not seeing none, let's go to consent agenda.
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14 **CONSENT AGENDA**
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16 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All matters listed under the consent
17 agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Board
18 of County Commissioners with one action without extensive
19 discussion.

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

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

26 The first is agenda notice for November 15th --
27 November 5th, 2015; October 13th, 2015, special meeting;
28 October 22nd regular meeting minutes; October 29th special
29 meeting minutes; payment of the bills; and payroll request
30 changes.

31 Does anybody have anything they want to pull from the
32 consent agenda?

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do. I would like to pull out number
34 1, the agenda notice, and number 3, that October 22nd regular
35 meeting minutes.

36 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And if nobody has anything else, I'll
38 make a motion that we approve the balance of the consent agenda,
39 October 13th special meeting minutes; October 29th special
40 meeting minutes; payment of bills; and the payroll change

1 request.

2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

4 (No comment.)

5 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

11 All right. Let's go to the October 13th, 2015, special
12 meeting minutes.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. I just -- I made a motion to
14 approve that one. It's the agenda notice I pulled out and
15 October 22nd.

16 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Oh, sorry. I had them wrong.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: On the agenda notice, we need to add a
18 word on there. Excuse me. It's: we are approving the amended
19 agenda notice of November 5th. And to make a motion we approve
20 that.

21 COMMISSIONER MILLS: What's been amended?

22 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: We added a meeting.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They added a meeting --

24 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- time. There was an initial one put
26 out. And then they added one more of our meetings here and sent
27 you an amended agenda.

28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So this is the one we need to approve.

30 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

31 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Good enough. Make a motion we approve
32 the amended agenda notice for November -- November 5th, 2015.

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

34 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good --

36 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All --

37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- eye, Patsy.

38 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- in favor?

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. On October 22nd, I do
5 have some changes on that.
6 The first one is a very simple one. It's on page 6. And
7 that's line number 13. And we were talking about the NDOT
8 meeting that we just reported on. And we need to add an N on
9 there for NDOT. It's a nice simple one.
10 On page 44, line 38. And I had asked Sadie if she could
11 take a look at that for me. On line 38, the district attorney
12 says, yeah. And then it goes on to Ted will be the consultant.
13 I'll make a motion. And it looks like our counselor is making
14 the motion. We don't have down the person. And I do believe it
15 was Commissioner Bakker that made that.
16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It was.
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So we need to change that to
19 add Commissioner Bakker on making that one.
20 And then the last one is page 106, line number 10. And
21 that's the same thing. Chairman Stienmetz answers, yep. And
22 then goes on to say, I'll make a motion that we go back and
23 rebid the paving and the sealing project. And I don't know who
24 made that motion. I don't believe it was Steve.
25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No. And that's for the airport?
26 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I believe so.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But --
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Did you make that --
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Commissioner --
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- motion?
33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I don't --
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Bakker --
35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- remember.
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- seconded it.
37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So it was probably Doug.
38 COMMISSIONER MILLS: It might have been me.
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But we can -- we can check the records
40 on the recording and make sure we have the right one. That's

1 all I have on it.

2 So I'll make a motion that we approve the amended regular
3 minutes of October 22nd.

4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

6 (No comment.)

7 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

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15 **FINANCE**

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17 **1) Updated on budget review, contracts, financial update, and**
18 **other matters properly relating thereto.**

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20 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Go to Item 1. Update on budget
21 review, contract, finan- -- contracts, financial updates, and
22 other matters properly relating thereto.

23 NAN ANCHO: Good morning.

24 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Good morning, --

25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.

26 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- Nan.

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Good morning, --

28 NAN ANCHO: Nan Ancho.

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Nan.

30 NAN ANCHO: I don't have too much for you today other than
31 what's agendized.

32 We're just trying to finalize our '14/'15 audit. Our
33 current -- we are currently scheduled to have an exit meeting
34 with our auditors on November 13th at 8:30, Friday the 13th, I
35 might add.

36 We're getting ready to work -- the interest committee is
37 starting to get together to work on our health insurance options
38 for the next budget year. As soon as we get settled into the
39 courthouse, we'll be working on budgets again. So that's about
40 all I have.

1 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Do -- do they like the health
3 insurance they have now or the plan we chose at the beginning of
4 the year? (Indiscernible), do you like the health insurance?

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE PARTICIPANT: No.

6 NAN ANCHO: No?

7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

8 NAN ANCHO: I will guarantee you it's not going to get too
9 much better unless you start raising rates. And that's just all
10 over the board. That's just the way the health insurance system
11 is going.

12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many plans did you look at, Nan?

14 NAN ANCHO: We looked at quite a few. We went over --

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Four or five.

16 NAN ANCHO: -- four or five different ones -- well, I think
17 we went over more than that before we narrowed it down to four
18 or five and then narrowed it down to -- what? -- three.

19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Did you look at Hometown Health? Do
20 you remember?

21 NAN ANCHO: The broker goes out. The -- and gets the
22 quotes from the different hospi- -- or health plans for us to
23 review. We don't specifically go on our own to get those. Our
24 insurance broker does that for us.

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And -- and the reason I mention this
26 is when I retired I had the option to go with Hometown Health.
27 And it's just been easiest --

28 NAN ANCHO: Well, --

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- and the best insurance that I've
30 had all the years that I've been in public service.

31 NAN ANCHO: What we have to look at too is employees that
32 have to have care outside of Nevada. And Hometown Health
33 doesn't have coverage outside of Nevada.

34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It -- it -- it depends on what kind of
35 coverage. And there's dispensations to go out of state if -- if
36 it's -- yeah, if it's --

37 NAN ANCHO: Yeah.

38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- warranted. They can't provide it
39 in state. And it's the same as if you have a doctor down south,
40 you have to get an approval to go down south.

1 But it -- it's just an easy insurance to deal with.
2 There's no -- there's copays and no deductibles, which makes it
3 very simple.

4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, we'll have to look into it.
5 Thanks, Nan.

6 NAN ANCHO: You're welcome.
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8 2) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval
9 of a letter to the Department of Taxation requesting an
10 extension of time to file FY '15/'16 Audit, and other matters
11 properly related thereto.
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13 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Now let's go to Item 2.
14 Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval of
15 a letter to the Department of Taxation requesting an extension
16 of time to file FY '15, dash, '16 audit, and other matters
17 properly related thereto.

18 NAN ANCHO: We added this to the agenda prior to our
19 meeting with our auditors on Tuesday the 3rd. We had a
20 discussion with them and I see they are here today also.

21 They had asked us to put this on the agenda in the event
22 that they needed to file for an extension.

23 And we -- as the committee had gotten together so we didn't
24 feel that we needed to, we've given them the information.

25 But we wanted this on here that you could possibly give us
26 the approval because we don't have another meeting for the rest
27 of this month.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: What is the extension? What is the --

29 NAN ANCHO: It's for --

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- due date?

31 NAN ANCHO: The due date is November 30th. So that would
32 put the due date out to December 30th for them to --

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So if you --

34 NAN ANCHO: -- present a draft.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- have to use it, it's there and
36 done.

37 NAN ANCHO: Uh-huh.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But at the current time, the auditors
39 believe we're going to make it?

40 SHELLY DRAKE: Can I make a comment? My name --

1 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Name --
2 SHELLY DRAKE: -- is Shelly Drake from Drake Rose and
3 Associates. We are the auditors.
4 First and foremost, this is related to the audit for
5 '14/'15 not '15/'16 as --
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I wondered --
7 SHELLY DRAKE: -- it's stated --
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- about that.
9 SHELLY DRAKE: -- in the agenda. It's the current audit
10 that we're in the process of working on.
11 We came forth and made the suggestion to Lander County to
12 consider getting an extension from the State of Nevada.
13 It's something that the county has to apply for; we don't
14 apply for. Our recommendation is looking out for the best
15 interest of Lander County.
16 We obviously, through our presentation, will go through
17 more information. But to give you a brief update where we're
18 at, Lander County at the onset of the audit advises us what the
19 major funds are for the audit. And there's a concept in the
20 audit that we need to audit your major funds.
21 Through the course of this engagement, there have been
22 material corrections to your books and records. And we can go
23 into great detail on those in November or December when we
24 present, if we can meet that deadline. Having those corrections
25 made when Lander County evaluates their books and records after
26 the corrections, it may change the scope of your audit. Lander
27 County may come back to us and say, we have additional major
28 funds that need to be audited. We don't know that at this
29 juncture.
30 So we're committed to moving forward and trying to meet the
31 deadline that's there, but understanding when Lander County
32 makes these adjustments, the scope of the audit could change.
33 So the recommendation is to make sure to put you in the
34 best position you can be in so you're not in violation of
35 statute come November 30th.
36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We can't make a motion based off
37 this, though; huh?
38 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, --
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We could always do a special meeting
40 if we had to. And then they can bring their -- bring --

1 everyone could be here and we could bring it all out and see
2 exactly where the mess up is.

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Clarify this for me, though.

4 If -- if we don't have another meeting before November 30th
5 and we need to approve the audit before it goes to them, we
6 can't possibly file on time; is that correct? Or do you send it
7 in and then we look at it?

8 SHELLY DRAKE: The process is that we're required to
9 provide Lander County with a draft financial statement by
10 November 30th. The auditing standards, in order for us to be
11 able to date our report November 30th, require management to
12 accept the financial statement. This is your financial. We
13 just opine on it.

14 The process to take place is to finish it, which we're
15 committed to doing. I want everybody to know that. Nan needs
16 to review the financial. Because we do assist Lander County in
17 writing your financial. Nan needs time to review it. There are
18 material deficiencies in your audit this year. Management needs
19 to respond to those to us.

20 So there's a process that's going to take place before
21 November 30th. But if the audit's accepted by Nan, and dated,
22 and the representation letters signed by all the applicable
23 parties that need to represent back to us they've disclosed
24 everything is all done by November 30th, you will meet the
25 deadline. If all the moons align and there isn't any unexpected
26 circumstances that are encountered, should be fine.

27 I'm just saying, it could be in the best interest of Lander
28 County.

29 When you post your corrections that we're going to propose
30 to you for the errors that have been discovered through the
31 audit, you might find there's a whole scope change in the audit.
32 If that's the case, November 30th is not going to work because
33 you're going to be asking us to go in and do additional audit
34 procedures on things that weren't there to begin with.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Did you like my idea, Ted?

37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, we can't -- we can't take
38 action on the '14/'15 --

39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- because --

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So if we have to, we can call a
2 special meeting --
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to approve an extension. And
5 everyone can be here --
6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- and we'll hash out why we
8 really --
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's the --
10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- what --
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- only choice you --
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the problems are.
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- have, --
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- Commissioner, really.
16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Works for me.
17 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So do we need a motion to defer this
18 one or we just let it --
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Die.
20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- die?
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, you don't want to defer
22 this one. You just table it because this one's --
23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Next year.
26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Until next year. Exactly.
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No. There better not be another
28 extension.
29 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So do we need a motion for a special
30 meeting? What -- or we just --
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. It's not on the --
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, if we have to, --
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- agenda.
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- we'll just postpone.
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We'll do it at --
36 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the end.
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. Okay. Moving on.
39 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Thank you.
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1 LANDER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

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3 3) Update regarding Lander County Emergency Services and other
4 matters properly related thereto.
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6 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go to Item --

7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, --

8 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- 3.

9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Nan.

10 NAN ANCHO: Thanks.

11 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you, Nan.

12 Go to Item 3. Update regarding Lander County Emergency
13 Services and other matters properly related thereto.

14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Rick, how's it going?

15 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: How you doing, Rick?

16 RICHARD BELL: Mr. Bakker, it's going well. And you?

17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good.

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Did you fax this to Austin?

19 RICHARD BELL: Pardon me?

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Did you fax this to Austin?

21 RICHARD BELL: No, I didn't.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. These need to be in ahead of
23 time for our -- or you need to fax --

24 RICHARD BELL: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it in.

26 RICHARD BELL: Okay.

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, they can --

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Sadie, --

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Can -- Sadie, can you fax one to
30 Austin, real quick, please?

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- would you fax it to Austin for me.

32 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yeah.

33 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Back on Item 2?

34 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Possibly. You might ask for it
35 after.

36 RICHARD BELL: Richard -- for the record, I'm Richard Bell
37 with Lander County EMS.

38 Commissioner Mills last time wanted a better breakout of --
39 of expenditures, collections billed, things like that.

40 So after getting with him and CFO of Battle Mountain

1 General Hospital who does this for us, I think -- I think, Doug,
2 we got this about where you'd like to see it.

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I -- yeah -- this looks a lot better.
4 It gives -- it's more informational, gives a better picture of
5 what's going on over there.

6 RICHARD BELL: Okay. Just so we know exactly what --
7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.

8 RICHARD BELL: -- you want. I can produce it. And Cindy
9 did a great job putting that together for us.

10 Anyway, I'll explain page 1 here in a minute. Page 2 is
11 just call volume report. And that's just a graph showing you
12 the past months and what's coming up.

13 Page 3 is just zip codes and how many calls come out of
14 each during that time.

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.

16 RICHARD BELL: Just to kind of go backwards to have it make
17 a little easier, quicker sense.

18 Total expenses per run in Lander County EMS for the month
19 of September, I believe it is, was \$85,358.

20 Payments received was \$35,614.

21 Accounts at collections, service that we have not collected
22 yet, equal \$52,347.

23 And contractual adjustments through commercial, Medicare,
24 Medicaid -- and it's listed over on the right-hand side of
25 that -- is 4,423.

26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So just to be clear, contractual
27 adjustments or months, we get to write off and do not collect;
28 right?

29 RICHARD BELL: Yes, sir.

30 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay, I just --

31 RICHARD BELL: That is exactly --

32 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- wanted to make sure --

33 RICHARD BELL: -- what it is.

34 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- that's clear.

