The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in special session in the Commission Chambers of the Lander County Courthouse in Battle Mountain, Nevada, 315 S. Humboldt Street, on November 19, 2015, at 10:02 a.m. Transcript produced by Tiffany Elkington, C.C.R., #930.

PRESENT: STEVEN STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER
PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER
SEAN BAKKER, COMMISSIONER
ART CLARK III, COMMISSIONER
DOUG MILLS, COMMISSIONER
KEITH WESTENGARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK
THEODORE HERRERA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
NAN ANCHO, FINANCE DIRECTOR
BECKY JOHNSON, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

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

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

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. I'd like to call to order the November 19th, 2015, meeting of the Lander County Commissioners, Town Board of Battle Mountain, and Austin Board of County Highway Commissioners.

And would you please follow me in the pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA NOTICE

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We need approval of the agenda notice for November 19th, 2015.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion we approve the agenda notice, November 19th, 2015.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: First, second.

Any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Now we'll go to approval of the November 5th, 2015, regular minutes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do have some corrections.

The first one is page 72, line number 4. They have this paragraph contributed to me. And I believe that's Keith Westengard that was sharing what happened with our janitorial services.

Take a look at that, Keith. Isn't that what you said?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. Yes, that's correct.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because then I -- I say at the bottom of that, "Keith, I --." So I'm assuming. So we need to change that to having him as the author of that information.

On page 79, line 22. And that one was me. So it should be me instead of Steve. Steve had already left at that point.

And then the last one is page 80, line 19.

And apparently, from the information behind that, I said, "Moved by Commissioner Bakker. Seconded by Commissioner Mills." So that second, on line 19, should be attributed to Commissioner Mills and not Commissioner Stienmetz or Chairman Stienmetz.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hm.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: If anybody else has anything else?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I'll make a motion that we approve the November 5th minutes with the corrections.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

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

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Now we go to payment of the bills.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Got anything, Doug?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Nope.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any questions on them?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Anybody got questions?
I'll make a motion we approve the payment of the bills.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Now we'll go to public comment for non-agendized items only.
Do we have any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: None. Then all right.

1) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval of a letter to the Department of Taxation requesting extension of time to file FY '14/'15 audit, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go to Item 1. Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval of a letter to

the Department of Taxation requesting extension of time for the -- to file FY '14/'15 audit, and other matters properly related thereto.

NAN ANCHO: We're just asking for this -- we -- this audit extension in the event that --

KEITH WESTENGARD: That we don't get finished -- or the auditors don't finish on time. They're on a very good track right now. It appears they're going to be on time. This is just the backup in case.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

NAN ANCHO: This is just going to give us a cushion in the event that we don't make it by November 30th deadline.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That's what we discussed at our last meeting?

NAN ANCHO: Yeah.

KEITH WESTENGARD: So in the event they don't get finished, they'll let us know. And we'll submit this timely to get our extension. And then we won't be in trouble with the state.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Any questions?

I'll make a motion we approve a letter to the Department of Taxation requesting extension of time to file -- for file FY '14/'15 audit.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

2) Discussion for possible action to approve Resolution No. 2015-17, a resolution directing apportionment of net proceeds received in the month of October 2015, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Number 2, discussion for possible action to approve Revo- -- Resolution Number 2015-17, a resolution directing appointment [verbatim] of net proceeds in

the month of October 2015, and other matters properly related thereto.

NAN ANCHO: On October 1st, 2015, the county treasurer received $621,200.47 in net proceeds.

The mandated distributions are Commission Fees, $18,636.01; Assessor Tech Fees, $12,424.01; China Springs, $546.08; State Medical Indigent, $12,774.28; State Indigent NACO, $2,925.41; Capital Acquisition, $5,850.81; Landfill, $9,751.36; Hospital, $94,657.40; School District, $438,956.84, for a total mandated of $296,522.20.

And the remaining is discretionary, went to the CCP Fund of $324,678.27.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Any questions?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve and adopt Resolution Number 2015-17, a resolution directing apportionment of net proceeds and mineral tax fees on October 1st, 2015, in the amount of $621,200.47 to the appropriated funds designated in the resolution.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

NAN ANCHO: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Nan.

3) **Discussion for possible action regarding the short staffing in the communication division for an extension on the temporary amendment to the current contract language in Article 7 of the Lander County Law Enforcement Employees Association Bargaining Unit B for dispatcher in the communication division, and other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Number 3, discussion for possible

action regarding the short staffing in the communication division for an extension on the temporary amendment to the current contract language in Article 7 of the Lander County Law Enforcement Employees Association Bargaining Unit B for dispatchers in the communication division, and other matters properly related thereto.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Ron Unger, Lander County sheriff.

I have Investigator Stevens with me. He's also chief steward for the union.

INVESTIGATOR STEVENS: I'm the president of the un- -- employees association union.

I'm also here on behalf of the supervisors association as well.

I'm not sure if you have a copy of this MOU that's been proposed.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So how did that work out with the temporary?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: So far it's worked out really good. And this is -- that -- that temporary MOU that we had in effect is coming to an end here very quickly. And this is just an extension of that.

But --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Are --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- so far it's worked. I mean, we haven't had any complaints at my end.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So you're -- you're short people?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: In the dispatch. Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Are you still advertising?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Any applicants?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Nobody in background at this point.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So you're in the same situation you were six months ago?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's exactly right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And -- and you haven't been able to find anyone to work in that position?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: In six months.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Wow.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Everybody wants it --

INVESTIGATOR STEVENS: We've had -- we've had several

applications and -- and people go through backgrounds, but they wash out of backgrounds.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Disqualified.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What disqualifies them out of the background check?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: It could be -- there's a lot of disqualifiers in our -- but use of drugs, ex-felons, stuff like that.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Stuff that they don't divulge on their applications.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Applications.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: And we find it in backgrounds and automatically discharge them.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many people have made it into the dispatch room and not made it to the end of their training?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Very few. We've had --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Very few?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- some. But very few. And when they wash out there, it's -- it's because of them, not anything they're doing wrong. It's just there's a lot of stress in that dispatch, working the shift work. A lot of them we've had have had families and it's --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- time-consuming. They wash themselves out.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Discouraging.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: It's a very stressful job in there. And it's -- you've got to multitask a lot so...

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And how long is this extension?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: This'll be till June 30th, I believe.

INVESTIGATOR STEVENS: June -- June 30th. Yes. And that's -- that's also the end of our --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So it's another --

INVESTIGATOR STEVENS: -- current contract.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- six -- another six-month extension?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.

INVESTIGATOR STEVENS: Seven-month.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Seven months. So it's longer than the last one?

INVESTIGATOR STEVENS: From December 1st to June 30th.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Hm.

So do you have any -- what's -- what's the resolution here to -- there seems to be some kind of issue of some sort here. Well, have -- do you have a -- a plan to resolve the --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: We just keep --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- hiring process?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- advertising, trying to get people in, and going through the background.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Hm.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Not much else you can do.

I mean, you guys are doing everything you can to get staffed up.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: How long does it -- what's the process time-wise to get somebody hired once -- once they apply?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: It takes -- once we get the application, then there's testing that they have to go through immediately to pass. And if they pass that testing, then they go into the background. The background takes a month, two months to do, depending on how quick we get the information back that we're applying for. Once we get that information back, then there's another interview process that we go through. If they accept, we'll make them a job offer. If they accept it, then there's -- they could be hired immediately at that point.

But they have to pass the -- there's a psych- -- psychological exam that they have to go through. They've got to go through the physicals, this type of stuff. They have to pass all of that.

INVESTIGATOR STEVENS: And then -- and then at that point, once they're hired, if they're hired, there's also six-week field training program that they have to go to before they're able to work on their own in the dispatch center.

And until -- until we get somebody in there working on their own, that's kind of -- this is kind of -- (indiscernible).

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Where are -- where are you guys advertising?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: We advertise locally, mainly, just like you guys do. We -- we advertise it locally.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Ever thought about, like, trying Winnemucca, Elko maybe?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: And I can't tell you when the last time we submitted or put out an advertisement. I'm not -- I don't remember.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many do you need, Ron?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: We could use two.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Two?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: We need one for full-time. And I'd like -- I'd like to have one or two part-time. And I used to have six slots, but we've given those up because we just can't fill them.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Are you budgeted for that?

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yes, sir. Not for six at this point, Art. I let several of those go. I think I'm budgeted for two, possibly three part-timers.

INVESTIGATOR STEVENS: I think we're budgeted for one full-time and two part-time -- (indiscernible).

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. You guys good?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yep. I'm good with it.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve the extension on temporary amendment to the current contract language in Article 7 of Lander County Law Enforcement Employee Association Bargaining Unit B for dispatch.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

4) Discussion for possible action regarding the short staffing in the communications division for an extension on the temporary amendment to the current contract language in Article 7 of the Lander County Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit B for supervisor and non-supervisor in the communication division, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Item 4, discussion for possible action

regarding the short staffing in the commun- -- communications division of an -- of an extension on the temporary amend- -- amendment to the current contract language in Article 7 of the Lander County Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit B for supervisors and non-supervisors in the communication division, and other matters properly related thereto.

INVESTIGATOR STEVENS: This is -- this is essentially the same request as Item 3 with the difference being supervisor that's employed in there is pulling a shift right now. And she's covered under a separate contract.

We'll be asking for the same -- same language change in her contract as well.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: That make sense to you guys?

We have a supervisor in dispatch --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- plus the employees. So you've got two different contracts.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Contracts.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Uh-huh.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: So we're just wanting to bring her in with the rest of them.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Questions?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I don't have questions. I think it's good.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve the extension on temporary amendment to the current contract language in Article 7 of the Lander County Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit B for supervisor and non-supervisor in the communications division.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Hey, we have a -- we need signatures on this. Do you want to do it now or --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I didn't authorize the chair to sign.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Huh?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: He didn't know he needed to --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just say --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- authorize.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just make a new motion.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll amend -- well, we've --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Just make --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- got to go back --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- a new motion.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- and do three.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: You can make a new motion. Just authorize the chair to sign.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Both of them.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to authorize the chair to sign both those contracts.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Thank you very much.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Ron.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you, guys.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Hopefully next year you won't be all emergency staffing.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Ah. Gray hair.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You know, you --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: I'm going to have --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- and the undersheriff --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- dispatchers.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- might have to take a shift.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: I have taken a shift. It's scary. I can work the radios just fine.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

5) Discussion for possible action to terminate the Unemployment Cost Management Service contract between Lander County and TALX UC Express, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Now we'll go to Item Number 5. Discussion for possible action to terminate the Unemployment Cost Management Service contract between Lander County and TALX UC Express, and other matters properly related thereto.

KEITH WESTENGARD: This is commonly referred to as Equifax, our contract, when we have an employee file unemployment.

This is the -- the service that we've used for the past ten years or so to negotiate or, on Lander County's behalf, try stop unemployment or find out why the unemployment claim is being filed.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, they handle our unemployment claims is what they do.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They're third -- third party -- they act as a third party in Lander County's unemployment compensation plans.

And we -- we initiated this in 7/11/05. And for the last 11 or so years -- no, the last five or six years, we have been using these people.

Now, it's a five-year contract. And then at the end of that five-year period it goes year to year.

So we need to decide whether we're going to continue with these people or do it on our own.

And I believe that -- that our HR can do it on their own and should do it on our own.

The problem I have with it, as the district attorney, is that they get paid for -- if we have more unemployment claims, they get paid -- paid more money. So they don't give the county the opportunity to challenge the claims.

If there's a legitimate challenge, it doesn't matter. They don't give us the opportunity to do it. And we have an absolute right to challenge certain --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- claims. But they don't even -- in their paperwork, they don't even have a place to

challenge.

