

1 The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in
2 regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Lander County
3 Courthouse in Battle Mountain, Nevada, on August 14, 2014, at
4 9:00 a.m.

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6 **PRESENT:** DEAN BULLOCK, COMMISSIONER
7 STEVEN STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER
8 DAVID MASON, COMMISSIONER
9 PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER
10 SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK
11 NICOLE TING, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
12 NAN ANCHO, FINANCE DIRECTOR
13 JOY SWEENEY, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
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15 **ABSENT:** BRIAN GARNER, COMMISSIONER
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17 Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of four
18 commissioners.
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20 Let the record reflect the presence of Austin via telephone
21 conference.
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23 [Meeting commenced on August 14, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.]
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25 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Call to order the meeting of the
26 Lander County Commissioners, Town Board of Battle Mountain, and
27 Austin Board of County Highway Commissioners.

28 Patsy, will you lead us, please.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I will. Please join me.
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31 (Pledge of Allegiance.)
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34 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA NOTICE**
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36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action
37 regarding approval of agenda notice.

38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to approve the
39 agenda notice.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
2 (No comment.)

3 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

4 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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10 **APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action
13 regarding approval and acceptance of minutes of July 24th, 2014,
14 regular session.

15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Anybody have any corrections on
16 them?

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion we approve the
18 minutes of the regular session, July 24th.

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

21 (No comment.)

22 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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29 **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

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31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Commissioner reports on meetings,
32 conferences, and seminars attended.

33 Dave?

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, I was ill last night, so I didn't
35 make the meeting for the planning commission.

36 But Jim, is there something you want to say about last
37 night's meeting?

38 JIM OLSON: It went very well. As well as (indiscernible)
39 at 9:00 o'clock at night to resolve a lot of the street issues
40 and for the new developments going in.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: Did everything get approved or --
2 JIM OLSON: Yes, everything got approved.

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.
4 That's all I have.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Patsy.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

7 On July 30th through August 1st, I attended our Energy
8 Community's Alliance meeting. That's a membership organization
9 of local governments that are impacted by the Department of
10 Energy. And that's one of my committees.

11 We actually did tour the test site, which is now called the
12 National Nuclear Security Site.

13 There was a lot talk about the -- the mishap that they had in
14 New Mexico with the -- the whip and what they were doing. And all
15 their safety procedures were intact. And so there was a lot of
16 concern getting that online again.

17 They also talked a lot about small modular reactors and the
18 development of those.

19 And on the Yucca Mountain Bill, last month there were two
20 measures that were brought forth under the Energy and Water
21 Development Appropriations Act of 2015.

22 They were brought forward by Dina Titus, which is our
23 representative from Clark County and that area, and supported by
24 Steven Horsford, a representative from there. Fortunately, both
25 of those were defeated.

26 One was actually to have the DOE -- the DOE lose their
27 authority to remove the repository as a future option for waste
28 storage at Yucca Mountain. And that was defeated 96 to 326.

29 And the second one was to have cut all funding related to
30 restarting Yucca Mountain. And that was defeated 75 to 344.

31 And there's been quite a bit of press on it recently. I'm
32 sure some of you have seen it. The millions of dollars that it's
33 costing us in penalties because we don't have a site open and our
34 spent nuclear fuel is not being stored properly. So that was a
35 real concern.

36 On August 4th, I attended the Lander County Land Use Advisory
37 Planning Commission. A couple of things that were brought forward
38 on that one. Actually the boot- -- Bootstraps crew is continuing
39 to actually remove the pinyon and the juniper in some of the heavy
40 sage grouse habitat. They're working from about the thousand to

1 1500 acres in Callaghan Creek area. And they're still continuing
2 to do that. So they're on target for the summer.

3 And also they are monitoring now -- the BLM is monitoring the
4 nuisance burros, which are continuing to plague the ranchers in
5 Smoky Valley.

6 On August 11th, we had our Austin Airport Advisory Board
7 meeting. The septic and water is in. Actually, there is some
8 information on our agenda that we'll be talking about a little bit
9 later.