35 RICHARD BELL: Just like Medicare, Medicaid. Go into
36 (indiscernible) market, a loaf of bread is \$2. Medicare
37 Medicaid come in and go, I'm only going to give you 89 cents for
38 it. Now like it. And I'm taking the bread. Have a nice day.
39 So to me that's -- in my mind, that's what a contractual
40 adjustment is.

1 So anyway, I think that pretty well sums it up. Unless
2 somebody has any questions, I can be done with that.

3 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Anybody have any?

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Rick.

5 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you for -- and -- thank you for
7 the -- yeah -- for the more complete report. It -- it gives
8 much more information. It gives a better picture of what's
9 going on over there.

10 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, Rick.

12 RICHARD BELL: Yes, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Next time just turn it in to Vicki
14 ahead of time.

15 RICHARD BELL: I certainly will.

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Or Keith.

17 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Whatever.

19 RICHARD BELL: I certainly will.

20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Thank you.

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22 **4) Discussion for possible action regarding county membership**
23 **with Humboldt General Hospital Medic Air #1 and other matters**
24 **properly related thereto.**
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26 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Item 4, discussion for possible action
27 regarding county membership with Humboldt General Hospital Medic
28 Air #1 and other matters properly related thereto.

29 KEITH WESTENGARD: Commissioner Stienmetz, I ask that this
30 be tabled.

31 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Thank you.

33 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any --

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They're not --

35 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- motion? Just table it?

36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to table Agenda
37 Item Number 4.

38 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

39 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

40 (No comment.)

1 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
6 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
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9 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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- 11 5) Discussion for possible action regarding the request from
12 Sady Tingey, Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce executive
13 director, for approval of the temporary closure of portions
14 of Front and Broad Streets on December 5, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.
15 for the Annual Parade of Lights; authorization for the
16 Chairman to sign the Nevada Department of Transportation
17 (NDOT) application and permit for temporary occupancy of the
18 NDOT right-of-way paperwork, and other matters properly
19 related thereto.
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21 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go to Item 5. Discussion for
22 possible action regarding the request by Sandy Tingey -- Sady
23 Tingey, Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce executive director,
24 for approval of the temporary closure of portions of Front and
25 Broad Street on December 5th, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. for the
26 Annual Parade of Lights, authorization for the chair to sign the
27 Nevada Department of Transportation application and permit for
28 temporary occupancy of the NDOT right-of-way paperwork, and
29 other matters properly relating thereto.

30 SADY TINGEY: Good morning.

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning, Sady.

32 SADY TINGEY: Merry Christmas from --

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Merry Christmas.

34 SADY TINGEY: -- Sady at the Chamber.

35 So I just want to give you a couple of things to pronounce
36 our little flyers.

37 This is just, you know, the greatness.

38 This year's theme is "Snowflake Kisses and Christmas
39 Wishes." So make sure you're all prepared.

40 And I just have a couple -- just a request -- this is our

1 annual parade of lights and so it's really fun. This year the
2 Chamber board wanted to incorporate a new parade route so we
3 could take advantage of the long-term care residents at Battle
4 Mountain General Hospital and redo the route.

5 As last night I went to their board meeting, they informed
6 me that the temporary fences are going to be put up for their
7 new expansion.

8 So in that, I was with Casey with CORE Construction this
9 morning. And he says we can go right around the temporary fence
10 route, keeping the order that was presented to you in your
11 packets the same way.

12 Or as the hospital requested, we could do an alternative
13 route, which me and Casey made you guys some great new things.
14 Maybe, if I (indiscernible). There's that.

15 So the proposed route, as the hospital board would like, is
16 just to go to the main hospital entrance, taking that route,
17 instead of going all the way to the ER entrance, just taking the
18 main entrance parking lot, going through there and then hitting
19 on Sixth Street and then ending up at the civic center.

20 This morning when I was out surveying it, we're only on
21 Sixth Street about 58 steps. So I have made a new agenda -- or
22 a new thing for the attorney to read over if you would like --
23 to sign. It just basically states, Battle Mountain General
24 Hospital main entrance parking lot instead of the emergency room
25 parking lot. So other than that, that's all I have.

26 So I'm okay with either route. I will inform the state
27 highway patrol and the county sheriff's office and the -- if we
28 want to choose that alternate route, which in all perspective
29 probably would be easier so that we don't have to deal with
30 construction. Yeah.

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It doesn't matter.

32 SADY TINGEY: It doesn't.

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Whatever route you want to take.

34 SADY TINGEY: I know, right. Well, I did -- I do think
35 they said that they could put the long-term care residents,
36 where we extended the parade route, into the dining area so they
37 could see.

38 So I truly feel like that's just bringing more Christmas
39 spirit to others. And so I really would like to change it to
40 that alternative route.

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
2 SADY TINGEY: So I have a new -- this here. So I don't
3 know if we need to detach it to this one. And then here's the
4 new map that you requested.
5 And then don't forget to start working on your parade --
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
7 SADY TINGEY: -- your little float. I really want
8 something that shoots snowflakes out. Can somebody work on
9 that?
10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. That doesn't change anything
11 with the agenda, I don't think, because we're only doing Front
12 Street and Broad Street.
13 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.
14 SADY TINGEY: Yeah.
15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
16 SADY TINGEY: Uh-huh. It was just in the permit --
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
18 SADY TINGEY: -- that needs to sign.
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. So. All right. I'll make a
20 motion to approve of the temporary closure of portions of Front
21 and Broad Street on December 5th, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. for the
22 Annual Parade of Lights, and authorize for the chairman to sign
23 the Nevada Department of Transportation application and permit.
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
25 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.
26 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do we have any public comment?
27 (No comment.)
28 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
31 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
32 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
34 SADY TINGEY: Great. Thanks, guys.
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good job, --
36 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.
37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Sady.
38 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: You're welcome.
39 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. What did you say? Hey, grace wanted to comment on? Grace, did you want to comment on Item Number 2? We can reopen that if you do.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I just let him know. Sadie Sullivan, for the record, Grace, that you may have had something you wanted to inform the board. So that's why he's bringing it up because I seen you weren't there. So that's all. That's why he's asking you that.

GRACE POWRIE: Oh, during the --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: One or two.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: You're --

GRACE POWRIE: Nan's?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah, when you were up with Nan, was there anything you needed to say? That's all I'm asking.

GRACE POWRIE: I had -- Grace Powrie, for the record -- I had had a couple of people.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Grace, would you come up here? I can't hear you.

GRACE POWRIE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: For the Department of Taxation?

GRACE POWRIE: No, no, no, no. I -- I had a couple of people question the -- the treasurer's report that I turn in. And I just wanted to clarify any questions as to what information's truly being given to you.

And I can speak with each person individually, if that's, you know, better. I don't really need to take the time of the commission meeting to do that.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm good. We talked about this already.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

GRACE POWRIE: Well, I -- I just wanted to make sure that Nan had a -- a chance to explain her audit versus my treasurer's balance. Because they're two different things. And you know, but that's all it was, basically, was to open the -- open the discussion for everyone to be on the same page.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Do you guys --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- have any questions?

1 No?
2 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I just wanted to make sure we didn't
3 cut you off or anything.
4 GRACE POWRIE: You did not.
5 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.
6 GRACE POWRIE: You did not. Thank you.
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Grace. Thank you, Nan.
8 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thanks, Grace. All right. You said
9 you needed to get somebody on the phone for Number 6?

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12 **COMMISSIONERS**

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14 6) **Discussion for possible action regarding Lander County**
15 **Comments to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Supplemental**
16 **Environmental Impact Statement for Yucca Mountain and**
17 **authorization for the chair to sign the cover letter and**
18 **submit comments to NRC, and other matters properly related**
19 **thereto.**

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21 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. I'll go ahead and read it
22 in and you can get him.

23 Discussion for possible action regarding Lander County's
24 commitment [verbatim] to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's
25 supplemental environmental impact statement for Yucca Mountain
26 and authorize the chair to sign the cover letter and submit
27 comments to NRC, and other matters properly related thereto.

28 KEITH WESTENGARD: This will be from Rex Massey, who's our
29 DOE Yucca Mountain person. And we'll get him on the phone for
30 you to answer any of your questions.

31 LAKEN MARINE: Hi, Rex. This is Laken from the Lander
32 County Clerk's Office. I'm going to put you on speakerphone for
33 the commission meeting.

34 Can you hear us okay?

35 REX MASSEY: I can.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Morning, Rex.

37 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Morning, Rex. We're on Item 6.

38 REX MASSEY: Okay. Those are -- what you have in your
39 packets are our comments to the NRC's supplemental draft
40 environmental impact statement for the Yucca Mountain project.

1 And what the Nuclear Regulatory Commission did in the -- in
2 the EIS is to further examine essential groundwater impacts from
3 the Yucca Mountain project. And they took the original study
4 that looked at groundwater impacts and they expanded it to a
5 larger geographic area.

6 And what they found, essentially, was very similar to what
7 the initial findings were in the environmental review, that
8 there was really no significant impact.

9 In fact, the amounts of radioactivity in groundwater are
10 almost undetectable that would be attributed to the Yucca
11 Mountain project.

12 So you'll -- if you'll read through the comments, you'll
13 see that reflected in my comments and all the way through the
14 document that the conclusions over and over again are no impact,
15 insignificant, no impact, insignificant, no impact. And I
16 reviewed the documents in total. The only thing I took issue
17 with, made a big issue of is the cumulative impacts, I felt that
18 NRC should have looked at a larger repository, which Yucca
19 Mountain's capable of being larger than what it's currently
20 planned for. And that was really the only thing I took -- took
21 issue with on the environmental impact.

22 So you have -- you have a cover letter. And I think it's
23 two or three pages in comments that -- that go through the --
24 the -- the -- cover the document.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Rex.

26 REX MASSEY: Is there any questions I can answer?

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I just have the one. And that's
28 when did NRC actually put out these comments? I didn't see a
29 date on anything.

30 So are we timely in our response?

31 REX MASSEY: Well, we have to -- there's an electronic
32 submission form that I'll -- if I can get everything back in a
33 PDF. And it's November 20th is the -- is the final date that
34 you have to have everything in by.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I'll -- I'll make a motion.

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a question.

37 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Okay.

38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Rex, can you hear me?

39 REX MASSEY: Yes.

40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is Commissioner Clark. I read an

1 article in the newspaper the other day about a proposed
2 interstate from the southern part of the state to the northern
3 part of the state.

4 Does this interstate have anything to do with Yucca Mountain?

5 REX MASSEY: Not that I know of. There -- there could be
6 some indirect association, but -- but the purpose of the
7 interstate is to move commerce from south to north and make a
8 connection between Canada and Mexico. And that's the primary
9 driver of the interstate. There's --

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now, will --

11 REX MASSEY: -- the only link that I know of currently is
12 that it's -- it's close to Yucca Mountain and, you know, it runs
13 through Nye County and --

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

15 REX MASSEY: -- up through north and eventually connects
16 into I-80 and there -- from there north to either 93 or 95. But
17 I -- I don't think it -- right now -- it has any link -- it's
18 not being driven by Yucca Mountain. It's being --

19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay --

20 REX MASSEY: -- driven by --

21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That was my --

22 REX MASSEY: -- (indiscernible) commerce.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- concern when I --

24 REX MASSEY: And the fact that -- what I've heard is that
25 California and Oregon don't want a route going through. They've
26 got enough congestion. I-5 doesn't work very well anymore. So
27 they're looking, really, for a new route to put trucks on and
28 move commerce.

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. I just had a -- I thought
30 somehow it might be related to -- to the Yucca Mountain because
31 it said -- in the article it showed on a map that it would go up
32 93, but written in the article, it says something about I-11
33 would connect by Winnemucca to Highway 95. And it just didn't
34 make sense to me.

35 REX MASSEY: That's the -- that's kind of what they're
36 looking at now is coming out of Vegas area, maybe even through
37 Pahrump and coming up -- coming up US-95 and kind of
38 paralleling or going along 95 all the way up to I-80. And then
39 they would take I-80 up. And then possibly there's two -- two
40 extensions further north and that's 93 and 95. And that's all I

1 know about it, about the I-11 corridor.
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
3 REX MASSEY: But it was driven by the desire to make a more
4 direct commerce route that linked the south of the United States
5 up all the way to Canada and even connecting into Mexico.
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, Rex.
7 REX MASSEY: Okay.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that Lander County
9 submit our *Comments to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for*
10 *Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Yucca Mountain*
11 and authorize the chair to sign the letter.
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.
13 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
14 (No comment.)
15 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
16 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
17 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
21 Thank you, Rex.
22 REX MASSEY: Thank you.
23 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thanks, Rex.
24 LAKEN MARINE: Thank you.
25 REX MASSEY: Bye.

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27 7) **Discussion for possible action regarding a letter of interest**
28 **from Great Basin College to purchase, lease, or rent the**
29 **current administration building located at 825 North Second**
30 **Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada, and other matters properly**
31 **related thereto.**
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33 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Go to 7. Discussion for possible
34 action regarding a letter of interest from Great Basin College
35 to purchase, lease, or rent the current administrative building
36 located at 825 North Second Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada, and
37 other matters properly related thereto.