And -- and I'll point out something that they provided some paperwork. And it states on their billing -- and it states -- did I get a copy of it?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Uh-huh.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay. And it states on annual fee, it says, "claims fee" and then "hearing fee." There's 225 in person or 175 telephone representation has not been billed since 2011.

The reason why is because we haven't had any claims contested because they won't contest our claims.

So we're just throwing money away.

And my advice is that you -- you -- you agree to give them 90-days' notice to quit, stop the service going forward.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So if we give them the 90 days and you do that this month, that will take care of December, January. And the short month of February will be the full 90? We'll be okay to start on our own for March; is that --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- correct?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They started July. So five years would be...

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I guess what I'm asking is: We don't have to wait until the first of December? You can do this now --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I don't know how you --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- because we have a short month.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I would have to calculate this to -- because it has to be 90 days --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It can't be less than 90 days before the expiration.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. And that's -- that's why I'm clarifying that, that you will be doing it early this month yet. So we have a full month of December, January. And the short month of February will be made up for with our extra time in November.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So you will be doing this right away? Is what I'm --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We have to. Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's what I was clarifying.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So. So. Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So the first of March, we'll be on our own?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: If we pass this.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And if you have any questions of HR, Becky's here to -- to answer any questions. Because it's -- it's not that complicated.

BECKY JOHNSON: No, I -- I -- I kind of have been -- Becky Johnson, HR.

I've been doing some researching. And I do believe I'll be able to handle it. I'll be seeking some help from Nan --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And I'll be happy --

BECKY JOHNSON: -- on some of this --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- to help --

BECKY JOHNSON: -- stuff.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- at any time too.

BECKY JOHNSON: And our DA. But I do believe that it's something we need to handle ourselves. We don't have the opportunity --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: To challenge any.

BECKY JOHNSON: -- to fight these claims. There's nowhere on the paperwork.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think -- I think that's the big question. Just the ability to do it ourselves. And if --

BECKY JOHNSON: I do believe that --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- we can do it ourselves, why are we having someone else do it?

BECKY JOHNSON: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Exactly.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I agree.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I agree.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I agree.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So I'm going make a motion that we --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Make sure you have an appropriate person to be able to sign the notice.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Got you.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Sorry.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm going to make a motion to approve a 90-day termination notice to the Unemployment Cost Management Service contract between Lander County and TALX UC Express and authorize the chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

(No comment.)

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just a question. Is -- can POOL/PACT help you with any assistance or training on this part too? are they -- can they -- are they involved in this area?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Great. Then we're set.

BECKY JOHNSON: We can definitely reach out to them.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good. You have your resources.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

BECKY JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Becky.

6) Discussion for possible action regarding facility fees, usage and boarding fees at the Battle Mountain Livestock Events Center, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go to 6. Discussion for possible action regarding facility fees, usage, and boarding fees at the Battle Mountain Livestock Event Center, and other matters properly related thereto.

CASEY GUNTHER: Good morning, Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning, Casey.

CASEY GUNTHER: Casey Gunther, for the record. Board member of the Livestock Event Center Board.

We met our November 5th meeting. And one of our objectives so far since the new -- since I become on the board is to start figuring out fee structures to where the event center can get to a point where it's self-sustaining.

We had a meeting November 5th, went over it. I will hand these out to everybody about fee structures, boarding, and public use of grounds.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Casey, has Austin been faxed this copy?

CASEY GUNTHER: I did not know --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: This --

CASEY GUNTHER: -- what was going on. This is something that was --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: This looks like it's --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It was thrown --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- the same.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- on last minute. So Sadie, can you fax that to Austin, please?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yep.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: It looks like it's the same thing that's --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It is the same --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- in the packet.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- thing in our packet.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just structured a little bit differently --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, just --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- but mostly --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: It's a --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it's the same.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- different format, but it's --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, but --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- the same --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- mostly the same.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Sadie, I don't think you need to fax that.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They've got it.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Now, there --

CASEY GUNTHER: And --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- there is a question here that it says, facility usage. We have been advised that there is no present insurance for the rodeo grounds facility. We are requesting the county look into a year-round liability coverage for the facility.

I believe when I discussed this with Keith, he advised me that there was a present insurance for their -- for the rodeo grounds facility. And it is yearlong.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. It's yearlong.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Is that true?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. Yes. It is.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's covered with our blanket insurance?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes. That's right.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Is it? All right. Because I heard it couldn't be because we don't own the property.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, that's what I thought. That's what -- that's --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: (Indiscernible.)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'm the one that said -- I questioned whether we have insurance because we don't own the property.

And cur- -- since that meeting, at the rod- -- rodeo board, Keith advised me that we do, in fact, have year-round insurance.

KEITH WESTENGARD: It was looked into with our carrier.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So I just wanted to --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- tell the board.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: On this, who do you plan on using to track it and co- -- and collect all the fees and stuff on this part of it?

You know, I was just --

CASEY GUNTHER: That's kind of a twofold. The fee structure itself for the events that will take place will be handled by two -- two parties, if you will. The event center board, whoever was negotiating that and handling the contract,

will then take it over to the finance director. And she then signs the contract and collects the money at that time.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, we approved the executive director and the assistant executive director to approve the contracts.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, we did that --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- some time ago.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Well, I just -- that's what I was -- I hadn't heard that.

CASEY GUNTHER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We did that a while back.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And also heard --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: For livestock.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- you were looking be -- wanting to board animals for people?

CASEY GUNTHER: That -- that was a discussion that came about --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

CASEY GUNTHER: -- by people.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Well, one of my concerns is if you start boarding animals, then you get the health division involved in it. Because if they are not current on their inoculations --

CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- and stuff like that and you would cause somebody else to get that because you let a horse in there that was not up to date on that, --

CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- then you could be sued for that part of it.

CASEY GUNTHER: Correct. 7.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: You know, --

CASEY GUNTHER: I understand that.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- I was just wondering who was going to track that.

Because, I mean, if you have them coming in from out of state that's not a problem because you can ask for their brand inspection, which means they've also done that. But I mean

local --

CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- people from in state that would come in. You know, because I'd heard rumors that you were looking at having people be able to drop off horses if they were traveling through to board them for the night.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

CASEY GUNTHER: That is one of those things. It's like a 24-hour max period that we're looking at right now. It's -- it's not for any extended period of time.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And the thought behind that is that people drive to Winnemucca and Elko to board their horses if they're traveling because we don't allow it here.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And then they stay in a hotel. They --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I got it.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- go to dinner. They buy fuel.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Well, I agree with you. But my biggest concern is if you're doing that, you've also got to have somebody tracking that to make sure that any horse that you put in there has its proper inoculations and it's up to date --

CASEY GUNTHER: Sure.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- so that you don't cause a problem with anybody else coming through.

CASEY GUNTHER: That could be easily made into the requirement for the --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

CASEY GUNTHER: -- boarding.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: But, I mean, you know, just --

CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- there's things that -- things that I thought of that -- are they being tracked and things on that?

CASEY GUNTHER: Sure.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right. Okay.

CASEY GUNTHER: We'll look into that and discuss that at our next board meeting.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And you're going to --

Are you just going to have somebody -- are you going to have somebody there to maintain the -- the facility?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Cleaning out the stalls, you mean?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah, well, no, I mean, just basically the grounds and stuff for -- because if you have people using it --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Shouldn't we --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- and they're --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- be doing --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- paying a fee --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- that already?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- to use it.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, I think that the idea behind it is that the county will maintain it.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. That's all I'm asking. I don't know -- I didn't know if it --

CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- that's what was happening.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That was -- that was the discussion at the -- at the meeting is that it's a county facility, --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Facility.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- unless the county decides -- by -- by this august body, decides to lease out the premises to a third party so they operate it, the county has the duty and an obligation --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- to maintain it.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That's all I wanted -- to make sure that that was covered. Because I didn't -- nobody had told me any of this stuff yet.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All I had was what was in the --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And I'm not talking about the events. I'm talking about in between events.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right. Yeah, that's what I was --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- was wondering about. Because I mean, if you lock up the facility, that's the one facility that would be very hard to lock up.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Because there's umpteen million different ways to get into it.

CASEY GUNTHER: Absolutely. We've been discussing that.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And so that's -- that's one of my concerns. Because I read what was in the thing, and that's all I had.

CASEY GUNTHER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So tell me about the -- the rates. Is this like going rates around our -- our local counties that are with us? Or --

CASEY GUNTHER: These rates are actually much lower.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Lower.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. They're way lower.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

CASEY GUNTHER: Than continuing rates.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: The one -- the rates looked good, actually, for the profit and nonprofit. What I was concerned about was the -- the boarding. Like if we've got hunters going through and they want to stop and rest their horses and, you know, out of their trailers or something for a day.

CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I thought, boy, they leave them a couple of days, that's -- that's a lot of money, $25 a day.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I believe that $25 a day for boarding is --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: One day.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Includes their food?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: No.

CASEY GUNTHER: They provide --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: They have to bring --

CASEY GUNTHER: -- their own food.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- their own food.

CASEY GUNTHER: That's just overnight.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's the same rate they're doing down in Austin.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And Winnemucca and Austin are much higher.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Excuse me. In Austin?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Uh-huh.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: They've --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: That was --
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: They don't --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- the information we got from Bert who was at the meeting.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You've got the rodeo grounds in Austin.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. I'm not talking about the events.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. I'm talking about the overnight --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Overnight boarding.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- boarding.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Same amount.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: We have over- --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: We can --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- -night boarding that isn't that much per month.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: At the fairgrounds?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes, sir.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Twenty-five dollars isn't much to --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Because --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- be boarding your horse at our facility.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's the information we got from Bert who came to the meeting.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, there's a -- a misunderstanding somewhere on -- on that part.

But anyway, I -- if you're comfortable with that, I -- I thought that maybe that should be reduced a little bit. I mean, if -- if they're staying in our hotels. And they're -- they're doing that. Or somebody local that is moving or something wants to bring a horse out for a week or --

I thought twenty-five dollars a day is pretty expensive with -- with no food.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, they couldn't stay more than a

day without getting the commission's approval. Because we're setting this as a 24-hour max. So they have to come before us to stay any longer than that.

CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right, Ted?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is that -- is that something you feel is really necessary? Or is it something they can handle if they want to stay a week?

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's -- it's more of a liability situation.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So my --

CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- advice is --

CASEY GUNTHER: It goes --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- anything --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- over twenty- -- overnight or 24 hours needs to be --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So the max would be $25?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

CASEY GUNTHER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because by the time we have a commission meeting, it has to be something they planned in --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: We kind of --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- in advance.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- wanted to separate the idea of --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Leaving --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- somebody --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- long terms.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- passing through and staying the night versus --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And somebody --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- boarding.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- just wanting to board --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: We don't want to do --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- a horse there.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- boarding.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Somebody who --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I understand --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- wants to --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- board a horse --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I was --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- there.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: looking -- I was looking at boarding like an emergency situation or -- or --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- hunters going through or --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- something like that.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But we wanted to alleviate someone trying to leave their horses there for a week or two.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Because we don't want --
CASEY GUNTHER: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the liability.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If they kick us all down, if they kick another horse and all of a sudden that horse is a Kentucky Derby winner.
CASEY GUNTHER: Right.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand. Okay. I'm fine. If you're comfortable with it, I'm fine with it.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And -- and it should be discussed that -- and I'm glad the sheriff is here because -- because at some point this -- this organization is going to be asking the sheriff for his cooperation in doing some of these things. So...
CASEY GUNTHER: And as I --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And Casey can --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: How much are you paying on it?
CASEY GUNTHER: As I understand it, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No overtime.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: No overtime?