10 Our deadline for that with -- with the environmental agency
11 was August 6th. So we -- we had to have the septic in by
12 August 6th and we made that.

13 And there was also some concerns about the Reid-Heller bill,
14 which we'll be discussing later. And the airport advisory board
15 put their comments in because they wanted some additional land
16 that has been identified for surplus around the Austin airport.

17 And then we had a quick telephone conference on the parade
18 for the 150th anniversary. And their group is getting started on
19 that. So that's off and running. And we're working on that for
20 our October 31st celebration of Nevada Day.

21 Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Steve.

23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right.

24 On August 7th, I attended the ground breaking for the new
25 medical services building over here.

26 And -- and then usually every Wednesday when we can, we have
27 a meeting with the judge, Nan and I have a meeting with CORE to go
28 over the progress on the courthouse and what's going on with it.

29 And we toured the site yesterday. And if you look out
30 there, you can see the -- they've got some poles up for the
31 solar park-- -- the covered parking. They're supposed to pour
32 the concrete on them today.

33 And I just wanted to remind everybody for safety, if you
34 happen to go over there for visit, make sure you stop at the CORE
35 office first, so that you can get all your protective equipment
36 before you go and get a guide to take you out on the site.

37 Thank you. That's all I've got.

38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

39 On July 31st, I attended a meeting with a lot of the LEDA
40 board members and with members of the International GOED Committee

1 about the concerns that we have as far as exporting and bringing
2 companies into the county, not only to the county but to the
3 state.

4 It was pretty informative of what they're doing. And they've
5 -- this committee has spent time in Africa, South America, China,
6 Japan. And they're visiting with a lot of companies and stuff to
7 try to promote Nevada in general.

8 And so it was more of our concerns of how we could utilize
9 companies coming into our county. So it was pretty informative on
10 them and that they will be back in contact with us.

11 On August 1st, myself and Jim and Nan attended a meeting with
12 Mo Denis, our state legislator, and Jeff Fontaine of NACO.

13 Again, we went over concerns of the county, the things that
14 we have pressing.

15 I'm sure it was a probing, also, on Assemblyman Dennis' part
16 for the upcoming legislature to see where we're at. And so it was
17 more we were giving the information to them. And there wasn't a
18 whole lot of feedback, so -- from their parts. So --

19 So on August 6th, I attended the LEDA meeting. Going
20 forward, we're of course now the RCI contract is over, which is
21 money that's going to stay within the county instead of going out.
22 And we're going to utilize the resources we have to go to those
23 businesses to promote Lander County and bringing them into the
24 county.

25 So they are going forward. There's concerns over the GBRDA,
26 how we fit into it. And so those issues are going to be
27 addressed.

28 But LEDA's going forward also with the gateway project,
29 trying to utilize, you know, what we have coming into the
30 different towns. And that seems to be going forward.

31 Not only is there a committee formed that is going and
32 they're compiling a list of all the properties available,
33 there's also a grant they've applied for for the beautification
34 of the downtown's main street areas to -- to get an analysis to
35 help businesses and to try to upgrade, beautify, promote
36 business owners and upkeep within their -- their businesses.
37 So -- and that's pretty much what I've got on that, so --

38 We are now going to skip to item number one because of a
39 public hearing.

40 This time was set aside at 9:10 for this hearing.

1 PUBLIC HEARING

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3 1) Discussion for possible action regarding an ordinance
4 amending Section 1.08.070(C) (1) and (2) of the Lander County
5 Code to update the term of office of members of county
6 advisory boards from one year to two years; and other matters
7 properly related thereto.
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9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So item number one, discussion for
10 possible action regarding an ordinance amending Section
11 1.08.070(C) (1) and (2) of the Lander County Code to update the
12 term of the office of members of county advisory boards from one
13 year to two years; and other matters properly related thereto.

14 Okay, we discussed this.

15 Is there any public comments?

16 (No comment.)

17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: If there's no comment from the
18 board, I would entertain a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to approve the
20 ordinance amending Section 1.08.070 section C section 1 and 2 of
21 the Lander County Code to update the term of office of members
22 of county advisory boards from one year to two years.