38 KEITH WESTENGARD: You have a copy of the letter from Great
39 Basin College, Mark Curtis. And he's here to speak with you
40 today regarding the letter of what's in your packet.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.
2 MARK CURTIS: Good morning.
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.
4 MARK CURTIS: Mark Curtis, President of Great Basin
5 College. And with me, Jill Chambliss, director here for Great
6 Basin College.
7 And just here to answer any questions you might have about
8 our interest in that building.
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I guess the -- the only concern that I
10 have at this point is we just brought up another possibility for
11 mental health, that unit. So it's something we probably would
12 be looking in while you are doing this too.
13 MARK CURTIS: Uh-huh.
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But you still want to pursue that,
15 so -- so you -- you need to do that if that's what you'd like to
16 do.
17 But I don't think, you know, of course we're not ready to
18 make any decisions anyway.
19 But I thought your letter covered it well. Other -- other
20 than you're just taking off our expenses, but it's --
21 MARK CURTIS: Right.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- not doing a whole lot for us.
23 MARK CURTIS: Well, we're -- we're interested in -- in
24 growth across our service area and certainly Battle Mountain is
25 part of that.
26 And we think that building would serve us well and take
27 parking off the street and other things.
28 But certainly we understand that you have a need to -- to
29 have revenue and make something off of that, but we -- we have
30 suffered year over year budget cuts in the millions of dollars
31 and have -- have eliminated 80 staff in the last -- in the last
32 six years. And that's out -- out of about 230. So it's a big
33 chunk. We've had a -- a roughly a 40 percent reduction in staff
34 and -- and operating expenses in six years. And this --
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Have you lost that many in students
36 too?
37 MARK CURTIS: No, this comes under the category of bragging
38 rights. We're maintaining our students. And we've had seven
39 out of eight years of record graduations, including last year
40 was the highest of all time, --

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Wow.

2 MARK CURTIS: -- over 500 graduates. So we've found ways
3 to become more efficient and do more with less.

4 But at some point in time, it comes to a tipping point.
5 We're not sure that we're not pretty close to that right now.

6 And bottom line, I just don't have a lot of disposable
7 income to -- to purchase a property at market value. But
8 certainly we have some interest in it.

9 And there's no rush. We -- we have a -- we have a nice
10 place that's been provided to us by the county for many years.
11 And -- and we think that additional building would -- would do
12 us well, but we understand there's other -- other
13 considerations.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, you don't really need any action
15 from us -- do you? -- for them to submit the letter to his board
16 of regents?

17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, first, I have a question.
18 And then -- then I have some comments.

19 You're considered a governmental agency.

20 MARK CURTIS: That's correct.

21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So it's really easy to lease to
22 them.

23 It's very -- we have to go through a lot of hurdles if we
24 want to sell or lease this building, unless one of the
25 exceptions is to the state or governmental agency.

26 So it would be very easy to accommodate. It's not -- it's
27 not going to require a long, drawn out process, like if we
28 wanted to sell it or lease it to somebody else. So it's easy to
29 do.

30 But what I would advise is for this commission to ascertain
31 or discern what the fair market value is. Because if you don't
32 know the worth of your property, you don't know what you're
33 giving up. You know, you don't know what you can get from it.

34 Now the statutes go through a series of things to get an
35 appraisal and it even calls for two appraisals from two separate
36 disinterested parties, unless -- and there's exception to that
37 too -- unless you have a public hearing as to the present market
38 value. Then you only need one.

39 So my advice at this point is that, before you can decide
40 whether you want to lease it or sell it, you should decide or

1 find out what the present market value is. I think it's -- it's
2 a very worthwhile thing. Because if you want to do anything
3 except lease it to a governmental agency -- and since it's under
4 25,000 square feet, it's really easy to do that -- you need an
5 appraisal on it.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Back to my original question,
7 then.

8 Without that, I mean, he's asking if he should submit his
9 letter to the board of regents. So we don't have to take action
10 on that for him to submit the letter to his board of regents and
11 see what they would like to do; would it?

12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, it's my understanding
13 that he would -- he doesn't want to submit the letter until he
14 has some terms that he can put in that letter to submit to them.

15 MARK CURTIS: I could put -- excuse me -- I could
16 potentially suggest that the March board meeting of the board of
17 regents, on an informational item only, that we're looking at
18 this property.

19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's right, Mr. Curtis.

20 MARK CURTIS: And then the next regular board meeting would
21 be June of '16. And if there was a determination by this
22 commission to lease it to us by that time, then I would bring it
23 to the board of regents at the June board meeting and ask for
24 their approval for us to -- to lease this building for a nominal
25 amount of money. And -- and I presume it would be approved.
26 And then we would go from there. And then we would potentially
27 take possession of it in the summer and start offering classes
28 in it fall of '16. So that's kind of how I see it --

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We should have an answer by March
30 though, or before March.

31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, see I -- right before the
32 meeting, I went and got a copy of the deed because this -- this
33 building was given to us by the federal government. And I was
34 concerned that there may be restrictions on it from the -- there
35 are certain restrictions, such as, for whatever reason, the
36 federal government kept mineral rights and they have certain
37 easements so they can build ditches whenever they want to on the
38 property and things of that notion.

39 But that's -- that's common with federal government. They --
40 they don't want to give any potential mineral rights up to -- to

1 anyone, including the counties.
2 But since there's no restrictions as to selling it or
3 leasing it, if you decide at any point -- and I'm just saying
4 this again for emphasis -- it's going to be really easy to lease
5 to this governmental agency.
6 So we -- we're not really concerned with time.
7 But if you want the sell it or even think about selling it,
8 you need to know what its worth is.
9 And so at this meeting, I would -- would advise that based
10 on how this agenda has been set forth, you can certainly take
11 action and ask that an appraisal be done on it.
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, I think the idea is to sell it
13 and get rid of it, whether we sell it to GBC or whatever, but I
14 mean --
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, you need an appraisal
16 first --
17 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- before you make a decision
19 whether you want to lease it --
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Both buildings, --
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- or sell it.
22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- though. There's two buildings
23 over there.
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You should probably get an
25 appraisal on all these buildings --
26 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- that you want to do
28 something with.
29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
30 COMMISSIONER MILLS: We may as well do them all at the same
31 time.
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yep.
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But it -- it's up to you what
34 you want to do. But you won't know whether you want to sell it
35 or lease it unless you know what it's worth.
36 If it's worth over a thousand dollars -- you know, I'll
37 give you an example. If it's worth -- if it's found that it's
38 worth over a thousand dollars, certain things have to be done
39 under the Nevada Revised Statutes that, you know, we have to go
40 to the public. We have to do -- we have to do a --

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: There's hoops to jump through --
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: There's a lot of --
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- so...
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- hoops to jump through. So
5 we need to know what its worth is before we can know what
6 statute to follow, unless with the one exception to a
7 governmental agency. They're the one exception here.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: My concern is that if were to lease
9 it, we would not have an increase in classes.
10 We represent the people of Lander County. And if we were
11 to lease it to you and you would have much more space, ideal for
12 more classes, and there's no classes, where's the benefit for
13 Lander County students?
14 Last time you were here, you said you wanted the students
15 to go to Winnemucca and Elko. And you weren't going to provide
16 any more classes here.
17 So I have to agree that if there's no benefit to our
18 students, then we should look at another option.
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, I'm not advising you to
20 necessarily look at another option. I'm advising you to keep
21 all options open.
22 JILL CHAMBLISS: Can I make a comment about that?
23 Looking at our current schedule for this next semester, we're
24 already out of rooms. We've already --
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're what?
26 JILL CHAMBLISS: We're out of rooms.
27 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: State your name, please.
28 JILL CHAMBLISS: We --
29 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Oh, you --
30 JILL CHAMBLISS: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm Jill Chambliss.
31 We -- we can't -- I've already dropped probably eight
32 different classes because we don't have room for them.
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So --
34 JILL CHAMBLISS: So there are -- we do our classes both the
35 live way, which students go to Elko and Winnemucca for the live
36 classes. But we also do interactive classes, which are similar
37 like to Skype. So they're doing them -- video conferencing the
38 classes, basically. And those --
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And you could --
40 JILL CHAMBLISS: -- are the --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- do those --
2 JILL CHAMBLISS: -- ones.
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And you could do those in after-school
4 hours at one of the schools here too. Because I've seen that
5 done.
6 JILL CHAMBLISS: There is in -- I believe -- I'm not sure
7 where it's at now, but there was equipment in one room. And
8 right now we use the extension office as well as --
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
10 JILL CHAMBLISS: -- an overflow.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I spent a little bit of time in the
12 school district here. And I know that there were interactive
13 classes --
14 JILL CHAMBLISS: Uh-huh.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- right across from my classroom in
16 the high school. So there's room available presently.
17 My concern is that you'd be getting a really good deal.
18 And the students in this -- in this locale wouldn't be getting
19 a -- any advantage.
20 In fact, you could have more classes and the kids from
21 Winnemucca could come here. So leave our options open.
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. Yeah, I don't --
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- advise you to --
25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm going to make --
26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- shut this door.
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- a motion that we -- that -- direct
28 the executive director to get an appraisal on both the buildings
29 over there.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
31 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think.
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What?
33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think we should do appraisals on --
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, the other buildings are coming
35 up in this agenda.
36 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, shouldn't we do -- do an
37 appraisal on the building out here and this building and the
38 little building? The --
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's coming up.
40 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- preschool building?

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's for --
2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is that going to be a separate item?
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. They're in here.
4 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What to do with them.
6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: All right.
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I don't think this has been
8 properly agendized to appraise all the --
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: All the buildings?
10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, they're -- it's in here today.
11 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Lura.
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We'll get to it.
13 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I thought that one was just about
14 boarding the buildings up.
15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Winterizing and everything else. But
16 we can also --
17 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We have a comment from --
18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
19 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- Lura, please.
20 LURA DUVALL: Lura Duvall, assessor, for the record.
21 Would make a suggestion. If you do have to have appraisals
22 done, what you do is it's something that you would want to start
23 the process right away because appraisers are real scarce in
24 this state.
25 And appraisers that are qualified and have the expertise to
26 appraise government structures are extremely limited. There's
27 only two that I know of in the state, in the northern part of
28 the state. And because it is very costly, that it would be a
29 cost savings if you're going to do more buildings, if you're
30 thinking about others having -- having them done, to get it all
31 done at one time because it would be a cost savings --
32 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.
33 LURA DUVALL: -- in the long run because if they have to
34 make additional trips out here, it is very, very costly. So I
35 suggest --
36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, the --
37 LURA DUVALL: -- that --
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right. But the agenda item's coming
39 up we can approve --
40 LURA DUVALL: Right.

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- other appraisals. And he can just
2 do it all at once. And there's a couple -- you have a
3 commercial appraiser; don't you, Lura?
4 LURA DUVALL: I know of two that are qualified to do
5 government structures. Yes. And I can get that information to
6 Keith as well.
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
8 LURA DUVALL: Yeah.
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So speaking of being costly, how do we
10 pay for this?
11 Do we -- do we put this off until the next budget or can we
12 fit in that this --
13 NAN ANCHO: You'd have to look --
14 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- this fiscal year?
15 NAN ANCHO: -- at what the cost is -- Nan Ancho, Finance --
16 what the cost is. Find out what the cost is and then we can
17 decide from there when and how to pay for it.
18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I just don't want to gloss that over.
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know on commercial -- yeah -- on
22 commercial buildings, they run 4- to \$5,000 --
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Per building.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- sometimes. Yeah. And higher, Lura
25 was --
26 LURA DUVALL: Way higher.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- saying. Because I know we've --
28 we've paid that appraising commercial buildings. So with
29 government, it's higher still.
30 LURA DUVALL: Much.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So...
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just pass that along with the cost.
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: My --
34 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, --
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: question is: --
36 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- we still have to pay for it first.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- is: If we decide to lease to a
38 government agency, perhaps mental health or perhaps Great Basin,
39 then we wouldn't need an appraisal because we're not selling?
40 Right?

1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We wouldn't need an appraisal.
2 Well, --

3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Isn't it --

4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- if we --

5 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- used to determine --

6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If you --

7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- a way to determine the lease?

8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- lease to a non-governmental
9 agency, I -- I'd still say you need an appraisal. A
10 governmental agency -- to lease to the state or governmental
11 agency is the exception. It takes you outside of these
12 statutes. And it's just allows you to do it. It's an
13 accommodation that they've -- they've made.

14 So we can easily accommodate -- I don't know if the mental
15 health is a governmental agency. If it is, they fall in the
16 same exception.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It is. I believe.

18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think it --

19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: If --

20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- would be.

21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And so -- so we can always do
22 those things.

23 But -- but the statute talks about two appraisals from
24 disinterested parties, unless you have a public meeting. And
25 then you can use one appraisal. So we certainly don't want to
26 have two. So we won't, you know, I'm all for having public
27 meetings on all -- everything anyway, but you just need to know
28 that -- that the statute does contemplate two, unless you -- you
29 have an open meeting. And the open meeting is for a specific
30 purpose to determine the present market value of that building.

31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And then you can get away with
33 one appraisal.

34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I support the idea of -- of mental
35 health because it's a community service.

36 And if it is a governmental agent -- agency, that would
37 make it easier, is what I'm hearing.

38 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Oh, it's easy -- it's easy for
39 any governmental agency. If we want to give Great Basin the
40 lease of this building or any other building at any time, it's

1 going to be easy for us to do it.
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Don't we have --
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And it's --
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- mental health?
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- not a long, drawn-out
6 process. So -- so we're -- we're good on time to get an
7 appraisal now because we're not closing the door to -- to their
8 offer.
9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- or anybody else's offer --
11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right. Okay.
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- is what I'm saying.
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And then that --
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just didn't want to jump the gun
17 with requesting an appraisal -- right on this one is what I'm
18 saying -- when we might not need it.
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: On --
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Don't we have --
21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- this building here? Oh, yeah.
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Don't we have mental health services
23 across from the civic center in that orange house?
24 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Correct.
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yes, but they're looking to get more
27 space.
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I cou- -- I can't hear you.
29 COMMISSIONER MILLS: They're looking for more space.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, okay.
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's why --
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, this --
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- they were going to --
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- would be good.
35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- go into the hospital
36 building. And I thought they already had a contract but maybe
37 not.
38 COMMISSIONER MILLS: That contract was never signed.
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Oh, was it never signed?
40 Because I knew it existed so -- so there's also --

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- I would -- I was -- alerted
3 from the Frontier Coalition that they're trying to put some
4 mental health things in this county too.
5 So -- so I've been waiting for somebody else to contact me
6 on that. So -- because I know mental health is a very, very big
7 thing we need in this county.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think -- yeah -- I -- I agree. I
9 think.
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You know.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I could support that.
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And so there -- there may be
13 other avenues for mental health. But -- but at this point in
14 time, we -- we've got the same problem with a series of
15 buildings, so -- so even though --
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Make a motion.
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- it's agendized --
18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I already did.
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- for this one, at this point
20 in time, --
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know. Let's vote.
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- I think it's advisable --
23 well, you can decide right now whether you want to just lease it
24 to one of the governmental agencies or put it out for appraisal,
25 --
26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Someone second the motion?
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- but what you're doing is
28 you're --
29 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- closing off some of your --
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Huh?
32 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I think Art seconded.
33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Did you second my motion?
34 LAKEN MARINE: Uh-huh.
35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. It's seconded.
36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh. Okay.
37 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. We have a first and a
38 second. Any other public comment?
39 (No comment.)
40 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
3 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We get a break, Steve?
5 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Opposed.
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh. All those opposed?
8 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Opposed.
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The motion was to go out to bid.
11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, to --
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: To get an appraisal.
13 COMMISSIONER MILLS: An appraisal.
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Appraisal on those two buildings over
15 there.
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. Okay. Okay.
18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Going on break?
19 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We're going to take a five-minute
20 break, please.