CASEY GUNTHER: I was told by our -- by Shirley that the sheriff's office already kind of does handle overnight or after-hour calls at the -- at the livestock event center.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: What we've done, to clarify that, is a lot of times my deputies -- people come into town with horses. Say their truck broke down, they're towed into town, --

CASEY GUNTHER: Right.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- they need someplace to drop them horses, we have shown them where the rodeo grounds is. They drop their horses there. When their truck is finished, --

CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- then they leave. We have done that. And I've always notified Shirley or Jody or whoever --

CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- on that board to let them know what we've done.

We've also had to use that rodeo grounds in the past with semi trucks wrecking loaded with cattle.

CASEY GUNTHER: Right.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: And -- where we'll have to take out other trucks and load up them cattle in other trucks. We've dumped them off at the rodeo grounds until the owner of the cattle or the insurance company, whatever, can come in and pick them up.

So how is that going to work?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I would say --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: I mean, if I bring -- somebody comes in on the hook -- as an example -- we'll take it two parts -- and needs a place to drop them horses, is there a $25 fee?

Okay. I don't want to be collecting no money from these people. So...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, they'd go to the admin building.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: I'm talking middle-of-the-night stuff and on weekends.

CASEY GUNTHER: The idea was that at that time, I believe, we would come up with some kind of a form they would fill out: name, information, license info, whatever. You guys after hours would collect that. And then kind of like a fee box.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, a drop box.
CASEY GUNTHER: Kind of an honor system, --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: A drop box --
CASEY GUNTHER: -- fee box --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- at the facility.
CASEY GUNTHER: -- thing at the grounds themselves that they would pay their $25.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Okay, --
CASEY GUNTHER: If you just --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- and if they don't?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, then you better go find them --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Then you got the information --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the next day.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- off of the paperwork --
CASEY GUNTHER: Right.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- to go after them?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Or -- or --
CASEY GUNTHER: Or if we --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Or we now have notice not to let them do it again.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Again.
CASEY GUNTHER: Each circumstance and situation, of course, --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I still --
CASEY GUNTHER: -- will be different.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- have a problem with that, with the $25 per --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: And I --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- animal --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- don't care whether it's 25 or 5 dollars. I just --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on an emergency situation.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- need a -- some --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- clarification on what you expect out of the sheriff's office.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Could we do something in an emergency situation that --
CASEY GUNTHER: It absolutely could be waived --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that handles this?

CASEY GUNTHER: -- in an emergency situation.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: they can be okay, and we can still be okay and --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I don't know. The -- I know our restaurants and -- and our motels and hotels don't give a special fee --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Waiver.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- for emergency situations.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I understand that. But usually it's -- it's not always -- you know, if you have four horses with you and you're at a hundred dollars a night, I mean, I think that's -- that's kind of tough -- and I think it's taking advantage of people.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: If you --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Does it say 25 d- --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- own four horses, a hundred dollars a night isn't very much money.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Does it say --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're pretty rich.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- $25 per animal?
CASEY GUNTHER: It says $25 per --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's --
CASEY GUNTHER: -- day.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that's not necessarily true. And --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, but not per animal. It doesn't say per animal.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's $25 per day.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Per person.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Twenty-five, slash, day.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Oh, per animal?
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Per stall?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We never actually speculated.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: I don't think we --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We can --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right. So --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- set --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- discuss --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- it now.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- that.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So if a person has four animals, it's still $25. My understanding.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: You put them --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- in one stall.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: If you put them in one stall, like she's saying.
CASEY GUNTHER: Right.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: If you use four stalls, it's $25 apiece. Is the way I understand --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, this is all negotiable.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's why we're discussing it now.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
CASEY GUNTHER: Everything is negotiable. Emergency situations, --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
CASEY GUNTHER: -- so on so forth. That could be waived just as easily as --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Well, I think --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- having déjà vu.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- in emergency situations.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: If you have a form they fill out, saying they wanted, you know, to leave -- left it with you and there was a box there for it, they could put the form and the money in that box. And you make sure that they did that. And that's all that they do.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well, I think the form probably needs to go in that box --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- so that the committee would know who's been using it, --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.
CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- as opposed to me.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
CASEY GUNTHER: There will be --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah. That's what I'm --
CASEY GUNTHER: -- at both --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- saying.
CASEY GUNTHER: -- locations. It -- right now, the intent, I believe, of the board was after hours. If a board member, -- our -- one of our board members' names and numbers will be on the sign that we're going to put up --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Sure.
CASEY GUNTHER: -- who to contact if boarding was needed. After hours contact 635-5151.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: And I understand that.
CASEY GUNTHER: That's --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: I don't --
CASEY GUNTHER: We'll have the forms.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- expect the board to be getting a call at 3:00 o'clock in the morning --
CASEY GUNTHER: Right.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- and ask permission to stall that. Unless I may let them know, Casey or whoever, if we're bringing in two truckloads or a truckload --
CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- of indigent --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- cattle, to let you know that we're going to be dumping them in there somewhere.
CASEY GUNTHER: Absolutely.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: And they will have to be there. And I would make that call in the middle of the night.
But for these people --
CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- and my deputies where they're dragging them in on the hook, which we do have. We will get that occasionally, broke down. They need a place to dump them. We'll give them the paperwork, get the information, drop it in the box. And is that what --
CASEY GUNTHER: Right.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- we're expected to do?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yes.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yes.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Okay. Cool.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yep.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That's all I would think.
CASEY GUNTHER: You --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, and --
CASEY GUNTHER: Nobody expected you to collect any money.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Okay, because that --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- was the -- you know, they -- I didn't want the deputies being responsible for any money at all.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.
CASEY GUNTHER: No.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No, because it's better off if no money exchange hands, --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: There it is.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- they can't accuse anybody of --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- doing it.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's exactly right.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's one reason -- that's one reason why the drop box is basically an honor system much the same way forest --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: The state parks.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- the state parks and forest service does it.
CASEY GUNTHER: Day use areas, so on and so forth.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: And -- and if somebody uses the facility and then decides to stiff us, well, bad on them.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But the major --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: We're not going to get too upset about it.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The -- the major aspect of this is that part of the -- the paperwork will include a waiver of liability.
CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Oh.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So whether they put the $25 in the box is not as important as --
CASEY GUNTHER: Correct.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- that signature --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- on the waiver.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: We understand that totally. And just to let the -- the commission know and the committee, my deputies, that's part of their routine is to go down and check the rodeo grounds on a daily and nightly deal, so...
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
CASEY GUNTHER: Right.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: So part of this too, if you remember, is we've got a facility that this county has that has -- there's never been a charge to use it. So we're starting a new thing with -- with these fees to use a facility that the county owns.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We're trying to generate money --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: So we're just --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to put money back into it.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: We're starting the process. And we see this as the beginning of a long-term way of developing this facility into something that really benefits the county in -- and is used more --
CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- and becomes self- -- I don't know if it will ever become self-sufficient. That may never happen. But we need to -- I think the county needs to be getting on the road to where that does happen.
CASEY GUNTHER: Absolutely.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: And this is just a start to that. We're starting some new ideas, new ways to do things. We've never done it before. There's a lot to learn, and there's a lot to figure out.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Going to be touch and go.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: And -- yeah.
CASEY GUNTHER: It will be.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: This is just a beginning. The fees are pretty low. The $25 a night, maybe -- again, we got that from Bert saying that's what's charged down in Austin.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think that's --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: If that's not the case, we can check into that. But -- but we have to start somewhere and start

working through some of these --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm -- I'm okay --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- processes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- with that, if -- if it's per corral. We just need to make it --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a little more --

CASEY GUNTHER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- clear. I understood it was per animal.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Per corral or whatever. I can understand that.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And so on the form it needs to be on there.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I know if I was traveling with horses, I wouldn't think anything about paying $25 to have a place for them to put up for the night.

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, because you're going to spend a hundred for you to stay in the hotel.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right. But then too you've got a lot of these people that have their --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: They've got their own --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- carry their own --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- panels they pack with them.

CASEY GUNTHER: They do.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And they pack their own panels. They have their own bedding facilities right in their vehicles, in their trailers.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Now, that's something to consider here. Because -- you're -- you're absolutely correct.

There's a lot of these people that go to all these rodeos, whether it's high school rodeo, junior rodeo, PRC rodeos.

CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: They have their own panels. Now -- so they pull up at the rodeo grounds and set up their own panels and drop their horses there to get them off of the main street. What's the deal there?

CASEY GUNTHER: If they're using them for an event, I believe the board's --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: I'm talking overnight.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Just $25.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Twenty-five bucks.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Even though they're not use- -- they're just using your property but none of your corrals. They're setting --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Are they park --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- up their own panels.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- they're parking on county property?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: If they're going to go onto the -- into the fairgrounds to --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: They're paying for the event.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: It should apply in that case.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Just overnight, not an event.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: If they set up across the --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: (Indiscernible.)
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- street, --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's what I'm getting --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- they're paying for the --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- at is they will do that. They --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, if they do that, then what -- there's not really --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, we can't --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- much we can do --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- because the event fee's for --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- about that, I wouldn't think.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's where --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- for the rental --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- I'm going with that.
CASEY GUNTHER: I understand that part too.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: They can set up in The Colt parking lot, which I've seen, --
CASEY GUNTHER: Yep.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- you know, honestly.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, there's nothing -- there's nothing we can do about that.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Okay.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Not that I --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: If they pull up on that fairgrounds property and they set up their panels, whether it's in the parking lot or on the other side, --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- they need --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: They need to pay the $25.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If they're setting it up --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I would think so.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- somewhere else, that's your problem, not the county commissioners'.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.

CASEY GUNTHER: See the --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You know.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And if the Colt doesn't like it in their parking lot, they can deal with it.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, they'll call you, and you can go deal with it.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: We've actually had them set up in the sheriff's office, to be real honest with you guys. You know, they have no place --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: And if you don't --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- to stay. They don't know where to go in the middle of the night. They pull in there in that dirt area --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hand them a slip and charge them 25 bucks, Ron.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, if you don't care, we don't care.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: My dispatchers could run a business.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, there you go.

CASEY GUNTHER: And for the board, if we have to, we can change that to boarding, slash, use fee. If -- if livestock's involved with that or they're parking, if they want to -- it could be anything like that. We just got to word it correctly, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