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'll second that.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I guess my only concern with this
25 is: When is it effective?

26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Would be effective next July when
27 we started it?

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Let's go with July 1st this year.

29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But we have some boards that are
30 appointed January 1st, so -- if I'm under- -- if I'm correct.
31 I know LEDA is.

32 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: The majority of them are June 30
33 and July, you know, July 1st. So we could adjust it --

34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: (Indiscernible.)

35 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- as they come along. It's up to
36 you.

37 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Or we can just make it effective
38 now.

39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And then the boards come up --

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll just make it -- amend mine to
2 make the motion effective immediately.

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'll amend my second.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any other comments?

5 (No comment.)

6 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

7 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

11 Any opposed?

12 (No comment.)

13 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

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16 **STAFF REPORTS**

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18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Now, we'll go on to staff reports
19 on meetings, conferences, and seminars attended.

20 Jim?

21 JIM OLSON: I've been working with -- with Jay on the golf
22 course, looking at the existing nine holes we have the problems
23 that they have out there, which will be discussed later in
24 this -- in this meeting. It's on the agenda.

25 Tentative planning meeting committee last night was very
26 interesting.

27 There were the developers were looking at, I guess, upgrading
28 and putting in, I guess it's Gold Brick Road -- is that the term?
29 Or Yellow Brick Road? -- all the way to Allen. So they could have
30 an access way to drain that area. And I guess they were going to
31 -- willing to put that in as part of the development.

32 I met with the FAA in Phoenix, I think, about two weeks ago
33 to discuss the airports. And having a face-to-face discussion
34 with them was very, very positive. It changed their image of us.

35 They were unaware of the fact that we're putting in fueling
36 systems and upgrading -- trying to upgrade the airports ourselves.
37 They were impressed with that fact and kind of changed their tone
38 and became more inclusive of us.

39 And I think we're going to have a good relationship with the
40 FAA, dealing with the issues we have at the airports.

1 And then, of course, we're working on the code issues in
2 the county. As I understand yesterday when I talked to Municode
3 that some of the ordinances we have would conflict with some of
4 the NRS regulations. So we need to go in and adjust our codes
5 to a specific task. And I'm working on that with them now to
6 get a Word version of the code showing all the amendment changes
7 and everything else so we can have a reference point.

8 And that's basically about it for now.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Nicole, do you have any?

10 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TING: No, nothing to report,
11 thank you.

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14 PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

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16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. We'll go on to discussion
17 for possible action regarding payment of the bills.

18 Jeez, we're going to need a --

19 CINDY BENSON: It's been three weeks.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- cart to tote that around.

21 CINDY BENSON: Definitely.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: I got you on there, Patsy.

23 CINDY BENSON: For submitted expenditures in the amount of
24 1,790,509.41 from check 49055 to 49196.

25 This is the check. I have a --

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I will be abstaining from check number
27 49191 for travel expenses.

28 CINDY BENSON: I need to ratify check 48982 in the amount
29 of check -- or, sorry -- in the amount of 566.92 to Shannon
30 Berumen for travel expenses.

31 And ratify check 48987 in the amount of 2,519.68 to Delb- --
32 Delbert L. Corn- -- Cornella. It's Del's Home Repair.

33 Check 48989 --

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Really?

35 CINDY BENSON: -- for \$11,150 to Douglas Cook.

36 This is repairs at the civic center.

37 Check 48993 in the amount of 455,759.90 to H.E. Hunewill.
38 And this is two invoices.

39 Check number 49001 in the amount of 152.28. Nev- -- Nevada
40 Department of Agriculture. It's Food and Nutrition Department for