21
22 (Break taken between 10:09 a.m. and 10:23 a.m.)
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24 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's call the meeting
25 back to order.
26

27 8) Discussion for possible action regarding a services contract
28 for Rockspring Resource Solutions to act as project manager
29 to facilitate the rights-of-way, utilities, property
30 ownership and railroad permits relating to the Lander County
31 levee project at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, and other
32 matters properly related thereto.
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34 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And we're on Item 8.

35 Discussion for possible action regarding a service contract
36 to Rockspring Resource Solutions to act as a project manager to
37 facilitate the right-of-ways, utilities, property ownership, and
38 railroad permits relating to the Lander County levee project at
39 a cost not to exceed \$20,000, and other matters properly related
40 thereto.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: Jeff Eisenberg was at our last meeting.
2 He spoke to you about what he did with his last contract. Based
3 on the conversation that came out of that, I asked Jeff to
4 submit a proposal to do the utilities, railroad, and a -- a
5 scope of work for him to continue on with.

6 My thoughts were that Summit Engineering would continue
7 with the drawing aspect of it and that Jeff would go on forward
8 with the utilities, the railroad, properties, and so forth.

9 And you have a copy of that proposal in front of you. The
10 district attorney has reviewed it. And --

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So my question is: If we don't hire
12 him to do this, how would we get it done? Do we still have to
13 go to an outside person to do it? Someone else to do it?
14 Anybody in house that can do -- usually does this type of thing
15 for us or --

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, Summit was supposed to do --

17 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Summit.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- it.

19 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Summit should be doing it.

20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They should have done it before they
21 have done anything else. And they haven't done it.

22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They're not doing it.

23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They're not doing it.

24 JOE LINDSEY: Have they been asked to do it?

25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They should --

26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: (Indiscernible.)

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- have known to do it from the
28 beginning. Don't you think?

29 I mean, hell, even the damn Army Corps of Engineers sat here
30 and said some of this stuff should have been done before we've
31 done anything.

32 So that's my question. Shouldn't they have known they were
33 supposed to do it?

34 Hell, they're making 600-and-some thousand dollars and they
35 didn't know?

36 KEITH WESTENGARD: I talked with Tom Gallagher a little bit
37 about this. And he did bring it up to me that he did -- that he
38 can do it, but it's just like Commissioner Bakker said and the
39 Corps said.

40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, he would be charging more

1 money if he --
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, --
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- did it.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: I understand.
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, it's not in --
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: But --
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- his scope of work either.
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the question from Patsy was: Can it
9 be done?
10 It should have been done earlier just like we've discussed.
11 But now Tom Gallagher has said that he would do it. But we're
12 past that point now. We need to get this stuff done. If you guys
13 want to get a levee done, we need to get some things done. We
14 need to move forward with it.
15 I feel that -- I think it's a fair price and that Jeff
16 would get these things done.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Thanks.
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion that we approve
21 the contract for Rocksprings Resource Solutions to act as
22 project manager to facilitate the right-of-ways, utilities,
23 property ownership, and railroad permits related to the Lander
24 County levee project not to exceed \$20,000.
25 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.
26 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: First and second. Any public comment?
27 (No comment.)
28 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
29 COMMISSIONERS CLARK, BAKKER, AND MILLS: Aye.
30 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Thank you.

33
34 9) Discussion for possible action regarding a request for
35 easement from Sierra Pacific Company dba NV Energy company,
36 for a project referred to as "E-2 STATE ROUTE 305
37 SOUTH-COM-E-ATT," document 178706, in the amount of one
38 dollar (\$1.00), and other matters properly related thereto.
39

40 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's go to Item Number 9.

1 Discussion for poss- -- discussion for possible action regarding
2 a request for easements from Sierra Pacific Company dba NV
3 Energy company, for a project to re- -- referred to as E-2 State
4 Route 305 SOUTH-COM-E-ATT, document 178706, in the amount of \$1,
5 and other matters properly related thereto.

6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Now, is this by the sheriff's
7 department?

8 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes, it is.

9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Joe?

10 JOE LINDSEY: Sure.

11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Who -- who initiated this?

12 Was it the --

13 JOE LINDSEY: NV Energy did. And it's part of the -- oh,
14 Joe Lindsey, for the record, Building Department -- it's for a
15 utility easement for the new communications tower that's going
16 in over there. The utility companies have to have a dedicated
17 easement for their lines so they can come in and work on them.
18 So that's -- that's what's bringing this about.

19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

20 JOE LINDSEY: But the tower people are getting ready to
21 build and NV Energy is requiring that they provide an easement
22 for -- for the tower.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is this for one of those open building
24 permits that's been on the books for --

25 JOE LINDSEY: No, no, no, no.

26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- forever?

27 JOE LINDSEY: No. This is -- this is pretty -- this one's
28 fairly recent.

29 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh.

30 JOE LINDSEY: This is the one that's been this last year.
31 Earlier --

32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: For the whole town?

33 JOE LINDSEY: -- last spring. Yeah. It's the tower
34 that'll be next -- right next to the sheriff's office on the
35 north side.

36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The contractors tore up -- tore
37 up the -- the pavement or cement or whatever it is to place the
38 tower. And the contractors are supposed to fix it when they're
39 done.

40 And as Joe points out, this is an easement for -- for NV

1 Energy to come and do -- to hook it up, all the power up to --
2 so it's -- it's --

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Pretty basic.

4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, it's a basic easement.
5 It's a basic -- again, it's --

6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Any questions?

7 I'll make a motion to grant the easement for Sierra Pacific
8 company, NV Energy company, for project referred to E-2 State
9 Route 305 SOUTH-COM-E-ATT, document 178706, of the amount of \$1.

10 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And for the --

13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And authorize the chair to sign?

14 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Vice chair.

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Vice chair.

16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Vice chair.

17 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. First, second. Any other
18 public comment?

19 (No comment.)

20 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I have to abstain since I'm employed
26 by NV Energy.

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.

28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

30

31 10) Discussion for possible action directing the executive
32 director, finance director, and DA to work on an ordinance or
33 policy governing write-offs, waiving of fees, refunds, et
34 cetera, involving Lander County and requiring all county
35 employees to come before the Lander County Board of
36 Commissioners prior to any action being taken and for the
37 ordinance or policy to be presented to the commission for
38 approval, and other matters properly related thereto.

39

40 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Number 10.

1 This one has been asked to be tabled.
2 Do we need to read it in or...
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I don't know. I don't believe
4 you need to read it in if you're --
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: If you're withdrawing it, you don't
6 have to.
7 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Fine. Withdraw. All right.

8
9 **11) Discussion for possible action regarding what to do with the**
10 **current Family and Youth Services building (juvenile**
11 **building) located at 190 West Third Street, Battle Mountain,**
12 **Nevada 89820, and other matters properly related thereto.**
13

14 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go to Number 11. Discussion for
15 possible action regarding what to do with the current Family and
16 Youth Service center, juvenile building, located at 190 West
17 Third Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820, and other matters
18 properly related thereto.

19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Once the building's va- -- once the
20 building is vacated, I'd like some direction on what the
21 commission would like done with that building. Are we going to
22 leave it there? Are we going to remodel it? Are we going to
23 get rid of it? Haul it off?

24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I say we gut it and haul it to the
25 dump.

26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's not worth getting an appraisal
27 on.

28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.

29 KEITH WESTENGARD: Not in my opinion, no.

30 COMMISSIONER MILLS: No. We just -- we just need it to be
31 gone.

32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

33 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So...

35 KEITH WESTENGARD: Just direct me to do it and it'll be
36 gone.

37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I make a motion for the executive
38 director -- or to give the executive director direction to gut
39 that building and haul it to the dump.

40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: After...

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: After everyone's out.
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh. I thought I should start today.
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Not tomorrow. After everyone's moved
4 out.
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Bert's ready to go.
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, boy. I need a second.
7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.
8 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any other public comment?
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I have a question on it. Do you
10 remember some time ago, we've had some people come before us,
11 different associations, that would like a room to have a meeting
12 in?
13 One was AA that said they would love to have that. And I
14 know the commissioners said, we'll consider that. We don't have
15 any rooms right now, you know, they can have. They want to put
16 their stuff up and be able to meet there every time. Because
17 where they meet, they can't put their things up and leave them
18 up and such.
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, at the town hall meeting,
20 everyone was -- everyone that showed up said to haul it to the
21 dump.
22 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So I just --
25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: AA never showed up.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I just wondered where else --
27 KEITH WESTENGARD: And it's --
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you were on it.
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's got some issues with cats --
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, it's --
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that have marked their territory very
32 well in the area and underneath the building. And it has quite
33 a --
34 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Odor.
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is it anything we ever want to
36 consider to keep? Okay.
37 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, --
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's got some health issues.
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We have some liability if we're
40 just letting people in. I think we have liability issues with

1 people in, our employees in that building. Technically, they're
2 not our employees, but --
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. No one's showed up to claim or
4 want it. Or -- and there was a guy there from AA.
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: That's correct.
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And he's -- they never said they
7 wanted that building.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I can see why. Okay. Thank you.
9 FRANK WHITMAN: Austin here.
10 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Frank.
12 FRANK WHITMAN: On Item Number 11. The AAers up there did
13 finally find their own building. They're all set. They found a
14 little place to lease and they've got a nice little home.
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, thank you, --
16 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Good.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Frank.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, Frank.
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, --
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Appreciate the --
21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Frank.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- update.
23 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Frank, you need to identify yourself
24 for the record, please.
25 FRANK WHITMAN: Yeah, I realized that afterwards. I'm
26 sorry, Steve. Frank Whitman, for the record.
27 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We would have never known.
29 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Do we have a first -- do
30 we have a motion?
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: A motion and second.
34 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yeah.
35 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
38 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
40

1 12) Discussion for possible action regarding the December 2015
2 Lander County Commission meeting and having only one
3 commission meeting on December 17, 2015, and other matters
4 properly related thereto.
5

6 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion -- Number 12. Discussion
7 for possible action regarding December 2015 Lander County
8 Commission meeting and having one -- only one commission meeting
9 on December 17th, and other matters properly related thereto.

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: So as you know, we're supposed to move
11 December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. We had originally planned on two
12 meetings in December.

13 And I just want to know if you just want to go to the one
14 meeting on the 17th? Or if you want to have one in between?

15 I spoke with Finance with Nan this morning. And if we can
16 fit one in prior to the December 17th meeting that might be a good
17 idea financial-wise, finance-wise.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What -- we're closing from the 2nd
19 through the 5th -- or 4th; right?

20 KEITH WESTENGARD: Two, three, four is the -- what I have.

21 Unless you want to just keep it at one in December. But
22 the December 17th one might be a long one. That would be a good
23 possibility.

24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Tenth and the seventeenth, maybe? Is
25 it even --

26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So is it -- are you saying it's
27 essential that we have two meetings in December?

28 KEITH WESTENGARD: No, it's just a suggestion.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.

30 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's going to be a long one in December.
31 That's all.

32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's all right. One long day.

33 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. I have no problem.

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So it'll be our first meeting in that
35 room.

36 What --

37 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do we --

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- do you --

39 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- have a motion?

40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- think? Anybody else?

1 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any other public comment?
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Do we need to take a motion?
3 Because we set two already.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. So we need to show that it's
5 just going to be the 17th.
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Everyone good with that?
7 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I'll make a motion that we
9 only have one commission meeting on December 17th, 2015.
10 COMMISSIONER MILLS: One meeting in December.
11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We have one meeting in December, --
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: In December.
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: The month of December.
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- December 17th, 2015.
15 COMMISSIONER MILLS: It would be kind of nice to have only
16 one more --
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Ever?
18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- meeting ever.
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh.
21 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any other public comment?
22 (No comment.)
23 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
27 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
28

29 **13) Discussion for possible action regarding the contract between**
30 **Lander County and Pathfinders USA, Inc., dba PC Computing,**
31 **with reference to their putting an antenna on the new Lander**
32 **County courthouse/administration building, and other matters**
33 **properly related thereto.**
34

35 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discuss-- discussion for possible
36 action regarding contract between Lander County and Pathfinders
37 USA Incorporated, dba PC Computing, with reference to their
38 putting an antenna on the new Lander County courthouse, slash,
39 administrative building, and other matters properly relating
40 thereto.

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

3 You -- you gave Keith and I the job of negotiating with
4 Pathfinders USA, Inc., to put an antenna on the building. You
5 approved the antenna. You asked us to negotiate the terms.
6 We've done that.