CASEY GUNTHER: -- include the fee structures.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: This is just a start. We'll see where it goes.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, this is --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well, it gives you an idea, you know, because right now, Patsy, I know she's talking about the stalls. And there's a lot of stalls there.
CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: I don't need the stalls. I've got my own. I'm not going to pay that $25 per stall. I'll just -- five minutes, I'll set up my own and go to bed. Because they're all pulling with motor homes and usually --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, it's --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- stuff like that.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's more of a use fee, the $25.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: There.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's what might need to be --
CASEY GUNTHER: Exactly.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- in there.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah. That's what I would say.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yeah, we can -- we can -- we can do that. Yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And then it -- and just to clarify, $300 per day for profit events. That's for -- the $300, actually, will cover an employee's overtime for the county.
CASEY GUNTHER: If they require county employees to --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, if we --
CASEY GUNTHER: -- (indiscernible.)
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- need someone to --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Cleanup.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
CASEY GUNTHER: -- and trash.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: What if you bring your own tractor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Then you're doing it yourself.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Okay.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You'll still get charged the same amount though.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yeah, the $150 a day or whatever the case may be. The $300 a day is only if you're using county --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Equipment.
CASEY GUNTHER: -- assistance and -- and equipment. Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yep.
CASEY GUNTHER: A lot of the non- -- nonprofit ones don't have their --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And we already --
CASEY GUNTHER: (Indiscernible.)
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- cleared that with Bert. And he would have a guy --
CASEY GUNTHER: Right.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So....
COMMISSIONER MILLS: And the basic idea's there. When that gets used for an event, it shouldn't be a cost to the county.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well, I -- I had this conversation. I know what goes on down there.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.
CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
CASEY GUNTHER: Any other questions, Commissioner Waits?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Anything else?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: I think you might also want to mention about the -- about the membership fees?
CASEY GUNTHER: Yep. Yes.
So in discussion with Bert, making it similar to what is kind of in place with -- with Austin. And we're trying to maybe minimize the use of -- non-supervised use, I guess, and maintenance and damage that has to occur and does occur at the rodeo grounds, instituting like a membership fee. And so you have public use. And once -- it's kind of like the gun club out here. You -- you pay your fee. You get the card with the combination for the lock. That way everybody's kind of covered.
We're trying to keep from people from being in there without us knowing about it and having the county know about it and having to pay for maintenance --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Without --
CASEY GUNTHER: -- and damaged gates and --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- permission.
CASEY GUNTHER: -- so on and so forth.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Is that just on the main arena or is that on the practice arena out back?
CASEY GUNTHER: It'll be --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The whole thing.
CASEY GUNTHER: -- the whole thing.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Okay.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: This was an area of contention with the board.
CASEY GUNTHER: We -- we --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The old members were reluctant to go along with this. The older. Not old in age. But older -- older in the sense that they've been there longer. The new --
CASEY GUNTHER: Thanks.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the newest members -- it was an area of contention.
CASEY GUNTHER: The main concern is to keep damage down to a minimum without anybody knowing about it and people just having free reign, understanding it's a public use facility. But we want to be able to cover everybody in the county on it.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's also some accountability where you actually know how many people are using --
CASEY GUNTHER: Exactly.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and what's going on. And I --
CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- think that's a good thing. And I'm -- I'm okay with those rates because I think those are something that's doable for a family to, you know, go out and -- and do your roping or whatever you want to do in a bigger arena --
CASEY GUNTHER: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- than you might have at home --
CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and get your horses used to it. So I'm okay with that.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yep. And it's -- we're in talks about trying to limit access.
One of the main -- the main entrance, two main entrances into the gate -- into the grounds, we're looking at possibly building some gates for it and adding locks to those, similar to what is at the -- the gun range. So that's just --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: You mean the kids won't be able to go down and park anymore?

CASEY GUNTHER: We're hoping not.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, they might have a card.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: They might have a horse at home and a card.
CASEY GUNTHER: Pretty much.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Cost them --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So...
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- $45 a year for a membership.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's quit horsing around.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: At least they'll use it.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's get this done.
CASEY GUNTHER: Any further questions?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Horsing around. Was that --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Horsing around. Is that --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- a pun?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm going to make a motion --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- what you said?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to approve the facility fees and usage and boarding fees at the Battle Mountain Livestock Event Center.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Second.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You got a date, Art?
CASEY GUNTHER: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Casey.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Now we'll go to Item Number 7.
Do that? Defer this or --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: (Indiscernible.) I'm not for sure.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey. Ted.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: When does this go in effect, guys? So

I'll know.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right now.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Okay.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Look at that today.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Well, you didn't --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Effective immediately. I'll amend my motion -- or do I have to? We just approved it. Why would we have to?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: On this date.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. On this date. As of today.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: So okay. Thank you.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, don't confuse people, Ron.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do we need to add that as -- as a motion?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, because --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, it's kind of hard to do immediately without some forms and signage. But we don't --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, we've got --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- have an exact --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: We've got some --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- date so...
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- work to do before we --
UNIDENTIFIED MALE PARTICIPANT: Advertise it. Advertise it to warn the public about this before you put it into effect.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Because you don't have the drop boxes up or any of that stuff yet.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE PARTICIPANT: No.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: There's stuff to do.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, it's already in effect because I just made the motion. But I mean, once it -- once we get it rolling, we'll get it advertised. It's -- this is not rocket science. So everyone, --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'm working on the -- are we talking about the rodeo stuff?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yes.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'm working on the paperwork

now. I just gave Casey a copy of the paperwork I've received from Winnemucca on their waiver and everything.

And I'm -- have him read it over. And then -- then I'll work with him on -- on --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. Once we get everything in place.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- (indiscernible) it on the forms. It's being worked on.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: So when we get the waiver at the sheriff's office is when we will start it.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Item Number 7.

7) Discussion for possible action regarding letter of interest from Lyle Farr to be appointed to Seat C, Southern Lander County Hospital District, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Item Number 7. Now, this is advertised wrong because it's actually supposed to be for Seat B, not Seat C.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But it says -- yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE PARTICIPANT: Correct.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: So do we have to just postpone this till next --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes, we do.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Due to fact that it was advertised wrong, this has to be postponed until our next meeting.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And it was advertised as Seat C. We have to re-advertise it as Seat B.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I believe it was --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It was ad- --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- advertised correctly.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Advertised --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, it was advertised properly. It's just on the --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: On the --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- agenda.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- agenda improperly.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Agendize it as --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So put it on the next meeting.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: All right.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE PARTICIPANT: Was there an advertisement for Seat B? I never saw one.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yes.
KEITH WESTENGARD: I believe so because seat C is southern seat. Right?
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And then someone needs to contact Mr. Farr.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, it says C seat is southern.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Seat B is the southern.
Sadie Sullivan, for the record.
And Seat C is for the north.
KEITH WESTENGARD: I'll get with you, Sadie, because that's not what the hospital board gave me -- or the hospital administrative secretary gave me as seat numbers --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yeah. That's --
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- or assignments.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- what we have in the office from all the years in the past for the elections. So they'll need to touch base.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Because they want to readvertise it anyways.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I know. That's what they asked me, if they could readvertise these --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- with their write-ups.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah, they want to advertise it themselves.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The question we had was last time they advertised themselves, they did not provide the county commissioners with all the applicants.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And the Nevada Revised Statutes are explicit that they have to do that. So -- so the county did it themselves this time. And the --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That took --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- board --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- a four-week- --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- hospital board --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- -long process.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- was very upset about that.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Do we have any boards that advertise their own seats?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: There you go.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Not -- not when they're appointed by the county.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is this one different because they're elected positions?
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Their -- but their -- the new -- the new -- if somebody quits or if for some reason withdraws, then the Nevada Revised Statutes provides that the county commissioners appoint them.
Now, if it's appointed, the county should advertise because they're doing the appointment.
Now, what the -- what the hospital board does is they have a legal right to make or not make a recommendation.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: But that's all they can do is make a recommendation or not to make a recommendation.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: More of a courtesy.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If -- well, if -- yeah.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: But the advertising part of it does fall into their --
MARLA SAMS: But I do have a question, again, because --
Oh, Marla Sams for the record.
There is also, according to this, where you guys are over us, we're now a district of our own. According to what we read, is there a subsection to that that says that we are our own board and not under -- that we are separate because you have made us a district. So that's the big question.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's not a big question. That's actually accurate. They are their own district. But the -- but they were created by this board.
And the statutes are specific. And they say when there is

an opening on the board, Lander County commissioners, the commissioners will appoint a person for that opening.

And that person would then be on the board until the next election. So --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's similar to our -- our Convention and Recreation Planning.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: They're their own board. They're really autonomous on a lot of things. But we still do the final approval of their board.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.

MARLA SAMS: But -- so we should get our own applications, then, if we're our own board, and then bring --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, because --

MARLA SAMS: -- the ones --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- we're doing --

MARLA SAMS: -- that we're interested in --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the appointment.

MARLA SAMS: -- to you guys?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No. We're doing the appointment so we do the advertising.

and last time, Phil apparently didn't give us -- it took a month and a half to appoint someone because Phil wouldn't bring us the appellants. And then he wouldn't call the applicants.

MARLA SAMS: So we're never in on any of the interviews or anything because you guys --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: When you come to the commission meeting, you'll see the interviews.

MARLA SAMS: But we don't get a cha- -- we don't get a chance to say, well, we know that person. And there's conflicts with the board. We don't -- you don't --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, they send --

MARLA SAMS: -- we can't really --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- you a copy of the applicants. You can contact them yourselves as the board if you want to do an interview.

MARLA SAMS: But why don't -- if we're clear and concise and open -- I kind of have an issue with somebody just saying -- you guys telling us, okay, you're going to get this person

because we said.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I kind of have an issue with you guys filtering the applicants to us.

MARLA SAMS: Well, I have a p- -- I have a --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's a problem.

MARLA SAMS: Well, it's not a problem. Why should we not get a chance to filter also?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You can make your recommendations, but all the applicants come to us, set by NRS.

MARLA SAMS: That's pretty sad.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You can go to --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, that's --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the legislature.

MARLA SAMS: I --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, go to the legislature.

MARLA SAMS: -- might.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Have them change the law.

MARLA SAMS: I might.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.

MARLA SAMS: I mean, we just feel that we don't have a -- because the last time we picked the people, which, you know, we ended up being fine. But we didn't even get a chance to say anything. It was just you guys interviewing --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, you did. You guys had --

MARLA SAMS: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- meetings and meetings. And then Phil --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You gave us --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- give us --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- recommendations.

MARLA SAMS: But you didn't pick the people we recommended.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Because we don't have --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We don't --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- have to.

MARLA SAMS: But I was saying. So it don't matter if we -- if -- in other words, you're telling us, it don't matter what you guys want or who you feel that you can work with and --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's not what they're telling

you. That's how you're --

MARLA SAMS: Well, --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- taking it.

KEITH WESTENGARD: But Marla, --

MARLA SAMS: Well, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, Marla, it wasn't what you guys chose. It's --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Excuse me.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- what Phil chose.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: We need to all talk one at a time for the --

KEITH WESTENGARD: It was Phil.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- recording.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: It needs to be one at a time.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Hey. One at a time, please.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. The bigger issue in the past for me, as a commissioner, was who showed up? Who really was interested? That was the biggest issue for me.

The people you recommended didn't show up. So how much interest did they really have?

MARLA SAMS: I -- I have another question for you. How does it work if -- okay, I'm on the board. My husband could not get a job at the hospital because I'm on the board. Because --

So how would somebody that's in an upper position be able to be a person in charge of the hospital and they have a family member working there? So what's -- who makes that decision? You guys or us?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: If they're currently employed, it's different than somebody being hired.

MARLA SAMS: Why?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's -- that's totally different.

MARLA SAMS: Okay.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That's -- that's not in this agenda item.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

MARLA SAMS: Okay. I'm just asking. So in other words, see the attorney.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Marla, you'll have to see Ted afterwards and ask him.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You have your attorney. You have your own attorney.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, never mind.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So you need to ask your attorney and make him do some work for the money you pay him.

MARLA SAMS: But I want -- I want to ask you on your side of it so I'll see you later.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: All right.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sadie Sullivan, for the record.

Just to let you go guys know, whether it was a legal or not legal, in the past, the school board has advertised for any vacancy if somebody has stepped down.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: School board's different.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Austin Water and Sewer, they each have their own NRSs, but then they also have to come and be appointed by you guys so just --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The school --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- to (indiscernible).

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- board does?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: The school board does as well. School Board, Kingston Town, Austin Water and Sewer, Hospital.

MARLA SAMS: So why has the school board never been here?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: It comes before the commissioners as well, if somebody does stuff.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: If there's an opening.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: So there is the NRS that covers everything. And then there's individual subsections for each entity.

So in the past, Kingston has advertised for theirs or the school board prior to. But I don't know the statutes, just so that you guys are aware that they have done their own advertising. And there may be those subsections for those, you know.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So this --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The hospital board has al- -- always done their own advertising.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right. That wasn't the problem.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The problem was that we

discovered that the hospital board or Phil Hanna or whomever were not providing the county commissioners with all of the applications.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Or information.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's the problem. So if the hospital board takes care of their problems, then there won't be any problems.

MARLA SAMS: But we need to know before the meetings that there's a problem.

If we're not aware that you guys have a problem with us on the board, how can we fix anything if we --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We certainly --

MARLA SAMS: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We don't have a problem --

MARLA SAMS: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- with you guys on the board.

MARLA SAMS: I mean, we had --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You were at --

MARLA SAMS: -- a problem --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the last meetings.