1 the senior center.
2 49011 in the amount of 1,407.61 to Thorndal, Armstrong, Delk,
3 Balkenbush & Eisinberger [sic].
4 Check 49016 in the amount of 1,029.80 to Animal Care
5 Equipment. Sheriff's department for animal control.
6 49023 in the amount of \$7,875 to Revize.
7 Check number 49027 in the amount of \$2,850 to TNVC,
8 Incorporated, for special response equipment.
9 49031 in the amount of 13,482.90 to Advanced Data Systems.
10 49034 in the amount of 1,654.33 to Business Card, sheriff's
11 credit card.
12 Check 49035 in the amount of 1068.10 to Chase Card Services.
13 This is for the DA's credit card.
14 49037 in the amount of 246.40 for Todd Fagg. This is for
15 travel and (indiscernible).
16 Check 49041 in the amount of \$250 to Nevada Assessors
17 Association.
18 And check 49048 in the amount of \$5.50 to the State of Nevada
19 Department, DMV, for \$5.50.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I did have one question on -- on one
21 of them. And I'm not sure who to direct this to. It's the one
22 to the attorneys on one of our cases.
23 And my understanding was we were sharing the cost with
24 Elko, that we have the same attorney.
25 I didn't see anything on the paperwork that showed anything
26 was in halves at all. And -- and I thought they might say
27 something.
28 I'm assuming that if we're sharing it, that their cost,
29 whatever they billed us, would be half of the regular cost.
30 But when I got down to the copies and the mileage, that
31 wasn't divided in half. That I knew. I don't know what all
32 their other prices are. But I know 60 cents a mile for mileage
33 was this and ten cents for copies was this. And that wasn't
34 divided in half.
35 So my question is: Where do we question theirs to give
36 them a call and say, is -- is this indeed half? Or -- or -- how
37 are we doing this?
38 Was that the understanding of the commissioners that we were.
39 COMMISSIONER MASON: Do you have -- that bill's here
40 somewhere. We ought to look at it.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I did. I'm saying, but there's
2 nothing on it that says that we're splitting the cost anywhere
3 with Elko.

4 COMMISSIONER MASON: This is our half; that's theirs.
5 Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And it was a bit unclear. So I do
7 think we should at least make a call, confirm that, whether it's
8 going to be the DA's office or -- or Nan, I -- I don't know.

9 But we should check on it. Just so we know.

10 Because it's interesting they didn't put that down
11 somewhere on the split fee.

12 CINDY BENSON: Patsy, what was the check number again?

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, I can get it for you --

14 CINDY BENSON: Okay. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- when it comes back.

16 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Patsy. Is it the Thorndal and
17 Armstrong?

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.

19 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Check number 049011.

20 CINDY BENSON: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

22 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: You're welcome.

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24 **Business Card**

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26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
27 number 049034 in the amount of \$1,654.33 to Business Card.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

30 (No comment.)

31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

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37 **Chase Card Service**

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39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
40 number 049035 in the amount of \$1,068.10 to Chase Card Services.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
3 (No comment.)
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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10 **State of Nevada**

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12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
13 number 049048 in the amount of \$5.50 to the State of Nevada.
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
16 (No comment.)
17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
21 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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23 **Nevada Assessors Association**

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25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
26 number 049041 in the amount of \$250 to Nevada Assessors
27 Association.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
30 (No comment.)
31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
33 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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37 **Todd Fagg**

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39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
40 number 049037 in the amount of \$246.40 to Todd Fagg.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
3 (No comment.)
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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10 **Advanced Data Systems, Inc.**

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12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
13 number 049031 in the amount of \$13,482.90 to Advance -- Advanced
14 Data Systems, Incorporated.
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comment?
17 (No comment.)
18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
22 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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24 **TNVC, Inc.**

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26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
27 number 049027 in the amount of \$2,850 to TNVC, Incorporated.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
30 (No comment.)
31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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37 **Revize, LLC**

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39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
40 number 049023 in the amount of \$7,875 to Re- -- Revize, LLC.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
3 (No comment.)
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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10 **Animal Care Equipment & Services, LLC**

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12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
13 number 049016 in the amount of \$1,029.80 to Animal Care
14 Equipment.
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
17 (No comment.)
18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
22 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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24 **Thorndal, Armstrong, Delk, Balkenbush & Eisinger**

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26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
27 number 049011 in the amount of \$1,407.61 to Thorndal, Armstrong,
28 and Delk.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comment?
31 (No comment.)
32 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
33 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
35 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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1 **Nevada Department of Food Nutrition**

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3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
4 number 049001 in the amount of \$152.28 to the Nevada Department
5 of Food Nutrition.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.