7 And -- and we've agreed that based on the representation of
8 Pathfinders USA, Inc., which is PC Computing, they have -- they
9 can only afford \$150 a month. And they're throwing in
10 monitoring and maintenance of the Lander County home link from
11 the courthouse to Road and Bridge. And they wanted five years
12 because they get -- if they go five years rather than three
13 years or one year, they get it cheaper on their end.

14 And so I -- we agreed that that would be fair as long as we
15 had the ability to renegotiate in November of every year.
16 Because if they're making a lot bigger profit than they said
17 they'd be making, we should -- we should get some of that. And
18 if they're not making any profit -- and I doubt that's going to
19 be happening. But the term includes renegotiation of the terms
20 based on profit in November of every year. So --

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And -- and this contract is only for
22 the antenna that they're putting up on the new courthouse;
23 right?

24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's it, Commissioner.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I see you have a 30-day clause in
26 there too. So...

27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes, I do. You guys have al-
28 --

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm fine.

30 JOE LINDSEY: May I? Joe Lindsey, for the record.

31 Just wanted to make sure the commission is aware that
32 that -- the new admin and courthouse building has a membrane
33 roof on it. You start poking holes in that and you're looking
34 at a real -- very real potential for water damage at some point.

35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I believe -- it's our --

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We asked --

37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- understanding there's no --

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that question.

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We asked that question.

40 COMMISSIONER MILLS: There's no poking holes in --

1 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It will not have -- penetrate the
2 membrane. It will be padded and sit -- just sit on the roof.
3 JOE LINDSEY: It's just going to be a --
4 COMMISSIONER MILLS: It's going to be held down --
5 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That's what --
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- they said.
8 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Freestanding.
9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And movable and everything else.
10 JOE LINDSEY: Oh, okay. Okay. I wasn't aware of how it's
11 supposed --
12 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
13 JOE LINDSEY: -- to be.
14 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: But that's the way it's going to, Joe.
15 JOE LINDSEY: It's kind of scary.
16 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I appreciate your comment.
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. That was one of our topics of
18 discussion.
19 JOE LINDSEY: Okay. Great. Sorry.
20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: And Max is ahead of that curve
21 already.
22 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And actually we're --
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Attaching it to somewhere else.
24 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Max Bunch, for the record.
25 We're going to attach it a different way than even the
26 assembly on the membrane.
27 Mike from Performance Computing went up and looked at it.
28 They had me go up and look it. And we've got eight-inch steel
29 pipe up there that comes through the building.
30 JOE LINDSEY: Oh, uh-huh.
31 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That go around the air handler units.
32 JOE LINDSEY: Right.
33 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And they -- they thought that would be a
34 better option for them.
35 JOE LINDSEY: To not (indiscernible.)
36 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And they found the power that they
37 needed.
38 JOE LINDSEY: Good.
39 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That was about three weeks ago -- or --
40 maybe -- three or four weeks ago before he was talking to Ted or

1 the same day that they were talking with Ted and Keith.
2 And they -- we went up there and looked and I called Ted
3 and said, hey, it looks like they're -- they're not going to do
4 it on the roof membrane. Because that was the difference of the
5 \$25,000 -- or the -- the --
6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Liability insurance.
7 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- the liability insurance for the roof.
8 We -- they were going to -- if they were doing that, we were
9 going to have liability insurance. And if not, they put it on
10 the post, then they wouldn't -- potentially may not have to have
11 that. Is that correct, Ted?
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's correct. If you --
13 Commissioners, if you'll look under the copy of the agreement
14 that -- that we handed out under recitals on the first page, it
15 states, whereas, vendors desires to apply the antennas on the
16 new Lander County courthouse and utilize Lander County
17 courthouse electrical outlets for power and set antennas and
18 related equipment on one or more non-penetrating roof mounts
19 and/or by mounting on the structure surrounding the HVAC units
20 on top of the courthouse.
21 So I took what the, his Honor, has just advised the
22 commission. And I put both of them, both options in the
23 contract.
24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
25 Just need a motion to approve this contract and have the
26 chair to sign?
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes. That's what you need.
29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
30 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We have a first and a --
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go. Let's get it done.
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve the
33 contract between Lander County and Pathfinders USA Incorporated,
34 dba PC Computing, with the reference of them putting an
35 antenna on the Lander County courthouse/administrative building
36 and authorize the chair to sign. You can second that though.
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
38 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. First and second. Any
39 other public comment?
40 (No comment.)

1 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

6

7 14) Discussion for possible action regarding securing/winterizing
8 Lander County buildings after all offices have moved to the
9 new administrative/courthouse building, and other matters
10 properly related thereto.

11

12 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Now we'll go to Number 14.

13 Discussion for possible action regarding securing, winterizing
14 Lander County buildings after all offices have moved to the new
15 administrative, slash, courthouse building, and other matters
16 properly relating thereto.

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: There's some concern that once we move
18 out of these buildings that they would be broken into,
19 vandalized, lived in by homeless people.

20 So I'd like some direction on what you would like to do as
21 far as winterizing it, --

22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Homeless people?

23 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- shutting it down.

24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Or scofflaws.

25 KEITH WESTENGARD: The --

26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It is Battle Mountain, not Elko.

27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Scofflaws.

28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Scofflaws.

29 Anyway, so I would like some direction on what you guys
30 would like done.

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think we need to move everything
32 from the building across the tracks in here and then board up
33 all the windows and winterize it.

34 KEITH WESTENGARD: How about locks?

35 Locks changed? Locks not changed?

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Twenty-four hour security
37 (indiscernible).

38 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Razor wire.

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do what needs to be done.

40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: This may be the appropriate

1 time to revisit appraisals.
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Want to get this appraised too?
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No. If you're thinking of
4 getting more appraisals, this is the only agenda item left
5 wherein you can do that.
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You want to get this place appraised,
7 Doug?
8 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Not necessarily this building, but
9 the -- the other building where the DMV and treasurer's office
10 is since we're -- we're looking at leasing that possibly to --
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: This one.
12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- the day care. Then in that case,
13 if we're going to do something, it's -- the day care's going to
14 be a non-governmental agency. We'd have to have a lease.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is the one they wanted? I
16 thought they wanted the --
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: The annex.
18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: The annex. If we gave them the little
19 one temporary -- because they want to move into the other one.
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I thought they wanted to move into the
21 --
22 COMMISSIONER MILLS: The little blue --
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- county annex so that they could
24 double --
25 COMMISSIONER MILLS: No, it's --
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- the size.
27 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- they don't -- they want this one.
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: They want this one?
29 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They would want that one. They
31 haven't submitted a proposal yet. They haven't even -- they
32 haven't even started in this one yet. So...
33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They're not even a preschool yet.
34 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, they're -- they're
35 working --
36 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, they had to have -- I think they
37 had to have a physical address in order to complete their
38 paperwork to become a --
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: A 501(c)(3).
40 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- day care.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right. Right.
2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right. So they -- we gave them -- we
3 gave them the little building back here that was the day care.
4 And they wanted that temporary. And then they want to move into
5 this other building where the DMV is at --
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, make a motion.
7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- for long term.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So what --
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So don't we have to have a lease or
10 a -- an appraisal to provide them a lease on that --
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.
12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- building?
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.
14 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, it's like --
16 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is it because they're a 501(c)(3)?
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If it's less than 25,000 square
18 feet, you -- it's a -- you don't necessarily have to.
19 COMMISSIONER MILLS: You don't have to --
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But if you wanted to sell the day
21 care now though.
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If you want to sell it, you
23 need an appraisal.
24 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Unless they're a --
26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So --
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- governmental agency.
28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I don't know if they're -- I don't
29 know if they're going to be in a position to buy the building.
30 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: It's a preschool.
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, no. It's a preschool now.
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Liz?
33 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: It's a preschool.
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Not a --
35 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Not a --
36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- day care.
37 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: -- day care.
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Got you.
39 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Preschool.
40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Preschool.
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- for correcting me, Liz.
3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Appreciate it.
5 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So then do we then need to also get an
6 appraisal on the current preschool? Because isn't our idea to
7 get rid of that building?
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Or --
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: And if we're going to sell that one,
10 we would need an appraisal.
11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I don't know --
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Maybe we put --
13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- what the idea is.
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- these on --
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Just on anything you need an
16 appraisal on.
17 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You just need to know that.
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And you have to put it on the agenda
20 so we can -- can do it all at once.
21 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So what was the committee's bottom
23 line for the future of this --
24 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Of this building?
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- of this building?
26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, --
27 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Have no idea.
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- we don't know. We have a sub- --
29 I think --
30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: There's a subcommittee working
31 on that.
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, and the subcommittee wants to
33 keep it and restore it.
34 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Which is fine, but we still need to
36 protect it. So...
37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But -- but they --
38 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Not unless.
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- don't have any idea of how
40 we're going to come up with the 20 million or so-odd dollars to

1 do so.

2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Would --

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, they're looking into grants and
4 stuff.

5 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Would an appraisal on this building
6 help that committee in any way?

7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't see why. But I'm wondering
9 about --

10 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So --

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And the minute you start boarding up
12 all the windows, I mean, it just looks so awful, I mean, for the
13 whole neighborhood, for the building. And I'm going, we may
14 have some vandalism. That would be horrible. And we might have
15 to -- to do that at some point. But just to say right off the
16 bat, let's do it. I'm going...

17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It would look worse if a kid broke in
18 here and this damn thing burned down around him and he died.

19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, what I'm concerned with
20 is if we put all the furniture from all these places temporarily
21 in this building, there -- what's going to stop them from
22 running off with it?

23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Our finest police department.

25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They'll certainly attempt to.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The sheriff's office.

27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They'll certainly attend
28 afterwards. But they're not a preventive police agency.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Sayha [phonetic]

30 UNIDENTIFIED MALE PARTICIPANT: Their job is prevent crime,
31 not to allow it to occur. So by boarding up -- I think it's a
32 good idea. Does it look awful in the public's eye?

33 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Exactly.

34 UNIDENTIFIED MALE PARTICIPANT: Maybe. But you're still
35 doing something to keep people out, the liability. It's a huge
36 liability on your guys' part.

37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I agree.

38 UNIDENTIFIED MALE PARTICIPANT: People like to sue nowadays
39 so...

40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Max, what's your thoughts?

1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Max Bunch, for the record.
2 I -- I know that -- I'm not sure how fast it's going to
3 happen, but there's going to be numerous things that I thought
4 that -- that -- well, what's going to happen is that people were
5 going to come in and be able to go through the furniture. There
6 are certain groups that are going to get to come in and go
7 through the furniture to see what was left over.
8 Now, as we get over there and the function -- as we learn
9 our function in that new building, we may be coming back to get
10 some of the things that we already have -- that we already had
11 that we want to take over there.
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So there needs to be --
13 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So --
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- a stay period?
15 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah. And changing the locks of the
16 building --
17 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, there still needs to be access
18 to the building.
19 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, changing the locks to the building
20 is -- is a little bit difficult. Because then we've got to go
21 find somebody to -- you're paying to rekey all the locks in the
22 building for one. And we already have the keys. And we already
23 have them with people who are responsible elected officials,
24 department heads, Building Department. Those people then then
25 have access to the building. They've been unlocking and locking
26 this building, for me, for 25 years. Some of the other ones,
27 just as long as me.
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, I'm good with not changing the
29 locks for a while.
30 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, I --
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I mean after we figure out what we
32 need and --
33 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: The concern I had is that Art Clark says,
34 do whatever needs to be done. And to him -- and I just don't
35 want the executive director to go in there and start closing
36 stuff up until we get to a certain point. And I mean, I'm only
37 speaking for myself and I'm sure there's other elected officials
38 --
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
40 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- and department heads that would like

1 to be able to -- if they need to come back and get something
2 that they thought they weren't going to use that they come back
3 and they can get it and -- and give us the opportunity to figure
4 out how to work in there so, you know. Now, maybe setting
5 the -- the heaters in the building for the months of December
6 and January at a certain temperature, making sure that -- having
7 someone come over and check and make sure that that's where
8 those are at --

9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Max, --

10 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- for the bathroom.

11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- you need the bathroom over here to
12 come pick up a chair or two?

13 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You never know when somebody's going to
14 have to use the restroom.

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Really?

16 LURA DUVALL: Yeah. Really.

17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You could have somebody come in to clean.
18 I mean. I don't know.

19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, my God.

20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Oh, my gosh.

21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm fine with not changing the locks.
22 But we need to winterize it and board it up.

23 KEITH WESTENGARD: The locks was just a suggestion.

24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

25 KEITH WESTENGARD: It wasn't a guarantee. I just want to
26 know --

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We just went over this, Lura.
28 Weren't you here?

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: In conjunction with everyone's needs
30 --

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yes. I'm going to make a motion. I
32 make a motion.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Please -- please don't board it up.
34 Can't we wait?

35 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We need it.

36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What do you want to wait for? A kid
37 to break in and --

38 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Get hurt.

39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

40 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Windows need to be

1 boarded.

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Listen.

3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I don't think that --

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: If that's what they're going to do, --

5 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Can we do it on --

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a board isn't going to --

7 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- the inside?

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- make a difference.

9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: We going to do the second story too?

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, yeah, just board it up on the

11 inside. You won't ever even know.

12 JOE LINDSEY: They can still break the glass.

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: If you --

14 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Well, yeah, but if they break the

15 glass, --

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: If they were going for --

17 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- they still can't get in the inside.

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think if break-ins were a big

19 issue --

20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Someone -- hey, remember a month or

21 two ago, someone broke into the annex building? Kid broke in to

22 steal money. They're going to break in here to steal whatever.

23 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So there's a precedent already set.

25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: People in trucks could probably

26 come in here and see what they can steal so they can sell it and

27 buy drugs. That's what they do.

28 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I -- I can tell the commission -- Max

29 Bunch, for the record again -- I can tell the commission over

30 the last 24 years, this building has been broke into four times

31 in 24 years..

32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's while it's occupied. He

33 has no evidence to back up an unoccupied building.