MARLA SAMS: -- with what happened with Phil. We didn't know.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, you did because --

MARLA SAMS: Somebody should --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- you were --

MARLA SAMS: -- have told us --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- here, Marla, --

MARLA SAMS: -- before that day.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- for both of those meetings.

MARLA SAMS: Why didn't we know it before that --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We postponed it.

MARLA SAMS: -- day?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And I gave Phil direction. And you guys were sitting here.

MARLA SAMS: Well, after that.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And then the next meeting, he still didn't provide the information.

MARLA SAMS: Then we need to know that.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But you did though.

MARLA SAMS: But I can't be to every meeting.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But you were here though.
MARLA SAMS: I was for that one. But I wasn't to the last one.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: In -- in --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I don't know, but --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: In closing on --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: (Indiscernible.)
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- this agenda -- and I have mentioned, but I wasn't sure that Keith picked up on that. Would you -- would you be sure that Mr. Farr is notified that we were unable to --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I will.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to take action?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I will. I'll call him.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.
MARLA SAMS: Now, are you guys going to interview him the next time? At the next -- when -- if we do it correctly and we do it? Are you going to reinterview him? Or if he's the only applicant, we take him?
KEITH WESTENGARD: His letter --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: (Indiscernible) -- his letter -- as long as it was advertised for the right seat.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: It was advertised for the right seat.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay, yeah.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay then.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It would stay on file.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, Marla, I will call Lyle.
MARLA SAMS: Okay.
Is he going to come to the meeting or --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I will call him and ask him.
MARLA SAMS: We want to make -- because we're -- our concern too is it's fair for everyone.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
MARLA SAMS: If you're going to do it for this one, then it's got to be for everybody.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It -- I kind of thought it was kind of moot because it was only one applicant, so -- unless you --
MARLA SAMS: He's a good choice, --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- were to say no.

MARLA SAMS: -- actually. So...
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But --
Okay.

8) **Discussion for possible action to modify, extend, and/or amend the current contract with Harless Aircraft Services for the Battle Mountain Airport and/or hire a temporary airport operator by independent contract to operate the Battle Mountain Airport, and other matters properly related thereto.**

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's move on here. Item 8. Discussion for possible action to modify, extend, and/or amend the current contract for Harless Aircraft Services for the Battle Mountain Airport and/or hire a temporary airport operator by independent contract to operate the Battle Mountain Airport, and other matters properly --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- related --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Ted. Or --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- thereto.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Keith. Sorry.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Hi, Rick.
RICK HARLESS: Hello.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Several weeks back, we did advertise for our FDO or fixed-base operator.
We had interest -- verbal interest from three different people.
At the actual walk through, we had one person show up to do the walk through and that was shaky at best.
So I've -- I've got together -- we've gotten together with Mr. Harless to discuss possibly extending his contract until we can get additional advertisements put out in order to keep the airport open.
His contract expires December 15th. Is that correct, Rick?
RICK HARLESS: Well, it expired --
Rick Harless, for the record.
It expired October 31st.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
RICK HARLESS: And we agreed to stay until the end of our insurance, which was December 15th. So...

KEITH WESTENGARD: So --
RICK HARLESS: So we're staying on --
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
RICK HARLESS: -- extra right now.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. So if -- if we can't come to some type of an agreement with Harless Aviation or hire somebody, we'll have to close the airport December 16th.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: When will you know if you can hire someone? Did -- did they make any interest?
KEITH WESTENGARD: The one person that actually showed up and expressed interest was waiting on the sa- -- or the purchase of another aircraft company in a neighboring county. And that had to do a lot with whether he was going to proceed with Battle Mountain.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, just so you --
KEITH WESTENGARD: And --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- know, I -- I spoke with a board member of the airport in Humboldt County and tried to get some information from them about this individual on that situation.
I didn't get a lot of information. They knew who the guy was. They did indicate that his -- he's at least a pilot. And as far as I know, he's never run an airport before.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: I tried to find out about the airport over there being for sale.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: And I'm not sure that's the case. I don't believe the airport itself is for sale. It's a county-owned airport.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: I don't think they're trying to sell the airport. I think it's more -- not so much buying the airport as much as trying to become the FBO over there.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay, and --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: But I couldn't -- I didn't really find any information about that situation. So --
KEITH WESTENGARD: And that concern is that -- my concern would be if -- if this -- if he does buy a neighboring airport or the services there, --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Uh-huh.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- and then wants to buy the Battle Mountain services as well, our big contract is BLM and the air tankers. And they're going to go over -- he's going to try to pull them --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Pull them over there.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- out of this county. And that would be pretty financially -- financially, that's pretty bad for this county.

So I did fax this to Austin or it was faxed to Austin this morning.

Rick did get this back to Jan and then to me, their proposal to extend for three months.

And in the meantime, we are putting out a new advertisement in aviation magazines. And we're expanding our advertisement to hopefully get a larger base of interested people to -- to take this over.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So Rick, you said you could do it for the three-month period, if we lock in something like that to give us time. And then if something takes a little bit longer, you might consider month to month after that?

RICK HARLESS: Yeah, I -- I'll guarantee three more months --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

RICK HARLESS: -- from --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: After --

RICK HARLESS: -- December.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- December 15th.

RICK HARLESS: From --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

RICK HARLESS: -- December 15th, which -- which makes a total of 6 1/2 months since the notice --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

RICK HARLESS: -- of our intent not to renew.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, so on the insurance then, it's something you can continue with the insurance, but you want the county to pick up the cost on?

RICK HARLESS: Yeah, because I would not be buying it -- I wouldn't be buying the insurance or the workman's comp insurance.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right, --

RICK HARLESS: Correct.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- but you will still be, like -- it's still the same company? It's a continuation. Is that what you're saying? Or --

RICK HARLESS: Well, --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- everything's --

RICK HARLESS: -- you have to go out --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- now in our name --

RICK HARLESS: -- to quote every year.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and not your name or --

RICK HARLESS: You go out to quote every year. And it's different. My understanding on the workman's comp, Carla handles that. But the workman comp carrier we had last year is for the -- I think -- the second company that has decided not to insure aviation-related businesses.

So now we're going back -- we're going out and looking again. And they were the required insurer through the state. And you're in the high risk. And so there's not very many to choose from. So we'll have to go back out and try to find some.

But, yeah, the -- the -- the product insurance will be -- probably be through the same company. Because there's only -- there's only two of them that will insure --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

RICK HARLESS: -- aviation.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I wonder how difficult and how long a process it was going to be to continue that is what I was looking for.

RICK HARLESS: Oh. Well, we think we can get it. But, I mean, there's no guarantee.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

RICK HARLESS: We -- we have talked to both --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

RICK HARLESS: -- and we think we can get it.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And what kind of cost are we looking at?

KEITH WESTENGARD: As -- as far as the insurance --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- goes? It's right there, I believe.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: 7500.

KEITH WESTENGARD: $7500, Rick? Is -- am I reading that

right?
RICK HARLESS: No.
KEITH WESTENGARD: It says for --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: No.
RICK HARLESS: No, that's --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I thought that -- I thought that was his rate.
RICK HARLESS: Yeah, that's my --
KEITH WESTENGARD: What --
RICK HARLESS: -- rate.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- was the rate on that?
RICK HARLESS: Well, since we don't have a firm figure, all I can quote you is what last year's. And so the two are going to be -- from last year -- were a little over $10,000. And we expect them to be more.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's annual fee?
RICK HARLESS: Yes. And that's how you have to buy it. You have to buy it annually.
KEITH WESTENGARD: That -- that's the liability and the worker's comp.
RICK HARLESS: Correct.
KEITH WESTENGARD: For both insurances.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Each 10,000?
KEITH WESTENGARD: No. Total.
RICK HARLESS: Total. The -- and I'm just going off last year's. And we expect them to be higher. Because at one time they were 12,000 apiece.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, so --
RICK HARLESS: But now they're down to 6,000 last year for the product and about 5- for the workman's comp. So I expect it to be 10-.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, so somewhere around --
RICK HARLESS: Anywhere from 10- to 15- --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
RICK HARLESS: -- is what I --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
RICK HARLESS: -- expect it to fall into.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
RICK HARLESS: Yeah.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And you have to pay for a whole year?

RICK HARLESS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: One of our -- our questions on that might be -- because if we get somebody new, we still might want to continue with our insurance, I mean, with the same company, since we paid that.

But one of our questions to -- to them would be: If -- if we do cancel in three months or six months, is that pro rata so that we can get a portion back? Sometimes you can; sometimes you can't. It depends on the contract.

RICK HARLESS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And that just gives us an idea. Just a question while you're doing all this for us to -- to be able --

RICK HARLESS: Well, --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to work with.

RICK HARLESS: -- in the past, it has not been proratable. So you've --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: If you canceled them, you paid the whole year?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

RICK HARLESS: Correct.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Is it --

RICK HARLESS: Now, I --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- transferable?

RICK HARLESS: -- I asked the question the other day, when I talked to them, and they said, "Mm, maybe."

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

RICK HARLESS: But to me, a maybe is no.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

RICK HARLESS: You can't -- you can't --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah, you can't bet on it.

RICK HARLESS: -- guarantee that.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: But what -- like if -- on this insurance, is there any way it can be made transferable to the new people?

KEITH WESTENGARD: I guess that would be something -- once we find out who the company is that would insure, we can discuss that.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I mean, if it was possible, could that

policy be transferred to the new people?

RICK HARLESS: I don't know the answer to that.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That's what I was just curious, you know, I mean.

RICK HARLESS: I don't know.

KEITH WESTENGARD: My understanding is if we do this or if it's done this way, we actually would have to give the money to -- to Harless Aircraft and he would have to buy it. Otherwise, it looks like the county's purchasing insurance.

NAN ANCHO: Nan Ancho, Finance.

There's a difference between employee and independent contractor.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

NAN ANCHO: An independent contractor pays all their fees. The county -- if the county pays any of their fees, then they are considered an employee.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. So this would be an actual -- we're going to give him the money in contract, --

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: To pay it.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- but he's going to use that to buy his insurance. But we are -- we aren't actually going to be buying the insurance as Lander County. He will buy it as the contract.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Harless.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So when we extend this contract, we can -- we need to --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Point that out.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Thank you.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So we're buying a year's contract even if we only use four or five months of it.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And we're not going to get any money back. That's part of the terms of the agreement.

RICK HARLESS: Right. Right.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We need to understand that.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And if some- -- if someone comes in, well, no, he's buying the insurance. Never mind. Okay.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: This is --

RICK HARLESS: I mean, honestly, the insurance is kind of the -- the stickler in this whole thing right at the moment.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right. It sounds like it. So...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Sure you don't want to reconsider?

RICK HARLESS: I would like to have been done October 31st, in all honesty.

But as I've told you and I've told everybody, I'm willing to help you get through this because I know this is not going to be easy.

So whatever I can do, I will do. You know, if you want to take it over yourself, I'll come in and work part-time until you find somebody. I'll do whatever. I'm more than willing to help.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, if you're willing to do whatever...

RICK HARLESS: Well, no, I'm not willing to do that.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Be careful.

RICK HARLESS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Almost whatever.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I appreciate your time.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yes. Thank you, Rick.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I agree.

RICK HARLESS: Yeah. This -- this time of year is absolutely horrible for that -- the airport out there. It's where you put all your money out these next few months and hope that you recoup it in the summer, so...

That -- that's why we've -- we've asked for what we've asked.

KEITH WESTENGARD: So if -- if we had to put a dollar amount on the next three months, to extend the contract for the three months, what -- what would be -- what would we be looking at up to X-amount of dollars?