7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comment.

8 (No comment.)

9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

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15 **H.E. Hunewill Construction Company, Incorporated**

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17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
18 number 048993 in the amount of \$455,759.90 to Hunewill
19 Construction Company.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

22 (No comment.)

23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

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29 **Douglas Cook**

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31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
32 number 048989 in the amount of \$11,150 to Douglas Cook.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.

34 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

35 (No comment.)

36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

1 **Delbert L. Cornella**

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3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
4 number 048987 in the amount of \$2,519.68 to Delbert L. Cornelia
5 [sic].

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

8 (No comment.)

9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

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15 **Shannon Berumen**

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17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to ratify check
18 number 048982 in the amount of \$566.92 to Shannon Berumen.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

21 (No comment.)

22 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

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28 **Submitted Expenditures**

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30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: If there are no further questions
31 of stuff on the -- the regular check run, I'll make a motion to
32 approve submitted expenditures in the amount of \$1,790,509.41
33 from check number 49055 through 49196.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.

35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

36 (No comment.)

37 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

40 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
2 Thank you.
3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It was a long one.
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I know you're shorthanded.
5 Appreciate all you've done.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Cindy.
7 COMMISSIONER MASON: You guys got it all in one place.
8 CINDY BENSON: Try to shake it out.
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11 PUBLIC HEARING
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13 2) Discussion for possible action regarding Ordinance No.
14 2014-02, an ordinance adding Chapter 8.45 to the Lander
15 County Code, to prohibit medical marijuana establishments in
16 Lander County; and other matters properly related thereto.
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18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. We're going to go ahead and
19 go to item number 2, which public hearing was set aside at 9:15
20 for discussion for possible action regarding ordinance number
21 2014-02, an ordinance adding Chapter 8.45 to the Lander County
22 Code to prohibit medical marijuana establishments in Lander
23 County, and other matters properly related thereto.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: In -- in my backup material, they
25 copied a post-it note, and I wondered if, Sadie, do you have
26 just a copy of that ordinance in full that isn't blocked off
27 with the first --

28 Just wanted to -- quick on a couple of paragraphs. Thank
29 you.

30 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Copy of the post-it?

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No. Mine's fine.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

33 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: You were the only one.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Mine's the only one?

35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

36 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Looks like it.

37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Mine didn't have it.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, good. I could have looked on.

39 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Is there any public
40 comments?

1 (No comment.)
2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: If not --
3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to approve
4 Ordinance Number 2014-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 8.45 to
5 the Lander County Code to prohibit medical marijuana
6 establishments in Lander County and authorize the chair to sign.
7 COMMISSIONER MASON: I second that.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Vice chair?
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Vice chair.
10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any comments?
11 (No comment.)
12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
13 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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19 **Payroll Change Requests**
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21 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Let's go back to discussion
22 for possible action regarding payroll change requests.
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I have a question on one of them.
24 Joy, the -- the approval of the animal control officer; is --
25 JOY SWEENEY: Pardon me.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The approval of the new animal control
27 officer, is that replacing someone or is that in addition to?
28 JOY SWEENEY: Replacing.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
30 I'll make a motion that we approve the payroll change
31 requests for employee #1132, #1326, #1438, #1428, and #911.
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'll second that.
33 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
34 (No comment.)
35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
39 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
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1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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3 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, pol- -- public comment for
4 non-agendized items only?

5 (No comment.)

6 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, seeing none, we'll go on to
7 item number 3.
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10 FINANCE

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12 3) Discussion for possible action regarding budget review,
13 contracts, financial update, and other matters properly
14 relating thereto.
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16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action
17 regarding budget review, contracts, financial update, and other
18 matters properly relating thereto.