34 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I don't. I'm just saying.

35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, I understand, --

36 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- your Honor.

38 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go ahead and make a motion.

39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I'm going to make a motion

40 that we winterize and secure, however we do that, whether you

1 put -- board up the windows on the inside or figure out
2 something out so it looks good, the Lander County
3 administrative/courthouse building.

4 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.

5 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, (indiscernible) --

6 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any other public comment?

7 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You guys have the new --

8 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

9 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- administrative.

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I didn't say new, though. I said the
11 administrative --

12 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- courthouse.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: All in favor? Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor? Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Art?

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm thinking.

19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Jesus.

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I got to leave this to you now.

23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: We're talking after moving to the new
24 building.

25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.

26 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you. Patsy. I've got to leave.
27 S I'm going to leave Patsy in charge.

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Bye, Steve.

29 CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Bye.

30
31 (Whereupon, Chairman Stienmetz left the commission chambers
32 and a quorum of four commissioners was present.)

33
34 **15) Discussion for possible action regarding closing of the**
35 **Lander County offices for the move into the**
36 **administrative/courthouse building, and other matters**
37 **properly related thereto.**
38

39 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. We're moving on to Agenda
40 Item Number 15. Discussion for possible action regarding

1 closing of the Lander County offices for the move into the new
2 administrative/courthouse building, and other matters properly
3 related thereto.

4 Judge Max.

5 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay. It looks like, based on the report
6 that I'm going to give you here on one of these next items, it
7 looks like that we're -- we're good to go on the 2nd, 3rd, and
8 4th of December. And so that's a Wednesday, Thursday, and
9 Friday.

10 And there's just some coordination that we have to do, I
11 think, to be able to give public notice that, you know, we'll be
12 closed for business.

13 And I know that -- that Lura's in the middle of closing the
14 tax rolls. And -- and I know her office is probably working
15 diligently to try and get that done.

16 But -- and -- and I couldn't tell you because I don't know
17 if it happens to fall on a payroll -- payroll week. Does it or
18 does it not?

19 NAN ANCHO: It does not.

20 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay. Which kind of helps us out there a
21 little bit.

22 And then -- and then potentially opening up the new
23 building on Monday December 7th.

24 So it gives us Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
25 Sunday, to be able to accomplish everything that we need to.

26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We need a motion to close?

27 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I would assume you'd have to do it and
28 post it -- have it posted somewhere.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Heather, you can post that?

30 HEATHER HILL: That it's going to open December 7th?

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, where we're going to be closed
32 2nd, 3rd and 4th --

33 HEATHER HILL: Okay.

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- of December.

35 HEATHER HILL: And do you want the December 7th that it's
36 going to open or --

37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. Yeah.

38 HEATHER HILL: Okay. Sure.

39 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So we're ready to -- we're -- we're
40 good to go on those dates?

1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So far.
2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: We're -- we're done?
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You know, I hate to commit to anything
4 because --
5 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So this might change?
6 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No. No. I don't think it will change.
7 I think we've -- we've actually kicked it back a week because
8 the -- fell on Thanksgiving and didn't think we wanted to be
9 trying to move during Thanksgiving. So they actually have three
10 days of that following week to really get everything dialed in
11 and tuned in.
12 They -- they may still be in there doing little stuff as --
13 as we're actually in the building. That -- that --
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
15 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- could happen.
16 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right. All right.
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Sounds good.
18 Okay. I'll make a motion that we close the Lander County
19 offices December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2015.
20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.
21 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: It's been moved by Commissioner
22 Bakker that we close the county offices December 2nd, 3rd, and
23 4th, and seconded by Commissioner Mills. Any other public
24 discussion?
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, I have.
26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: In Battle Mountain. Only in Battle
27 Mountain.
28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I think -- I think you need
29 to -- to change that motion to closing of the Lander County
30 offices in Battle Mountain for the purpose of moving to the new
31 offices.
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
33 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Would you like to amend your
34 motion?
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I will amend my motion. I make my
36 amended motion -- I make a motion to close the Lander County
37 offices in Battle Mountain for the move on December 2nd, 3rd,
38 and 4th of December 2015.
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
40 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. It's been moved by

1 Commissioner Bakker and seconded by Commissioner Clark. There's
2 another motion on the floor, if we have haven't withdrawn it.

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll withdraw my first motion.

4 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: You withdraw. And you withdraw
5 your --

6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And I withdraw my second.

7 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- second? Okay. Thank you. Any
8 other public comment?

9 (No comment.)

10 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: All those in favor?

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

14 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Aye.

15 Thank you. And that passes.
16

17 **16) Discussion for possible action regarding a letter of support,**
18 **from the Lander County commissioners, for the Nevada State**
19 **Attorney General joining the Non-listing of the Northeastern**
20 **California-Nevada Sage Grouse lawsuit and all other matters**
21 **properly related thereto.**

22
23 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: We're Number 16. Discussion for
24 possible action regarding letter of support from the Lander
25 County commissioners for the Nevada State Attorney General
26 joining the Non-Listing of the Northeastern California-Nevada
27 Sage Grouse lawsuit, and all other matters properly related
28 thereto.

29 We did actually highlight that this morning in our -- our
30 reports about the political difference between the governor.
31 And he was a little bit unhappy with the attorney general
32 joining -- having Nevada join in that lawsuit.

33 So they were asking for our support from all the different
34 counties. Did they call and talk to you?

35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I talked to Tori yesterday.
36 And I told her my concerns on getting into a difference of
37 opinion between the attorney general and the governor.

38 It's not in Lander County's best interest, in my opinion,
39 to -- to do that. And she said she had the same concerns.

40 So they -- some counties won't even do it. And they had to

1 really modify the words in their letter of support.
2 They basically just supported the fact that -- that the
3 lawsuit is being conducted and the attorney general's a part of
4 it.
5 So they toned theirs down a lot for the same reasons.
6 But -- but we're a county. And we're not NACO. And we
7 really don't want the governor mad at us. So...
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, he should've joined the lawsuit
9 though.
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right. But the governor -- and
11 the difference of opinion is that the governor -- in talking to
12 Tori -- the governor has decided that they're in verbal
13 negotiations with the federal government and that filing a
14 lawsuit while they're negotiating with the federal government is
15 counterintuitive. It's against the State of Nevada's best
16 interest. The governor thinks that it was because of the
17 governor's office that the sage grouse has not been listed.
18 He's try- -- he's taking credit for that.
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, it's the worst decision. It
20 would have been -- it would have been better if it was listed.
21 There wouldn't have been as many restrictions.
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But -- but right n- -- so the
23 governor --
24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- accused the attorney general
26 of not having the jurisdiction to enter Nevada in a lawsuit.
27 He's dead wrong on the law. And the attorney general pointed it
28 out to the governor and said, no, no, no. Of course. And the
29 law is that all lawsuits coming from the State of Nevada have to
30 go through the attorney general's office. Just like in the
31 counties, all lawsuits to or from have to go through the -- the
32 district attorney's office. So the law is clear and settled on
33 that. So this is a political --
34 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So we're being asked to pick political
35 sides between the --
36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- governor and the attorney general?
38 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right. And I don't know --
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Why wouldn't the attorney general be
40 involved in negotiations with the BLM?

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not his job.
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's not his job.
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: With all the legal ramifications and
4 everything going on?
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Not his job. The governor may
6 ask for his legal opinion, but it's -- it's not -- it's the --
7 it's the governor's job to do that, just like the county
8 commissioners' job to do it here locally. It's -- it's the same
9 principle. So...
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So let's try this. I'll make a motion
11 that we send a letter of support from Lander County
12 commissioners for the Nevada State Attorney General joining the
13 Non-listing of the Northeastern California-Nevada Sage Grouse
14 lawsuit as number 17 on the list of counties to send this
15 letter. So when we reach 16, we're notified that there's been
16 16 counties that have done this. We will sign as number 17.
17 We'll seal the deal.
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So your motion is basically
19 that we will send a letter only after the other 16 counties?
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Exactly. We are number 17. Then that
21 way the entire state and every commissioner in the state has
22 joined and sent a loud message to Governor Sandoval.
23 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: And we don't believe that's going
24 to happen. So --
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, if it --
26 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- therefore --
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- doesn't happen, --
28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's our out because --
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: At least we won't -- we won't --
30 COMMISSIONER MILLS: The attorney -- the attorney general's
31 asking us to send this letter?
32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The attorney general --
33 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yes.
34 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- went to NACO, according to
35 Tori, and -- I guess, two people from the attorney general's
36 office -- and explained what's going on and explained the hissy
37 fit that the governor was doing and asked NACO for their support
38 by letter to the governor to show that NA- -- that -- that he's
39 working in concert with -- with NACO.
40 And at that time, they asked if other counties would like

1 to do that too.

2 Now Tori admitted to me that NACO is a different body than
3 the county because the governor can't do a lot to NACO. But the
4 governor may be able to -- the governor can help us or hurt
5 us -- let's be realistic --

6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Uh-huh.

7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- in certain things we try to
8 do. We don't want to get on the wrong side of the attorney
9 general or the governor.

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I was going to say they both could
11 do.

12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right. So we're stuck between a rock
14 and a hard place. How's -- how's the attorney general going to
15 use this letter? What's -- what's the --

16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Politics.

17 COMMISSIONER MILLS: It's all politics?

18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's all politics. And the
19 question is: --

20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Just so he can stick --

21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- Do we want to --

22 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- his thumb in the governor's eye.

23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- enter that political arena?

24 We've shown our support by being a named plaintiff in the
25 lawsuit.

26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

27 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And giving \$10,000.

29 COMMISSIONER MILLS: How about if we -- there's a --
30 there's other counties that have submitted a letter?

31 Or do we not know?

32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We -- I don't know. Tori
33 wasn't able to say. She told me that NACO toned down the letter
34 and they sent a letter.

35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: But we don't know about other
36 counties.

37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, --

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Why not like a letter of appreciation
39 for joining it with us --

40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: She said a lot of counties said

1 absolutely no. But she didn't have the information on whether
2 any counties actually said yes.
3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: So we don't know what verbiage any
4 other county has used --
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.
6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- in reply?
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's why --
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You could --
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- I said --
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- always put this off until we
12 find out.
13 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
14 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yeah.
15 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Let's find out.
16 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Well, the motion is --
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I say we table it.
18 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: The motion is dying with no second.
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
20 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: So --
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
22 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- your pleasure is just to ignore
23 it --
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We're not going --
25 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- at this --
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- send it.
27 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- point?
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, I make a motion to table Agenda
29 Item Number 16.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I withdraw my motion.
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I need a second.
32 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second Sean's motion.
33 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. The motion by
34 Commissioner --
35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Let's --
36 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- Bakker --
37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- let's find out what some of the-
38 -- let's find out --
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
40 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- what's going on.

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, let's dig into it a little
2 more.
3 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- is to table this issue and
4 seconded by Commissioner Mills. Any other public --
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
6 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- discussion?
7 (No comment.)
8 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: All in favor?
9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
10 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
11 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Any opposed?
12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I said aye.
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: (Indiscernible.)
14 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. I didn't hear Sean.
15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, I said aye.
16 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Oh, thank you. Okay.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's why I said 17.
18 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: And it passes. Okay.
19 Number 18. Update regarding status of Lander County
20 courthouse/administration building project and other matters --
21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: You have another item.
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, 17.
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You skipped 17.
24 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Oops. I skipped the janitorial
25 one. That's one of the most important. Excuse me.
26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
27
28 17) Discussion for possible action on accepting bid for
29 janitorial contract from Quality Tri-County Janitorial, Inc.,
30 for the Lander County courthouse/administration building or
31 creation of Lander County custodial staff to provide those
32 services, and other matters properly related thereto.
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34 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Discussion for possible action on
35 accepting bid for janitorial contract from Quality Tri-County
36 Janitorial Incorporated for the Lander County
37 courthouse/administration building or creation of Lander County
38 custodial staff to provide those services and other --
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I got that one chair --
40 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- matters properly --

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- back. Someone's
2 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- related thereto.
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- screwing me.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Conducted the walk-through. We
5 advertised for janitorial services in the new
6 courthouse/administrative building.
7 We conducted a walk-through two or three weeks back. We
8 had three interested parties that did -- did the walk-through.
9 Two pulled out. And we received one bid for janitorial
10 services, which is -- you all have copies of.
11 The cost per month with us providing the materi- -- or, I'm
12 sorry, the cost per year with us providing the materials, the
13 cleaning materials, was \$162,600.
14 The cost for the Quality Tri-County Janitorial to provide
15 the services and all the materials was \$201,960 a year. So --
16 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Keith, I --
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: With that kind of money, we probably
18 could look at --
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- hiring --
21 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Keith, I --
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- two county --
23 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- didn't see --
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- positions.
25 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- the RFP. Is this for daily?
26 Five days a week?
27 I -- I looked through it --
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. It -- well, there's daily.
29 There's weekly. And then there's monthly. And I thought I
30 included that. I apologize if I didn't.
31 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: I didn't see that.
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think we need to hire two janitors
33 to do all our buildings.
34 JEANNE FALZONE: I'll go get one, Keith.
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. Thanks, Jeanne.
36 I apologize. I guess I didn't include it. But it included
37 daily, weekly, monthly cleanings.
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They can cover the sheriff's
39 department too while they're right there.
40 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: What is -- what is the actual cost

1 that we pay for cleaning all of our buildings right now? Is
2 that anywhere?

3 NAN ANCHO: Now it's -- right now it's 5,000 -- Nan Ancho,
4 Finance -- it's \$5,000 a month to clean the courthouse, Road and
5 Bridge, senior center, and our annex building over there across
6 the tracks.

7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Do we have a comparison of square
8 footage for those buildings versus the new courthouse?

9 NAN ANCHO: No, it's not bid based on square footage.

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do they supply their own cleaning
11 products?

12 NAN ANCHO: No, we supply the cleaning products.

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I guess that's a big issue.