RICK HARLESS: Well, we --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: $7500 for --

RICK HARLESS: $7500.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- three months.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: $33,000, approximately.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Plus an additional --

RICK HARLESS: Plus the insurance.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- 10- to 12- for the insurance,

roughly; right?
RICK HARLESS: Yeah. Uh-huh.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: About right?
RICK HARLESS: Yeah.
KEITH WESTENGARD: And that covers -- that keeps --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: About 30-. Anywhere from --
KEITH WESTENGARD: This is --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- 34,000.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the time of the year when -- when you lose money.
RICK HARLESS: That's correct.
KEITH WESTENGARD: So that -- that's -- that's my concern is, in discussion with Rick, is this is the time of year when he's losing money.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.
KEITH WESTENGARD: He makes the money in the summer.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: And just to understand that, most of the money made at the airport is fuel sales, the sale of fuel. Might could say that. And this is the slow time of year. Not a lot of planes coming and buying fuel. Most of the fuel that is sold is sold to the BLM --
RICK HARLESS: In the summer.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- in -- in quite large quantities when they have fires and stuff and they're coming in using the airport. Right now there's no fires. So there's no income coming in at the airport really. So this is -- this is just the slow time of year. It's a very --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- seasonal --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: So the -- the option is we pay about 11- to $12,000 a month for the next three months, basically, or we close the airport.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Correct.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And that's --
KEITH WESTENGARD: That's it.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- pretty well it.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We can't --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And then --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- do that.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And then --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- if we close the airport, how would we ever --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: And then we're really --
COMMISSIONER CLARK: You can't.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- get it back --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- stepping --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and rolling --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- on dangerous --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- again? You know.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- ground.
KEITH WESTENGARD: The third option, just to put it out there, is we hire somebody to run it as a Lander -- airport of Lander County. That's a long stretch though.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, would they -- with Rick part-time helping us, he's into it for three months. That might not be --
KEITH WESTENGARD: My --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- bad.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- recommendation, for what it's worth, is we extend his contract. That's -- that's the --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Uh-huh.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- easiest.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I -- yeah.
KEITH WESTENGARD: But that's --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: But those are our only three options. Okay.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- in the best interest of Lander County and our airport.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right. And then hopefully in this time we can work out exactly what we need to do.
KEITH WESTENGARD: And we're -- we're working with getting -- actually, they're ready to go, the advertisements, to go into the aircraft or aviation magazines throughout the West.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: And --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: How --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- this --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- does this -- how does this need to be worded for a motion?
What do we have to include?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You have to include --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We continue the contract for three months?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You extend the current contract with Harless Aircraft Service for the Battle Mountain Airport with new terms for so long, for such a period. And --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Do we need to put in the amounts or anything? Or we just say amend the contract?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We don't know the amounts. You want to put approximate amounts in.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So we can just do a motion to amend the contract and leave it at that?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And to have the district attorney and Rick work on the -- the contract.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And then that comes back before us?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: The contract comes back before us?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, for your signature.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, here's --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: For signature.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the problem with that. Our next meeting is December 17th. His time ends December 15th. That's why we threw it on --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the special.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. We can extend the contract.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: We're just saying the actual contract will come before us. We take it --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So we can approve the --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We can work on the terms.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And then bring it --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, we take the action today that we're extending.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. But we still need to know -- he's going to need to get his insurance in line prior to the 15th.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They're extending the contract with new terms, Keith.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

KEITH WESTENGARD: I understand that part of it.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Oh, then I don't understand what you don't understand.
KEITH WESTENGARD: What about the money part of it? Is he -- are you going to --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Those are the terms.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- be willing to put 15,000 or 1500 -- $7500 out before the 17th out of your pocket? That's where I'm coming from.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: He can put --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Those are the --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- the information, --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- new terms.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- not to exceed.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They're agreeing to pay the --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- new terms.
KEITH WESTENGARD: What's the dollar amount? I need --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Does Rick know the dollar amount?
KEITH WESTENGARD: Not to exceed.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Does Rick know the dollar amount?
KEITH WESTENGARD: He's got an approx- -- approximate --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Is that the -- okay, then. That's not the dollar --
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Make a motion.
KEITH WESTENGARD: Put in the contract terms, "not to exceed $50,000."
RICK HARLESS: We can -- we can pay that.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, this is the previous commission.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll -- I'll make a motion that we extend -- that we extend the contract with Harless Aircraft Services for the Battle Mountain Airport for the next three months with an increase of the --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Three months after December 15th.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- contract subsidy to $7500 a month and the payment of the liability and workman's comp.
RICK HARLESS: Yeah. There's one other license that's

required too. And that's required by the state fire marshal. I think they call it the SIRI. Or something like that. I can't remember what it's called. But there's a fee for that too. But it doesn't come up until February. That -- that's to cover the fuel as well. But it's just a couple, $300.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: That will be in our new contract then.

RICK HARLESS: Yeah, it -- and that's why --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we'll have a --

RICK HARLESS: -- I said insurance and licensing required.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.

RICK HARLESS: Because anything that I wouldn't do, you know, is -- is what I'm asking for.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand.

RICK HARLESS: And -- and then also, you know, I have -- I have in here that I would like the county to reword the contract to purchase the equipment at the end of -- when we're finally done -- and/or require the new owner to purchase the equipment, all at fair val- -- market value.

And the thing is, it's something that everybody's going to need whether the county ends up running it or a new --

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, --

RICK HARLESS: -- another operator ends up running it.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- but the end of my motion will be to -- to have our district attorney put together the -- the contract and working with the executive director to come before us.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I do have one question before the motion is finished. Is that an additional term for you to extend the contract, that we purchase the equipment at fair market value?

RICK HARLESS: Yes. That's how I have it written in here. Correct.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay, so as long as everyone understands, that he's agreeing to extend the contract for at least three months. And the terms are $7500 a month.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: And the purchase of the equipment.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And the purchase of equipment at fair market value.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And the insurance and liability.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And the insurance.
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And licensing.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Then I do need to amend my motion to include the -- the purchase of the equipment --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: At fair market value.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Do we want --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- at fair --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to do --
COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- market value.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- that though? I mean. Do we really want to do that?
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Part of the problem there is you can't really operate the airport without the equipment.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I don't want the county operating the airport anyway. We need to find someone.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Well, whether it's the --
RICK HARLESS: You know --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- whether it's the county operating it or a new FBO, --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I don't want to be hiring employees and everything else for the airport because it's -- that's time-consuming. You're going to have to have a lot of employees.
RICK HARLESS: You know how -- how I see this going is -- is I see county having to purchase the equipment and providing it to a new operator, you know. And they do that all over the place.
In fact, this county did it at one time and then that was changed.
You own the equipment and then you get somebody in here that's qualified to operate it for them -- or for you. And it, basically, they're in charge of the equipment. You just happen to own it. And -- and that is not unusual.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'd like someone to come in and buy it from you and the county --
RICK HARLESS: Well, so would I.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- would not even --
CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That didn't work out.
RICK HARLESS: So would I.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We're not going to get the extension. That's one of the terms.

RICK HARLESS: Yeah.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You either want to close this or --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: The likelihood of --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- agree to the terms. Those are our choices.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- getting someone to come and --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: (Indiscernible.)

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- run the airport --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I would say close it.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- and buy the equipment is --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.. God, no.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- very slim.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: The motion is to include all those. The motion is -- is to extend from December 15th on for three months and the $7500 a month for Rick Harless and the -- purchase the equipment and direct our DA and executive director to work together to work out the terms of the contract --

KEITH WESTENGARD: At fair market value.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- at fair market value for the equipment.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So we get the motion? The motion's clear?

I'll second.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think we are.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. We're clear.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Okay. Any opposed?

(No comment.)

CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Can we take a five-minute break?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, yeah.

(Break taken between 11:16 a.m. and 11:25 a.m.)

(Whereupon the meeting of the Lander County Commissioners reconvened with Commissioner Waits acting as chair, Commissioner Stienmetz not present, with a quorum of four commissioners.)

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. We are going to call our meeting back to order.

And we are going to recess the meeting of the Lander County Board of Commissioners and convene the meeting of the Lander County Licensing and Control Board.

(MEETING OF THE LANDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECESSED.)

(MEETING OF THE LANDER COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD CONVENED.)

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

9) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of liquor license for the Hide-A-Way, located at 882 South Broad Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820, and other matters properly related thereto.

CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Number 9. Discussion for possible action regarding approval of liquor license for the Hide-A-Way, located at 882 South Broad Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820, and other matters properly related thereto.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Good morning.

CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Good morning, again.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Ron Unger, for the record.

We've done all the research and everything on this. And we have found absolutely nothing to deny it.

CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: These are the new owners.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: It would be the same, but El Aguila. Don't ask me to pronounce their names, please.

And that -- that liquor license is both for on and off.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Off? Meaning they can do it --

SHERIFF RON UNGER: In the park.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- in the parking lot or in the --
SHERIFF RON UNGER: They'll have a liquor license --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- in the patio thing?
CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: You bet.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay. That's interesting. I'll make a motion to approve the liquor license for the Hide-A-Way.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.
CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. The motion has been made by Commissioner Mills and seconded by Commissioner Bakker.
Any other discussion? Public comment?
(No comment.)
CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Aye.
Okay. Thank you very much.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Ron.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: That passes. We will then adjourn the meeting of the Licensing and Control Board and convene the meeting of the Lander County Board of Commissioners and move to Agenda Item Number 10, which is an update regarding the status of the Lander County Courthouse Administration Building project, and other matters properly related thereto.

(MEETING OF THE LANDER COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD ADJOURNED.)

(MEETING OF THE LANDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECONVENED.)

10) Update regarding the status of the Lander County Courthouse/Administration Building project, and other matters properly related thereto.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Take it, Casey.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, before he comes in here and shuts you up.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yeah.
All right. So I'll -- maybe I'll -- Casey Gunther with

CORE Construction, for the record.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.

CASEY GUNTHER: Good morning. First and foremost, certificate of occupancy was awarded last Thursday the 12th.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, again, 11:00 a.m.

We had a discussion yesterday. I'll pass out the agenda that I have to the board.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

CASEY GUNTHER: I understand that the county's putting one together as well.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Did we get this advertised in the paper?

HEATHER HILL: Well, I had -- I had the announcement in there.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: The announcement is in this -- this week's paper.

HEATHER HILL: It was in last week.

CASEY GUNTHER: And it's on the marquee at the civic center as well.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Thank you, Heather.

CASEY GUNTHER: I gave the agenda to the commissioners.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.

CASEY GUNTHER: Passed it around, if they wanted to look at it and have any comment.

And, you know, I mentioned we had a phone conversation with Commissioner Waits --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I agree.

CASEY GUNTHER: -- and Keith yesterday.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Tell Max.

CASEY GUNTHER: They're going to provide an agenda as well.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.

CASEY GUNTHER: Okay. You want to say anything about --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No. Max Bunch, for the record.

You -- you have the agenda. We've kind of been working through this, trying to get it done. That is kind of what has -- what'll be printed up for -- for Saturday.