19 NAN ANCHO: Good morning. Nan Ancho, Finance.

20 I'll make mine short and sweet this morning.

21 Our auditors -- excuse me -- Drake Rose & Associates will be
22 here to live with us for about three weeks starting September 15th
23 through October 3rd. They'll be set up in the DOE's office.

24 And just a reminder that tomorrow is the last day for any
25 invoices that need to be posted back to the prior fiscal year. We
26 need them by 5:00 o'clock tomorrow. After that, they will come
27 out of your current budget.

28 So other than that, I don't -- other than just filling in the
29 gaps, we're just -- business as usual.

30 That's all I have.

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right.

32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thanks, Nan.

34 NAN ANCHO: Thank you.

35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you, Nan.

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.
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38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Do we need to get him on the phone.

39 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: (Indiscernible.)

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Hm?

1 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Hi, this is Sadie. We're in the
2 meeting for your item.

3 Okay. I'm going to put you on speakerphone, but it's on the
4 white base phone, so we'll just have to have you speak fairly
5 loud, if you could please.

6 Okay. Thank you.
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9 **SAFETY**

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11 4) **Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval**
12 **of a contract between Lander County and ARC Health and**
13 **Wellness Center, and other matters properly related thereto.**
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15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Item number 4, discussion
16 for possible action regarding approval/disapproval of a contract
17 between Lander County and ARC Health and Wellness Center, and
18 other matters properly related thereto.

19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Good morning, Commissioners. Keith
20 Westengard, Safety Manager, for the record.

21 The request before you has to do with our required health
22 physicals.

23 And what we'd like -- what I'm proposing is we currently do
24 them through the hospital. And we would like to start doing them
25 through this mobile trailer that will go around to our county fire
26 department or our volunteer fire departments as well as the
27 sheriff's department to conduct these physicals.

28 Right now we're doing them through the hospital. The cost at
29 the hospital and the cost with the mobile trailer are very
30 similar. They're within about 50 to 70 dollars per physical,
31 cost-wise.

32 If we can -- or where the convenience comes in is when the
33 physical is required, this trailer will actually go to a
34 volunteer fire department meeting. They'll go right to the
35 sheriff's office and sit for a specified number of hours whether
36 six or eight hours. They'll conduct the physicals start to
37 finish. They have all the paperwork in place.

38 The individual would go into the trailer. They'd fill out
39 all the paperwork. The paperwork is checked right there. Once
40 it's checked, they start through their physical process. And

1 they come out at the other end of the trailer, and they've
2 completed their physical.

3 That paperwork now is -- is sent to a physician. It's
4 reviewed and then they're cleared for duty in law enforcement or
5 they're cleared for -- for duty as a volunteer firefighter.

6 And where the savings comes in is the overtime. And I spoke
7 with the sheriff and the undersheriff about this. And they are
8 also in favor of it.

9 It saves on overtime in the sheriff's department. It also
10 provides the convenience of the -- the physical coming to our
11 volunteer firefighters. Whether they're in Austin or Battle
12 Mountain, the trailer would be -- would go to the fire department
13 meeting at a specified night, whether it's a Tuesday night or a
14 training or a Saturday training. And they can conduct their
15 physicals at their location.

16 So rather than having a volunteer firefighter from Austin
17 have to drive to Battle Mountain and take all their physicals --
18 required physicals -- the physical would be done right there at
19 the fire department on an annual basis.

20 This program is used throughout the state, with many state
21 agencies as well as local government agencies. I believe I
22 included a -- in the package -- a list of all the different
23 entities that use this -- this service.

24 I did have Nicole at the district attorney's office, I had --
25 gave her a copy of it for review.

26 It's a standard state contract. And we'll just be using that
27 as our contract.

28 So Nicole has reviewed it. And I have spoken with her. And
29 I believe she's on board with it.

30 I have not heard anything back in any fashion, so I believe
31 that once it was reviewed by the DA, everything was okay.

32 So I'm just looking for approval on this so we can start
33 getting our volunteer firefighters into the compliance.

34 Once we get the compliance, then we can also get fit-tested
35 which is an OSHA requirement for the self-contained breathing
36 apparatus.