14 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Do we know how much we're spending on
15 cleaning products a year with all those buildings?

16 NAN ANCHO: No.

17 COMMISSIONER MILLS: No?

18 NAN ANCHO: But we -- if we purchase the cleaning products,
19 we get it at a governmental discount. Whereas, --

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

21 NAN ANCHO: -- if they --

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right. Right.

23 NAN ANCHO: -- purchase them on their own, they have to pay
24 this extra --

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

26 NAN ANCHO: -- plus sales tax.

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You've got --

28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, we met with Inland Supply
29 yesterday?

30 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes, we did. I haven't heard back from
31 them. Inland Supply went over there, did a quick walk-through
32 with Casey. And he hasn't got back to me yet --

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But --

34 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- as to --

35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- they'll set --

36 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- why.

37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the whole building up for our own
38 janitorial staff.

39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. They'll set everything up. They
40 figured it would be -- for us, it would be about a --

1 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Most of the other guys --
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- this is just an approximate --
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can't hear --
4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. Either one.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- you, Keith.
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It don't matter. But I mean, they --
7 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Wait until Sean's done.
9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What? No, go ahead.
10 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, okay. They did a quick walk-through
11 yesterday with Casey Gunther out of CORE. They estimate about a
12 \$20,000 startup for us to get all the equipment, all the
13 buckets, mops, materials.
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I thought they were donating some of
15 that stuff.
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well now the -- the dispensing stations,
17 they will -- they will donate and install as long as we buy the
18 product from them.
19 They're not going to donate the mop, the buckets, the --
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And the machine was 7,000?
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: The -- one machine, he estimated at
22 7,000. I haven't gotten a written quote because they're all
23 approximates, but he's --
24 COMMISSIONER MILLS: One machine? Is that like a riding
25 vacuum cleaner for seven thousand --
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: Almost --
27 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- bucks.
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- riding, but not quite. It's
29 self-propelled.
30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The polisher.
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that a --
32 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is that for a floor polisher?
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, floor buffer.
35 Nan? From a finance point of view, what do you think we
36 should do?
37 NAN ANCHO: Well, let me give you a little bit more
38 information here. I did a little calculation on what it would
39 cost us to hire two full-time based on our union pay scale, and
40 for two full-time, to clean whatever you need them to clean,

1 based on their job description, would be just over \$100,000 a
2 year.

3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Two full-time people?

4 NAN ANCHO: Two.

5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: To clean all our buildings?

6 NAN ANCHO: And I did hear from Water and Sew- -- or Road
7 and Bridge. They said they could clean their own building. So
8 --

9 KEITH WESTENGARD: Next year.

10 NAN ANCHO: I recommend --

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Why --

12 NAN ANCHO: -- that we --

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- have --

14 NAN ANCHO: -- hire our own.

15 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: But that's everything. That's all
16 benefits and everything.

17 NAN ANCHO: Everything. Yes. Uh-huh.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We're money ahead.

19 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And more secure.

21 NAN ANCHO: And -- and with having our own employees, if an
22 emergency happens, they're there. If you need a quick clean up
23 --

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, right.

25 NAN ANCHO: -- and somebody destroys something in the
26 restroom, they're there to -- to take care of it.

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we do this by the time we're in
28 there?

29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Of course.

30 NAN ANCHO: Now that's --

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

32 NAN ANCHO: -- to be decide- -- I don't know.

33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we take --

34 COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's completely up to the people
35 applying for the job. We can --

36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We can do it --

37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- we can post it and do all the
38 stuff.

39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- procedurally, Commissioner.
40 Procedurally, we can have everything in place. It's a matter

1 of -- of --

2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we take people from other
3 departments in case we don't have applicants? To keep the
4 building clean?

5 I mean, this is something that we should've started on a
6 couple months ago maybe.

7 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, we -- we -- I thought --

8 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Here we are today. We're going to do
9 it today.

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- we'd come in with a good janitorial
11 contract and that it would be reasonable. I had -- I didn't
12 realize it was going to come in at this.

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I don't want to be moving into a
14 building and then be four -- four weeks out of no care and --

15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioner, by getting our
16 employees, we're going save \$60,000 per year minimum.

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sure.

18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And if we have to dip into that
19 60 mill- -- \$60,000 savings temporarily to get it cleaned until
20 we get to two --

21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- or two people, employees on
23 board, we're still saving. We're still way ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I understand that.

25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's just simple arithmetic.

26 KEITH WESTENGARD: What we would run into with our -- using
27 our current employees is the union contract.

28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

29 KEITH WESTENGARD: We can't tell a -- for instance a Road
30 and Bridge person, hey, you're going to go clean -- be a janitor
31 for a month. It's not in their contract. So we would run into
32 issues there.

33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I understand that. I just --

34 KEITH WESTENGARD: We -- we can -- if the direction is to
35 hire, we've got some preliminary job descriptions already put
36 together. We can start working on getting things going right
37 away.

38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, what's the salary schedule?
39 What would we start?

40 NAN ANCHO: The janitors in the union contract start out

1 at -- I didn't bring that. It was like -- I think it was like
2 \$14.60 an hour is their union contract.

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, question. Who does Austin?

4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Dessie, I believe.

5 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yeah we have an independent
6 contractor.

7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, okay.

8 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Dessie. Uh-huh.

9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

10 NAN ANCHO: Now this may be a suggestion, but maybe we can
11 ask Quality if they can do on a month-to-month until we can get
12 a janitorial service. Or maybe we can ask our current
13 janitorial if they can pick up and help us up -- help us
14 maintain until we get something established. That's just an
15 option to look at.

16 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yeah, it's -- it's one thing, you
17 know, in our elected offices here for somebody to go out and,
18 you know, dump the garbage. It's something else --

19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

20 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- because we're coming into winter
21 and now we're going to have problems with tracking everything in
22 and the whole area looking terrible. So those -- those are real
23 janitorial duties that we need the jump on. But I'm okay with
24 maybe asking our current ones, if they don't want to do the
25 whole thing, perhaps they could handle the floors or something,
26 you know, in the interim until we get on board. So whatever --

27 KEITH WESTENGARD: Would you like me to talk to Quality and
28 see about a month-to-month?

29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: First, they have to decide what
30 they want to do.

31 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Is Quality your --

32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm going to make a --

33 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Are they going to -- are they hiring
34 people to do this job?

35 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, they have --

37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, they're not going to --

38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- people --

39 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- want to do it month-to-month. They
40 won't hire people month-to-month.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I don't --
2 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: We don't know. That's -- that's
3 not -- are you -- you're not talking the new people? The one
4 that we're looking at? The contract?
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
6 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. They have all their own
7 people.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, they'll bring them.
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: But they're talking about hiring new
10 people to do this --
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
12 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- job.
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: She was going to put on additional staff
14 for this.
15 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Ah.
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: She hasn't, but she was going
17 to if they got the --
18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- contract. But they still --
20 COMMISSIONER MILLS: I don't know how they would accept a
21 month-to-month.
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But they're still a janitorial.
23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Because business-wise, why would they?
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They're -- because they're a
25 janitorial service doing business.
26 COMMISSIONER MILLS: But if they have to hire extra --
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm going to --
28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- people, --
29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- make a motion.
30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, they -- they wouldn't.
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: But they would -- they would have --
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: All right.
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- staff to bring over here and get
34 started and then hire staff. So they wouldn't have a time
35 lapse.
36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Let's make this real simple. I'm
37 going to make a motion that we create two positions, janitorial
38 staff, custodial staff, to provide our Battle Mountain
39 governmental buildings.
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And maintenance?

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.
2 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Janitorial?
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's not maintenance.
4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-uh. Uh-uh.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So these people won't be able to put
6 in light bulbs or any of that?
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We have staff for that. They're just
8 going to clean our buildings.
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They're going to clean.
10 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Do we want this directed just to
11 the new courthouse or? Do you want --
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, I want --
13 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- your buildings included?
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh. All buildings.
15 NAN ANCHO: Well, this --
16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We have things we need.
17 NAN ANCHO: -- item is just the bid for the Quality
18 Janitorial, this item; right?
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No. It says, or creating a Lander
20 County custodial staff to provide those services -- either/or.
21 That's how the agenda was written.
22 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Do I have a second on that?
23 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Would you -- would you repeat how you
24 worded that?
25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yes.
26 NAN ANCHO: Yeah.
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I will. Actually, I'm going make a
28 motion that the executive director -- I need to retract my
29 motion.
30 I'm going to make a motion that the executive director hire
31 two custodial staff to provide services to our Battle Mountain
32 --
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We need to create this.
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: He just said we had to create a job
35 description.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: No, I -- we have --
37 COMMISSIONER MILLS: We have to create --
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- job --
39 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- positions in the county.
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- descriptions -- in there, job

1 descriptions put together right now.
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We need to create these
3 positions.
4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: So --
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I thought you already created it.
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I'm --
9 NAN ANCHO: They're under the classification of the union
10 contract, --
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
12 NAN ANCHO: -- we have to verify if there is a job
13 description created for the classification.
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So...retract that motion.
15 Make a motion that the executive director create and hires
16 two -- two people for the custodial staff to provide services to
17 our Lan- -- Battle Mountain county buildings.
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
19 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.
20 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. Moved by Commissioner
21 Bakker, seconded by Commissioner Mills. Any other discussion?
22 JEANNE FALZONE: I have a comment.
23 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: You have a comment?
24 JEANNE FALZONE: Jeanne Falzone, for the record.
25 Currently we're under contract with Love Cleaning to do
26 this building, the buildings here, the senior center, and Road
27 and Bridge.
28 NAN ANCHO: That's on a month-to-month.
29 JEANNE FALZONE: But -- and that's what I'm saying. If
30 they're on a month-to-month basis, what would be the problem of
31 keeping Love Cleaning for one month just to do the basics, like
32 what they do here now, for the new building?
33 And that way I think you would be covering the hiring
34 process.
35 COMMISSIONER MILLS: That would be better than trying to do
36 a month-to-month with Quality Janitorial.
37 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: That's correct.
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But we could certainly look into it.
39 But I don't know if they will. They didn't -- they didn't go
40 over there to put in a bid.

1 JEANNE FALZONE: Well, because --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: They're not big enough.
3 JEANNE FALZONE: They're --
4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: They're on a
5 month-to-month; they don't --
6 COMMISSIONER MILLS: But if we have them clean the
7 courthouse for one month, just --
8 JEANNE FALZONE: She is --
9 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- empty the trash --
10 JEANNE FALZONE: -- retiring, but --
11 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- and the floors.
12 JEANNE FALZONE: -- maybe her staff would be willing to
13 work one more month to get through the holiday season and earn a
14 little extra money.
15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Or apply for a job.
16 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Thank you.
17 JEANNE FALZONE: And apply for the jobs.
18 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: And --
19 COMMISSIONER MILLS: But that's --
20 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- that was --
21 COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's still separate from this
22 motion.
23 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: That was. Yeah, that was part of
24 the discussion, to contact our current ones too.
25 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
26 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: So --
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
28 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- I think we're covered. Thank
29 you, Jeanne.
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Keith, you've got direction.
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: I got it.
32 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: All right.
33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
34 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: All those --
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Three different --
36 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- in favor?
37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- times.
38 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

1 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Aye.
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It should've gone out earlier.
3 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay.
4

5 18) Update regarding the status of the Lander county
6 courthouse/administration building project and other matters
7 properly related thereto.
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9 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Moving on to 18. Update regarding
10 status of the Lander County courthouse/administration building
11 project, and other matters properly related thereto.

12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll tell you later.

13 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Here's our two men of the hour.

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Cold out there, Casey?

15 CASEY GUNTHER: It's warming up a bit.

16 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: All right. So Max Bunch, for the record.
17 Casey Gunther is here from CORE Construction.

18 And so kind of starting off, we're getting real close to
19 the end. We've got the glass and the guardrail have been
20 installed in the front of the building, the stainless steel
21 handrails have been installed, the remaining glass and
22 storefront glass has been installed, including the glass canopy
23 at the front of the building.

24 The final cleaners are in there taking their first run at
25 the cleaning up the courthouse for when we get going.

26 CORE has agreed to wait until after the owner-provided
27 furniture -- equipment? -- and stuff that we have has been
28 installed for the final one last clean.

29 So basically, they're in cleaning glass. They're --
30 they're doing different things right now.

31 So CORE's waited to -- or offered to wait until after all
32 our furniture and everything's in before they do the final --
33 final clean.

34 The county's switches for the Internet and the court
35 system, not the court system, but the network system for the
36 courthouse was picked up by CORE Construction last Friday, which
37 happened to be a holiday for us. And they -- they happily went
38 over and did that. And thank you very much, Casey, for taking
39 the time to do that.

40 There's still come configuration that needs to take place,

1 which will be done remotely when the equipment -- there's more
2 equipment coming and going to be installed. I believe that's in
3 the process of -- it's either going to arrive today or tomorrow
4 so they can get on that.

5 We have owner training. And demonstration is wrapping up.
6 Joe has been at one training. Anna has been at all the
7 trainings, along with me, for -- for demonstration. The air
8 handler units, the plumbing. We did doors this morning. So
9 we're -- we've got another meeting that's supposed to happen
10 about ten minutes ago, but I'll get there. And then --

11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The doors come with door handles?

12 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, you would think that would be the
13 easiest thing, but there is -- there was about an hour-long
14 session on it, on how to adjust the doors too, and what has to
15 happen. So that's a pretty simple process.

16 So the last training starting -- or session will be, I
17 believe, next Friday, Friday the 13th. That'll be the last
18 training on that. CORE will have a certificate of occupancy, we
19 think, in the next couple of days. Or that's what we're hoping
20 for.