And CORE Construction is -- is putting that to- -- together for us. A lady in --

CASEY GUNTHER: Vegas.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- Las Vegas. Allie. Allie in Vegas did that for us with CORE Construction.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm going to make a suggestion. I think Steve and Patsy should do the welcoming.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Actually, the welcome will be our executive director to start. But then he'll call Steve up as our chair. And they will do the --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think you two --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: No.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- just do it.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- (indiscernible) stuff.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It don't matter.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Well, that's -- it's -- it's nice.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, it either does or it doesn't.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: But, I mean, we wanted the county, you know, to welcome them. And of course, our chair will be right -- right there and then --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Steve will be there. And if that's the way you want it, that's fine.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I think Steve should have the opportunity, under Lander County Commissioners, to step up and welcome all the digni- -- if any dignitaries show up from out of --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, this is --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- town, they should be named.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's actually in the -- in the second portion there. Introduction of honored guests and --

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Right.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- visitors.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm going to be there, Ted.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, we'll introduce you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: He asked if any dignitaries are going to be there. I'm going to be there.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: He's just an honored guest.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, and I know that -- that Patsy and I had a little discussion about it. The problem is, is that we don't have an RSVP list that has come back. So --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Did you guys send out RSVPs though? Did the --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I did.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Did the thing say RSVP?
CASEY GUNTHER: I --
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: No. It didn't.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: At the last meeting, we were getting the digital invitation done, sent to Keith.
KEITH WESTENGARD: And it was sent out to multiple people, --
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Right.
KEITH WESTENGARD: -- agencies.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Because I don't have everybody's address. I -- I told you at the last meeting, I sent it to the supreme court. And the supreme court was sending it out to every court in the state. That's what I told you that I did.
And that was not -- that was at the last meeting when I gave my update.
So, I mean, I -- I don't care. However you guys want to do it. It's your building, absolutely. However you want to do it. You are the commission. You guys make the decisions.
You know, I -- I just want to make sure that -- because I don't think we can change this, the way that this is done. Because I think it went to print yesterday; is that correct?
CASEY GUNTHER: We already had the original one printed. And then after the changes were made yesterday, I had it reprinted.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So -- so this is the second time we've had these things printed.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Right.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And I don't -- you know.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Right.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So whomever you want to have do it, do it. I don't -- I don't care.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Well, Keith is --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay, let's have Steve -- Steve can do the introduction, the welcome. We will have him do it.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: But he's going to -- he's going to bring our chair up.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, we'll just have Steve do it right off the bat. The chair should do it right from the get go.

That's usually how it's done.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay, well, I asked -- I asked him. And he -- he was okay with -- with the two of them. Because part of the problem was with no RSVPs, we're all going to have to be on our -- our -- our extra toes here. Because if we have people show up that we need to recognize -- and that's the whole point because they have been invited. And we don't want them overlooked. That's one of biggest faux pas you can have at any celebration or ribbon-cutting ceremony is not to honor the people that have come for that -- for that special event.

So we're going to have to grab some cards is what I'm saying. So if you happen to see Mark Amodei's staff out there, say, Megan, give me your card. You know, whatever. Or Donna from Senator -- give me your card.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I don't -- I don' tknow any of those people.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Well, I'm saying, all -- we all --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They're coming to honor -- we're -- we're not doing this to honor them.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: No.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We're doing it to accept a nice, new building for our county --

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- and our county --

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: But --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- personnel.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: But part --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I don't care if Mark Amodei's office shows up or not.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. Well, --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We don't need to honor them for our own building.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: No. What we're seeing is they need to be recognized because that is important on any government level. That's what you do, Commissioner. I'm sorry, but to not --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What are you doing?

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- to not do that -- to not do that --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: There are protocols.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, I mean, they're -- we're -- you need to stop saying we're honoring them because they're coming --

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: No, no.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to our building.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: No.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's what --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: We're not --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- you keep saying.

(Simultaneous indiscernible conversations.)

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: No, no, no. I'm not saying --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: (Indiscernible.)

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: I'm saying --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You want to recognize them, you say, thank you for coming.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yes, absolutely.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's fine.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But you keep saying, let's honor them --

LIZ BARRELLA: You don't have to --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- for our building.

LIZ BARRELLA: Sorry. You don't have to recognize each --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: What's your name?

LIZ BARRELLA: -- individual --

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: What's your name?

LIZ BARRELLA: -- person --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

LIZ BARRELLA: -- at -- at -- at the event. You can just recognize. When somebody goes up there for the introduction, he can recognize everybody that's there.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Liz, you need to state your name for the record.

LIZ BARRELLA: Liz Barrella, for the record.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Thank you.

LIZ BARRELLA: I'm sure pretty sure I know everybody.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: There might be some people --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm just saying stop saying we're honoring these people for showing up to something that's for our county, for us, for our people.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, I think -- I think we're going to get it together right at the last minute. So -- because -- I mean, it just -- that's the way it has to go.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right. No, I understand that.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's what we're doing. Is that correct, Patsy? I mean, we're on our toes, trying to figure out who's there. I mean, I don't know if I've got supreme court justices coming or not. I haven't been told. I've only been notified by a couple people that were not coming. So I don't -- I don't have any idea.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I have a question.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I have to be on my toes too on my end.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sadie Sullivan, for the record.

Back to the RSVP. I know that it didn't get sent out, but I believe Casey sent or had stated, you know, it -- and I think as far as locals, if we are going to be there, would that help you if we gave you a heads up so you at least kind of had an idea for the drinks, refreshments, to help you out? Because I believe that was stated in one of the meetings or you're good to --

CASEY GUNTHER: Well, I forwarded on the invitation to the -- to the executive director for him to do it.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: But how many people have --

CASEY GUNTHER: I've accounted for 150 to 200 people.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay.

CASEY GUNTHER: I've got all the refreshments. I've got a tent. I've got chairs.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I just didn't --

CASEY GUNTHER: They're all going to be there.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Because I know --

CASEY GUNTHER: I don't know how many --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- I haven't met with you personally so I didn't know if that would --

CASEY GUNTHER: -- are going to --

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- help --

CASEY GUNTHER: -- be there.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- you out.

CASEY GUNTHER: Right.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, did we post this around town?
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That is not --
CASEY GUNTHER: I've seen it everywhere I've gone.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Really?
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I don't know. I didn't --
CASEY GUNTHER: Hospital, everything.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- post it. All I did --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- was make sure that it got onto the board. When I found out Saturday that it wasn't on the board, I asked Paula Tomera to put it on the board, and she said she would. And that happened on Monday morning.
CASEY GUNTHER: Any number of people that we can get would be beneficial.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: How do you plan to do the tours? Are -- is it just open? Or do you have somebody that's going to explain different things?
CASEY GUNTHER: It's going to be different things because it can't be open with the security controls that are in place with the access card reader.
So there was going to be -- what we talked about -- myself; Judge Bunch; Jason Bartel, the superintendent. We would be going through and taking three or four different groups of people, going through the building at that point.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: After 11:30.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Or after we finish; right?
CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yes, ma'am.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah. I mean, we're going to -- we're going to -- they'll be able to go through the whole building.
CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It just -- we talked about tours, trying to -- if you could take 25 to 50 people with you at one time. And you can just go whatever direction.
CASEY GUNTHER: Yep.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And I'm assuming at some point in time if people want to keep just going through. Obviously we don't want

to have all of our furniture broke. We don't want somebody sitting on the furniture, breaking a piece of glass, doing something.

I mean, I just went through a punch list yesterday for four hours in that building -- so -- on every piece of furniture in there.

So I -- I prefer to have it in groups. So therefore, where somebody's kid isn't running and damaging stuff.

But there's -- I mean, there's public areas in the hallways and things like that that if people want to stand there and look at some of the things that we've incorporated in the building, I think there will be some of that happening, that people will stand there looking at this because it'll take a while to absorb it in.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, if they damage anything, the sheriff could put them in the jail right next door.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, there's jail cells in the building.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Anyway, if -- do you need to go over any more of this?

CASEY GUNTHER: I got -- I want to mention one more thing on the VFW flag raising portion, part of that entails the VFW and the sergeant at arms; the chair, Steve if he's there; or yourself Patsy, they will go up and be part of the flag raising.

So I just want to make everybody aware of that since it's the commissioners' building and so on and so forth. They will be part of it and the whole spiel. Okay. I'll make sure everybody knows that.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And then -- and then I believe that Brad Van Woert from the architectural firm, he's going to say a little bit. Seth Maurer, which is the president of Nevada CORE, we know is going to be here. The -- the CEO of CORE Construction worldwide may be here, but we don't know. He's trying to make that happen. And so if -- if that's the case, Cas -- Seth may turn it over to Jim Jacobs, who is the CEO of world -- U.S. wide, anyway. I don't know if you're worldwide.

CASEY GUNTHER: U.S.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah, U.S. for now.

And then -- and then I have a couple of things to give out and a couple of thanks at the end. And -- and that's all I'm --

that's all I'm doing.

CASEY GUNTHER: Right. So...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Max, thank you for everything you've done.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, Max.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I've got some more update too.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Casey, you too.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I have some more updates still.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not as much as you usually have though.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No, no. Not as much.

You've already covered the certificate of occupancy?

CASEY GUNTHER: Yes.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay. So Casey's covered everything, a couple of those.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: So the certificate of occupancy means that everything's a hundred percent?

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: It means --

CASEY GUNTHER: You can --

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- we can --

CASEY GUNTHER: -- occupy the --

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- move in.

CASEY GUNTHER: -- building. Yes.

SHERIFF RON UNGER: Occupy it.

CASEY GUNTHER: To occupy it. There's still little -- little minor. Go ahead.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: (Indiscernible.)

CASEY GUNTHER: Go to this next Item. We'll talk about it.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Core is still at the building doing minor punch list and spit shining the building.

We right now have a cleaning crew out of Reno. They've been in there yesterday, today, and tomorrow. And if it takes them until in midnight --

CASEY GUNTHER: And possibly Saturday.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- and possibly Saturday morning before this starts, they will be there to make sure that it's taken care of.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Are they going to come back after Saturday?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: They will not be coming back. That will be something we will have to figure out and do.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, where -- where are we with janitorial for the building?

KEITH WESTENGARD: It's out for advertisement.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: You need it for Saturday afternoon to --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's not off topic.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- clean up; don't you?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's cleaning up the building.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Just to make sure that that's clear. It's now internally.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: It's the first step in the process. Internal --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- then we --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: As long --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- external.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- as we're moving.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Until Friday.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Until Friday is the internal? Is that correct? And then the external starts after that.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And then does it -- does it hit the paper then?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Has there been any applicants?

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I don't know.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE PARTICIPANT: They're supposed to be turning them in to your office for date stamp.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: This is -- this is internal. Okay? Employees.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: By the union.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, okay.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So -- okay. So before we get to the outside. So that has to happen first.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Correct?

KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. We have to offer --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And then --

KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it internally.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- it comes in from the outside.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I was just asking if anyone internal wanted it.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I don't -- I couldn't answer that.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's all I was asking.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Do you?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Put your degree to good use.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But I will tell you that -- that -- that CORE will still be in there. And Jason Bartel, or Terry Bartel -- he goes by Jason -- and Warren, the superintendents that are there now and the assistant -- getting to that position of assistant -- they're going to be there through December 5th or 6th? Second, third, or fourth? Yeah. So that -- that week we're moving in, they're still in there doing punch list. They're still doing stuff. So there's acc- -- so -- huh?

CASEY GUNTHER: The honey dos.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Oh, the honey dos. Yes. We've got -- we've got a few of those we're working on still.

So we have some things that have not arrived, for example, a seal. Those seals are not going to show up for, like, another week after that.

So those -- and they're mak- -- getting them made in either Ohio or back East.

CASEY GUNTHER: New York.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: New York. So they're not out. So we don't have the seals up. They won't be up because we don't have them. They -- they had some prob- -- I have no idea why they can't get a Nevada seal, but it's pretty tough. So...

So some of the building will not have all the stuff that needs to be in it. We're -- we're attempting to get it all in. We're not all going to get it in by the opening. But the building, substantially, as Mr. Gunther has told me many times,

it's -- it's substantially complete. It just doesn't have the bells and whistles attached to it.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: The caution tapes have been removed?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yes.

So moving on then to Tri-Signal is one of our subs. They still need the -- to get our county's network up. I know that Lura is here.

There has been a meeting almost every Wednesday between all the people involved on the technology side of this, which includes the phones.

And -- and we're -- I think we're getting some cables that we need. We only need about 280 of them. I think they're -- they're going to be here Friday. 364? Sorry, not 280. 364 cables.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Tables?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Cables.

LURA DUVALL: Yeah, patch cables.