37 And like I said, these physicals are done annually for both
38 fire and police.

39 That's -- that's it.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Keith, I have a couple questions.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: On this, I take it then, if they're
3 coming out annually that they're not charging us additional for
4 travel; is that correct?

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: No, that -- that's all included in the
6 price of the physical.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: In the regular price?

8 KEITH WESTENGARD: They can go to the Austin on a business
9 meeting night, and we have ten current members within the VFD in
10 Austin. You say, we want you here on this Tuesday night for a
11 business meeting from 4:00 in the afternoon until 8:00 o'clock
12 at night and we have seven members show up.

13 So that's going to leave three. What we do is make another
14 appointment maybe in two weeks or three weeks on a Saturday to
15 collect the other three.

16 But it's a flat rate. So the physical -- the cost of the
17 physical, which is broken down. There's a certain type of
18 physical before age 50. There's a little more in-depth physical
19 after the age of 50. And then they're a little more in depth,
20 quite a bit more in depth after the age of 55. And --

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. I just wanted to be sure
22 it was all-inclusive, there wasn't any other additional things
23 on that for the travel.

24 And my other question was: Is there a minimum that they
25 actually will come out for?

26 Is there any --

27 KEITH WESTENGARD: They might have at least three personnel
28 confirmed for the physical.

29 But if -- if we have three and we say we have three and only
30 one shows up, then that's -- that's part of -- I don't like to say
31 a loss. But they'll only do one and we just have to reschedule
32 it.

33 So they will make two trips per year, per facility. If we
34 actually need a third trip, they will go three. They don't like
35 to. But after that, then it would -- it would become an issue
36 with -- with them. Because then, of course, then they're going be
37 losing money coming out three times a year doing one or two people
38 per year or per visit. Does that make sense?

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, yes. I've got it. Thank you.

40 KEITH WESTENGARD: So all built into the cost of the

1 physical. There is -- there is nothing additional --
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- for travel or -- or anything like
4 that, any per diem, anything. It's all built into cost of the
5 physical.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. My other question was: Is
7 there -- is there any -- any area that's a bit more lucrative
8 for the county that we could use, for example, when we do the
9 free employment physicals for our swimming pool? We often have
10 four people or so that we have to do pre-employment physicals
11 for. Is that something that we can add on to this? Is that a
12 lucrative contract enough or --
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes, and -- and that's something that I
14 talked -- spoken with -- with Paul Granstrom. He's the CEO of
15 the company that we would include our seasonal employees at that
16 time of year, swimming pool and so forth, where they would come
17 out and do the -- the pre-employment physicals. And that -- so
18 the seasonal's built in. So they will come out once a year for
19 that, for our pre-employment physicals, for our seasonal
20 employees.
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The seasonal. Great. Thank you.
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: And they'll do it in Austin as well.
23 They will go to Austin to include them.
24 They would like, if we're going to do that, they would like
25 to get our volunteer fire department like in Austin and our law
26 enforcement in Austin on that same time schedule. But if it
27 doesn't work, they're willing to just come out for our seasonals
28 as well -- our seasonal employees.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: If there's no more questions, I'll
31 entertain a motion.
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we approve the
33 contract between Lander County and the ARC Health and Wellness
34 Center for our physicals regarding firefighters, and
35 pre-employment, seasonal, and so forth.
36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. I'll second it.
37 Any other comment?
38 (No comment.)
39 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor.
40 (No comment.)