21 Punch list work will be ongoing for the next week or two
22 and maybe three. Van Woert and Bigotti, one of their staff, a
23 couple of their staff came out yesterday to lock the courtrooms,
24 which just got finished up; the commissioners' room, which just
25 got finished up; the community meeting room, which is just been
26 fixed up; and the corridors to the entry, which is where they're
27 kind of working. And these are the high -- high-end finishes.
28 And that's why they're trying to get those. That's why it's
29 taken so long to get those done.

30 So the courtroom and the commissioners', like I said, are
31 complete. And punch list remains on those. Tri-Signal's in the
32 middle of programming the network for the whole building. It
33 also includes incorporating the sheriff's office for the phone
34 system that we purchased. So they're -- they're having to do
35 that too.

36 The wireless access points need to be configured. I
37 believe that either PC Performance or Tri-Signal are -- is doing
38 what -- I know that Tri-Signal was here this morning and picked
39 up the last piece that somehow didn't get put into the boxes
40 that went over to the building. And somehow it's here with the

1 IT person. And I think we have that moving forward as of today.
2 That's kind of the piece that makes everything work.
3 Everything else is in installed, ready to go. We've got some
4 digital coverings that have been installed, and those are
5 looking good.
6 The bench has been installed. It's in the front lobby
7 area. That happened yesterday.
8 We're still on track to complete -- completely -- handing
9 over the building on November 13th. We're, and like I say, CORE
10 will still be around doing little things. They don't think
11 they're going to be much of a disruption but, I think they're
12 probably a little bit off guard on that. So I think they're
13 going to cause a lot of disruption -- disruptions.
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Casey, do you think that's true?
15 CASEY GUNTHER: Not at all.
16 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Not at all. Maybe they won't. Maybe
17 they won't.
18 CASEY GUNTHER: Just in one office, maybe.
19 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah. And then last but not least, the
20 ribbon-cutting open house ceremony is going to be scheduled for
21 November 21st, 2015, 11:00 a.m. Casey will be sending to Keith
22 a digital invitation for him to send out a mass e-mail to all
23 county employees, elected officials, or whomever the county
24 wants to have invited to the open house ribbon-cutting.
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's invite the governor. And the
26 attorney general.
27 CASEY GUNTHER: We've made that call, Art.
28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Go in front of the next
29 commission meeting to decide who's going to be --
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: This is it.
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- on the ribbon-cutting?
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I say we let Max do the
33 ribbon-cutting. He's done all the work.
34 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Look, --
35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, you can decide --
36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The commission --
37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- whatever you want.
38 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: The commission needs to be there to --
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, we'll be there, but I mean, you
40 --

1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You guys are still --
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- can still do the ribbon-cutting.
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, --
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is November the 21st, you said.
5 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Saturday, November 21st, 11:00 a.m.
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You going to be here?
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
8 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Casey, --
9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Why wouldn't I be here?
10 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Casey and CORE --
11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Are you going to be here?
12 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- Construction are -- are working on
13 the --
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'd go hunting.
15 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- on all of that --
16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.
17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- for us.
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So are they going to provide
19 the ribbon?
20 CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.
21 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yes. They are providing the ribbon.
22 And --
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We can all stand up there and do it,
24 though, honestly.
25 CASEY GUNTHER: Absolutely.
26 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: If you don't
27 (undiscernible) --
28 COMMISSIONER MILLS: It's big enough.
29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: All five of us.
30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Absolutely.
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. And Max.
32 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: We have some public comment.
33 Jeanne.
34 JEANNE FALZONE: Jeanne Falzone. In order to have the --
35 all the commissioners at the open house --
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's got to be posted.
37 JEANNE FALZONE: Do you have to agendize that?
38 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: As long as we don't talk.
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's kind of hard with you around.

1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: As long as they don't
2 deliberate and do things of that nature. Certainly, they can be
3 at a social, which this is, function and the --

4 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: And ooh and aah.

5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes. And not deliberate on any
6 issues in the county.

7 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Thank you.

8 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So -- and I'll let Casey talk a little
9 bit about it, because he's done -- he and Allie, one of the
10 other people from CORE, have done all the work. And thank you
11 for that.

12 I've been trying to keep up with my day job and doing these
13 owner trainings and all these fires that have to be put out.

14 So -- so Casey's taken on this section. I'll let him talk
15 about that a little bit and anything else he wants to talk
16 about.

17 CASEY GUNTHER: All right. So basically, going to the
18 ribbon-cutting ceremony, myself and Allie have accounted for --
19 I believe it's going to be advertised in the Bugle as well, but
20 150 people showing up, --

21 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No, I did not show --

22 CASEY GUNTHER: -- we have tent-sized heaters going to be
23 there. Chairs. I have arranged for the VFW to be there to do
24 the flag-raising. And if anybody wants to give a speech, we
25 will have sound systems and everything for that. So
26 refreshments, beverages, will be there. So it should be a good
27 time as long as it's not snowing or too cold. Then we can walk
28 the building.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Supposed to be a heat wave that day
30 or something.

31 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Let's hope so.

32 CASEY GUNTHER: It's supposed to snow the day before or so.
33 We'll see.

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It'll be flooded.

35 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: So you're actually doing all the
36 invitations. We're not doing any individual or we are doing
37 individual ones? The county?

38 CASEY GUNTHER: What it is, is a digital invitation. It's
39 basically a PDF. CORE, Lander County, everybody invites you to
40 the ribbon-cutting -- ribbon-cutting ceremony that will be

1 attached to an e-mail I'm going to send to Keith. At that point
2 in time, whoever the county wishes to be present or wants to
3 invite to that, just send it out via e-mail. And it has a name
4 and number on it to call to RSVP --
5 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay.
6 CASEY GUNTHER: -- so we have a better count of who all's
7 going to be there.
8 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: So we don't plan on -- on -- other
9 than the newspaper heading it and the e-mail, there's nothing
10 formal that's going out at all; is that correct?
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, no.
12 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay.
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's correct.
14 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. So if there's somebody else
15 that you think of that we've -- we've missed that we think we
16 should invite, we just simply tell --
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You submit a list to Keith.
18 COMMISSIONER MILLS: E-mail them.
19 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yeah. Just tell Keith.
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Everybody needs to submit a
21 list to Keith so we make sure that those people are invited that
22 you think are important for this.
23 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And -- and just so that you know, I will
24 be sending that digital e-mail to the supreme court. And the
25 supreme court will be distributing it to all of the courts in
26 the state of Nevada. As soon as I get, Casey's going to send it
27 to me so that if --
28 CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.
29 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I know there's been a couple of supreme
30 court justices that approached me about when it was going to
31 open and that they wanted to be here and I --
32 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Wow.
33 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So as they've driven through or whatever,
34 they -- they've approached me, and I've said, I --
35 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: So you only planned for a hundred
36 and fifty?
37 CASEY GUNTHER: I planned for a hundred and fifty. And
38 maybe 17 will show up.
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. Right.
40 Hey, I think the less that --

1 CASEY GUNTHER: The way things are going.
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The least amount of judges we have
3 there.
4 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You're good to go.
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. I know Ted will back me up on
6 that.
7 CASEY GUNTHER: In regard to Commissioner Clark's comment,
8 I believe our Las Vegas office has contacted Governor Sandoval
9 about attending. I don't know if that's an actual deal or not
10 yet. Nothing's been confirmed.
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, if we send that letter he
12 certainly won't attend.
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, maybe if you --
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You might have to agendize it and
15 have a discussion with him.
16 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, we'll do the letter after the
17 (indiscernible).
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Maybe if you could get the governor
19 and the attorney general there, we could sing *Kumbaya*.
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'll tell you right now, that's
21 not going to happen.
22 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Anything else for us today?
23 CASEY GUNTHER: I do not believe so on my side. Judge
24 Bunch.
25 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Thank you, both. It's so exciting
26 it's almost here.
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, guys. Doing an awesome
28 job. Appreciate it.
29 CASEY GUNTHER: Thank you.
30 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Good job.
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33 **19) Update regarding the status of the Battle Mountain**
34 **Recreational Center Project and other matters properly**
35 **related thereto.**
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37 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Agenda Item 19. Update regarding
38 the status of the the Battle Mountain recreational center
39 project and other matters properly related --
40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We'll --

1 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- thereto.
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- table it. They're still working
3 on numbers. And so --
4 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Nothing there?
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.
6 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. Thank you, Sean.
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8 **20) Correspondence/reports/potential upcoming agenda items.**

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10 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Number 20. Correspondence,
11 reports, potential upcoming agenda items.
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13 (The following correspondence was received:

14 1. Bureau of Land Management, Tonopah Field Office to
15 Interested Public, Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy
16 Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for
17 implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tonopah
18 Filed Office (TFO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA)
19 which analyzes the impacts of the Three Hills Mine Project
20 located approximately one mile west of Tonopah in Esmeralda
21 County, Nevada.

22 2. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to Mr.
23 Benson, No Further Action Determination NV Energy Transformer
24 Release.)
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26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You guys have anything?

27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes, I have something.

28 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: One would be our special meeting
29 for Nan and our finance department to extend our audit.

30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And the auditors need to be there.
31 Everyone needs to be there.

32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I have one -- an upcoming
33 agenda item. And we need to -- I believe, it's my opinion, we
34 need to agendize an item giving notice to our industrial
35 insurance facilitator, third party facilitator to give them
36 notice that we no longer require their assistance and that we
37 have our own HR department do all our -- our -- well, it's not
38 industrial insurance, it's --

39 KEITH WESTENGARD: No, it's unemployment insurance.

40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's unemployment insurance.

1 Excuse me. Because what we're having now is we have a
2 facilitator, third part- -- third party facilitator that gets a
3 nominal fee for -- I don't know -- every quarter and then makes
4 money on how many -- how many people we have on unemployment
5 insurance.

6 So it's in our best interest not to challenge any of them.
7 And they don't, even if they legally -- even if the county can
8 legally challenge these, they won't do that. They don't do
9 that.

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Because they're making money.

11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Because they're making money.

12 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: But we can bring it in-house?

13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Absolutely. Would you agree
14 with that?

15 BECKY JOHNSON: Becky Johnson, HR.

16 Sure. This is new to me. I didn't know this was coming
17 up.

18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Nan, we discussed that;
19 remember?

20 So do you agree?

21 NAN ANCHO: Yes.

22 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: So we -- this goes on the next
23 agenda?

24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

25 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Right. Okay.

26 On the special meeting, though, we don't have time to put
27 that on the next agenda. So we have to discuss that now?

28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

29 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: And how do we set a date if we
30 haven't got it on the agenda? Can we just choose a date?

31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You are the acting chair. You
32 can give them notice of a date right now.

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Let me look at the calendar.

34 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. Let's go for that. We are
35 in November. And we need to do that. Nan?

36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Why don't we do the 19th?

37 NAN ANCHO: I would like to see if I can add to the special
38 agenda. We received some net proceeds that I need to have
39 distributed and I have a short time frame to do it, like 60
40 days. So can I add that to the special agenda?

1 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: I don't know why you couldn't.
2 There's no restriction --
3 COMMISSIONER MILLS: May as well.
4 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- on one item or two items.
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You'd --
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What about --
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The advantage --
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- 19th?
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- of setting it now, --
10 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yes.
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- Commissioner Waits, is that
12 we don't have to give the other commissioners three days'
13 written notice of it, except for -- for Steve Stienmetz.
14 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. Well, let's -- let's go back
15 to the 19th, the one we were going to have originally.
16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: 19th at 9:00?
17 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: At 9:00. And we'll just make it a
18 short one. We might want to add something else, you know, and
19 that's fine. We'll leave that up to our executive director if
20 they want to have an agenda-setting --
21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Whatever else they need on there.
22 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: What they'd like to do. But that's
23 important that we handle that.
24 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Because it's time to post everything
25 and whatnot. That's good.
26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. Works for me.
27 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Well, since it's a short one, can I
28 set it for 10:00?
29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. Whatever you want.
30 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Give you -- yeah, if you want --
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
32 COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- give you an extra hour to get here.
33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Might be snowing.
34 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: It does.
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You never know.
36 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: And it might be snowing, bad
37 weather, whatever. Okay. Keith, we're going to go with
38 10:00 o'clock on that one, on the 19th.
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: 10:00.
40 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yeah. Because we should be done in

1 an hour. Easy. And do the --
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: So far --
3 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- rest.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- we have the tax, the tax stuff, as
5 well as net proceeds.
6 Those are the only two things as of now, unless you want to
7 add something.
8 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay.
9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Something will probably come up.
10 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Well, you said we have to give
11 notice to our third party that's handling unemployment. How
12 much notice do they need?
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, what we have to -- I
14 think it's -- it might be 30 days. I don't recall off the top
15 of my head. But we just have --
16 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: We might want to put that on there
17 too and then that will take care of it until the end of the
18 year.
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. I'll -- I'll look at the
20 contract between now and then.
21 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. And if you decide to do
22 that, we'll throw that one on too.
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's a good idea.
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. Good. Okay.
25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.
26 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay.
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yep.
28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The best -- the faster we do
29 that, the more money it's going to save us.
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We jumped the gun. We're going to
31 have one more meeting here.
32 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yep.
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: Sorry.
34 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Dang it.
35 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: That's the way it goes.
36 COMMISSIONER MILLS: Now we've got to do pictures again.
37 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. Nothing else for --
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: So those right now --
39 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- agenda? Okay.
40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, boy.

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3 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
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5 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: We're open for public comment. Any
6 other public comment?

7 (No comment.)

8 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. Motion.
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11 **ADJOURNMENT**
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13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Make a motion to adjourn.

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second. Aye.

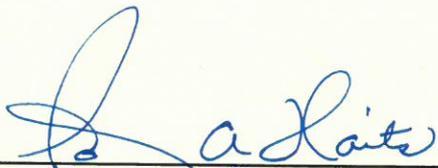
15 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Motion by Commissioner Bakker
16 seconded by Commissioner Clark. All in favor?

17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

19 VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Aye. Thank you.
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