CASEY GUNTHER: Patch cables.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Patch cables. And they are going to be here, I believe, on Friday is what we're trying do so that Tri-Signal will still be working. It's not going to hold up the building as to where we're going. But -- but we have to get the -- we have to get the building network up. So to get it to go from the IT room to the plug outlets in the floor.

Everything's there. We just need the stuff to make it work in the IT room, and we're working diligently on that.

And that also includes the phone system that you guys previously approved.

And -- and so we're -- we're getting through that. The phones should be arriving, I believe, either late this week or early next week. And the phones plug into your computer for the VoIP system.

So it comes up through a patch cable -- which we have all those patch cables -- from the floor to the phone, the phone to the computer.

So that's how the VoIP system works. Voice over Internet Protocol, I think is what that stands for, but maybe I'm wrong. VoIP?

LURA DUVALL: Voice over Internet Protocol.

CASEY GUNTHER: Internet phone.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Internet phone? Okay.
CASEY GUNTHER: Internet phone.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It's not phone. Phone. All right.
So -- and then, there -- there is some training -- yeah -- that we're going to have on Friday. Anna, myself, Joe, on one occasion, have been to numerous different trainings throughout the building. Gate training and boiler training. And there's a lot of stuff.
And then we have to create some training for the sheriff's office and making sure that they can get an inmate through and how that's going to work.
I tried to conduct some firemen's training in the building on the elevators, and I may have messed the elevator up.
So --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That was you?
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's me. Don't --
COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's what training's --
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- for.
LURA DUVALL: Yeah.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So...
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Messed it up in what way?
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That it won't operate. So...
LURA DUVALL: Uh-oh.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So you destroyed it?
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I have to take -- I have to take full -- no, the elevator's there. The doors close; they just don't move.
So...
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Well, you weren't in it anyway.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: We were in it.
SHERIFF RON UNGER: It was overload. Just a microswitch.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Well, you weren't --
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: We did --
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: -- locked in it.
JUDGE MAX BUNCH: We did not hear an alarm.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Ron, were you there?
SHERIFF RON UNGER: I came in after and let them out of it.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: You let them out?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So we're -- we're getting so close, but -- and -- and I'm working. In order to get the keys to the building, the stuff, we have Tri-Signal -- we have to have all the network and the Tri-Signal stuff up. They were working on it this morning when I was over there getting the names of all the employees. We had, like, five or six lists that we got together. And we have one master list that I believe Lura has sent out to Tri-Signal. And they're putting those names in.

Do you happen to have your card here. They made some for CORE Construction. And the card -- the card looks like -- like this. So -- and it's got some serial numbers on it.

So that card actually -- that serial number attaches to CORE Construction.

For what -- I mean, there's four or five of them for CORE Construction so they can get into these rooms. Because they're trying to close these rooms off so people -- the subs quit walking through them. So they're trying to get them cleaned and close off the rooms so that it's not dirty.

So -- so anyway, that --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: When are the --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- there's a seal number there. And -- and we've had a meeting where Keith and Ted, Sean, Doug, Nan -- and I don't remember who else was there. But at your direction, these people were -- when I told you we need to get the keying organized? We -- we all got together. We told the guy from Tri-Signal what we were kind of looking for. We have each elected official or department head has -- we have ten licenses.

So you have -- the county clerk has a license and controls certain doors. The executive director or the administration has a license. I think you guys actually have two of the licenses for assistant and executive director. And -- and those two control your sections of the doors.

And the administration can't control the treasurer. And the treasurer can't control the administration.

So -- so -- and it's a very convoluted thing. And we sat down and we spent hours trying to get this resolved and done after we had the initial meeting. And we're waiting for a sticker that we're trying to design for that card that has people's names on it that they can use it as a county ID. So it will not only be that,

but it'll also be an ID.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Pictures?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Pictures of each employee.

So if you go and you need a county ID to stay in a motel someplace to show you're a county government official, you'll be able to pull that out and show that you're a county government official. And it will incorporate -- it will -- supposed to be incorporating our logo, the county seal, in that photograph or on that card.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Excellent.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay. So --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: When are -- when are the employees going to be getting their cards?

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's -- that's the question. I don't --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I couldn't answer that.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Are we going to make it before the --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It won't be before the grand opening.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: No, no.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But it will be --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Not before the op- -- before the move-in.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It will be before the move in.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: We're -- we're still -- like I said, they may only get a card without that. We're waiting for the printer --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- and the ribbon to get here. So we've got that that's coming. And that hasn't arrived yet. But they can -- we can get a card. It's just once we get the network all completed, that's why they're pre-putting all the names in. And all we've got to do is assign numbers to them.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So we're getting -- we're getting very close.

And then, I believe that -- that we're going to sit down and try to figure out the key system, how it is, have that package set for each elected official. And we can hand the --

the package to the elected official or the department head. And that takes care of their office people. And the administration takes care of that.

And then there's some training we'll have to have for the public -- public access for those people that get cards that open certain doors for the community meeting room.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So those cards, we're not sure where those are going to be situated.

Because it has the -- the ribbon with it. The printer and the ribbon will have to be somewhere close. Okay?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And we're trying to work through those fine details.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: I just -- I just --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: When the employees go to work, it would be nice if they can get in.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I guarantee --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: That's --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- you that I will be there first. And I will -- I'll make sure they have --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah, if they don't have their pictures on the card, that's fine.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's right.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yeah.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And we can get that. We already know that that card is attached to that person.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Right.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So...

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You might be the doorman for the first week.

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's a possibility. I can do that. Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Thanks, Max. Appreciate --

JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- it. Casey.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Thank you so much.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You guys did a good job.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Any other public comment?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: On this?
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yes.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have public comment at the --
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- end of the meeting.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: It wasn't that public comment. It was the public comment for this agenda item.
Okay. Sorry.

11) Discussion for possible action to approve Resolution No. 2015-18, a resolution directing the county assessor to prepare and publish the 2016-17 secured tax roll, and other matters properly related thereto.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Number 11. Discussion for possible action to approve Resolution Number 2015-18, a resolution directing the county assessor to prepare and publish the 2016/2017 secure tax roll, and other matters properly related thereto.
Good morning, Lura.
LURA DUVALL: Good morning. Last but not least.
Lura Duvall, assessor, for the record.
Per statute 360.300, every year prior to December 1st, the Board of Commissioners has to approve for me to publish -- or prepare and publish the tax roll.
What's different this year -- and I didn't see the finalized resolution so I'm assuming it's -- you guys have it.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yes, we do.
LURA DUVALL: What's different this year from years in the past and took a lot of years to get to this day is we no longer have to print the tax roll in the newspaper.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Oh.
LURA DUVALL: The legislature finally, finally -- and I have to say, I was one that pushed hard for a lot of years and only because -- nothing against publishing in the paper -- it's just the time frame, the fact that I would have to drive it to

Winnemucca, because our newspaper's only one a week. So it cut the time frame of getting everything done at a really bad time of year anyway, really short. So I'd have to have it done much sooner.

Now, with the new statute, we do have to publish. We do have to put it on the website, which we will. We have for several years. And then we have to provide it. If somebody calls and asks for a copy, we will mail it. We will also print several copies and put it on the counter so if somebody wants to walk in and pick one up, they can. Adn we will send some down to Austin. We also have to put it at the libraries -- local libraries in the north and the south.

And then I have to publish a notice in the newspaper. And I have to run it for four times. And that's what you're approving is twofold, is to prepare and publish it on the website and then to prepare and publish the notice in the local newspaper.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Any questions?

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And you have to publish the list of valuations?

LURA DUVALL: No.

Oh. Well, on the website, yes. Yes. The whole tax roll will be on the website.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, it says for Steve to sign.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And it says library too in the resolution?

LURA DUVALL: Yeah. Uh-huh.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Authorize the vice chair.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

LURA DUVALL: Yeah, we send copies to north and south libraries. Both of them. Uh-huh. Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I'm going to make a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-18, a resolution directing the county assessor to prepare and publish the 2016-17 Secure Tax Roll and authorize the vice chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Thank you. It's been moved that we approve this resolution by Commissioner Bakker, seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Any other public comment or discussion?

(No comment.)

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Aye.
And it passes.
Thank you, Lura.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Lura.
LURA DUVALL: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. Our last portion would be public comment for non-agendized only. If the public has anything that they'd like to bring before us?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I do.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Went down to the sage grouse restriction hearing because I wanted to make sure, in my opinion, that we were spending money correctly.

And my opinion is that the attorney is doing a good job.

In talking to our district attorney -- I'll let him make his comments about how we're spending our money with our attorney there.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, I wasn't planning on making it at this time. I don't think it's the appropriate time. But I'd be happy, Commissioner Clark, to say some comments.

And that I went down there for what was supposed to be a few hour trial or a hearing for -- basically was there until 8:00 o'clock the first night, and then we were there until 1:00 o'clock the second day.

Two questions that I had was: Did our case-in-chief have merit? Not necessarily the prelim- -- preliminary injunction because those are very rarely granted. But did our case-in-chief have merit? And did we have a good attorney to -- to continue this lawsuit?

And in my opinion and the opinion of the other -- the other DAs that were there, from their interested counties, that our

attorney's exceptional and that we do have a -- a good case.

And not necessarily -- again, not necessarily -- we're not necessarily going to win the preliminary injunction because the odds are we're not. They may -- they may make an exception and may carve out an exception. But I don't think that judge is -- the judge is very smart and bright. And I was impressed by the judge. But -- but I don't know if we're going to necessarily win that. But our case-in-chief is strong. And our -- the attorney that's advocating for us is strong. So those are my observations.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The other thing I'd like to discuss is on Veteran's Day, I had a concern come forward from a veteran about the Parade of Lights and why it is not being called the Christmas Parade.

And I've asked for some input about this from the person that requested the Parade of Lights parade route. And I've received nothing.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Because they're the ones putting it on. That's why it's called that.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: But I want --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I mean.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's a Christmas parade. It's not a parade of lights. It's the Christmas season.

KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's my concern.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The county's not doing it though. It's not the county.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioner Clark.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Excuse me. We -- we can't discuss this.

I'm sorry. It's just for -- just for public comment.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So my comment is that we need to keep Christmas in the Christmas season.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's all I have.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Volunteer to do it, Art.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: One more?

KEITH WESTENGARD: I would request that you go back to Item 1 and amend your motion to authorize me to sign that letter as

well.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Actually -- Sadie Sullivan, for the record -- I don't think you have to. I don't think they stated for who to sign. So they just need to state for you to sign. It didn't say chairman or vice chair or anything like that.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay, this is --

KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. All right. Fine.

1) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval of a letter to the Department of Taxation requesting an extension of time to file FY '14/'15 Audit, and other matters properly related thereto.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: This is Agenda Item Number 1. Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval of a letter to the Department of Taxation requesting an extension of time to file the fiscal year '14/'15 audit, and other matters properly related thereto.

And we are reopening that again to clarify our motion.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm just going to make another motion. I make a motion to authorize the executive director to sign Agenda Item Number 1.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Moved by Commissioner Bakker, seconded by Commissioner Clark for our executive director to sign that.

Any other discussion?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Is he -- is he signing the agenda or is he -- or is he --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- signing --

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- I already --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: -- the letter?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I said for Agenda Item Number --

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- 1.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. All in favor?

COMMISSIONER BAKKER: This isn't rocket science.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Aye.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Aye.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay, thank you. We're moving into the last, for our last --
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Common sense goes away.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Gentlemen?
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: People need to start using it.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Motion to adjourn.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I make a motion to adjourn.
COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Art made it first.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Art's made it first.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh. Second.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Okay. Moved by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Bakker.
All in favor?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
VICE CHAIRWOMAN WAITS: Aye. Thank you, all.

Steven Stienmetz

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ATTEST: Sadie Sullivan

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