1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I have a comment.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Max Bunch for the record. I guess I want
4 to just make sure that there is -- so we're doing this in place
5 of going to the hospital for only the annuals? Is that what I
6 understand?
7 Keith?
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. Yeah, that's correct, Max. This
9 would -- this would take the place of going to the hospital for
10 the -- the fire -- firefighter physicals and law enforcement as
11 well.
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And in the south, that also would
13 include in lieu of the clinic, because we use the clinic for
14 pre-employment?
15 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No, we're talking about annuals, --
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: Was that for me?
17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- not pre-employment.
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: yes. But I'm -- but it's both. We're
19 looking at both is what we're saying.
20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: He said they would do the
21 pre-employment for us too.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: For the seasonal?
23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Seasonal.
24 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: For the seasonal. So your normal when
25 you -- when the new fireman comes on, you're going to end up
26 sending them to the hospital for their physical; correct?
27 KEITH WESTENGARD: Was that for me, Max?
28 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: For anybody.
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. Yes. Now if it doesn't fit into
30 a cycle, say, a volunteer fireman is brought on and it's in the
31 middle of one of the cycles, then yes, we would -- we would send
32 them to the hospital.
33 And like I said, there's -- there's no additional cost if
34 they go to the hospital. It's not like we -- we're going to --
35 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: What are we doing?
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- get into this contract with ARC, and
37 we have to pay them a minimum amount every year. If we do seven
38 physicals a year, they get paid for seven physicals a year.
39 Period.
40 If we do 25 physicals a year, then we -- they get paid for

1 25.

2 So if a fireman comes on in the middle of the cycle and
3 there's only one pre-employment, we would still send them to the
4 -- then we would send them to the hospital.

5 But we don't pay ARC in addition to sending a fireman to the
6 hospital.

7 So they would have one physical. We either would pay the
8 hospital, or we would have ARC trailer out there to do physicals
9 as a group, if that makes sense to you -- to you guys.

10 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So -- so I guess my question then, Keith,
11 is: The only benefit of this ARC contract -- because I'm trying
12 to figure out if the money is the same. You said that we're
13 going to save 50 to 70 dollars a physical; is that correct?

14 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes, that's correct.

15 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.

16 So if we save 50 to 70 dollars a -- per physical, is that
17 include the clinic in Austin too? Or is that just the cost
18 compared to the hospital?

19 KEITH WESTENGARD: That was just compared to the hospital.
20 I did get the pricing from Phil Hannah. And that was --
21 that was the hospital pricing compared to the ARC pricing in
22 Battle Mountain.

23 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So what happens when, potentially, when
24 you have three -- three times a year potentially it falls on a
25 fireman's -- where we have a lot of guys on shift work. What
26 happens when it -- those three happen to fall on the guy's shift
27 work where he's working night shift someplace?

28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, then we -- we would send him to
29 the hospital for their annual physical.

30 But like I said, if -- we don't pay ARC. They don't have a
31 set cost. So if they go to the hospital, the money just goes to
32 the hospital or the employee or firefighters -- it just goes to
33 the hospital. And if we only use seven a year through ARC, that's
34 what they get paid for. There's no minimum to ARC. It's -- it's
35 in addition to the hospital for the convenience of having the
36 trailer at a --

37 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But the only convenience in this whole --

38 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- (indiscernible) in the sheriff's
39 parking lot.

40 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: The only convenience is that the ARC

1 trailer actually shows up to say to the Austin Fire Department
2 when they could just as well walk across the street to the
3 clinic and get the same thing done; correct?

4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, my understanding is if they have
5 to go to Battle Mountain from Austin -- we have several
6 firefighters in Austin right now that do not -- that need
7 physicals. And the -- the hold-up was they have to drive to
8 Battle Mountain to do their -- their lung capacities. They have
9 to drive to Battle Mountain to do their stress tests. That's
10 not available in Austin.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Besides the convenience of travel, the
12 last time we checked our finances on the pre-employment
13 physicals --

14 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'm sorry. Was that Patsy? I didn't
15 hear you. Was that for me?

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I was just commenting. I said --

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, okay.

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- besides the travel that we are
19 saving, the last time we did our pre-employment for our pool
20 seasonal people, it was twice the cost at the clinic of what it
21 was at the Battle Mountain hospital.

22 So we're still saving -- and you asked if that was the
23 savings on it. They do not do the firefighters. The clinic is
24 only open once a week and that's during the day. And not
25 everybody can get there at that timeframe. Where this would be
26 there in the evening at their meetings and longer periods of time.
27 So I see a great --

28 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And again, --

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- convenience for travel.

30 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- not everybody can get there.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. So if they can't, then the
32 backup is -- is our hospital as it's always been.

33 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay. That's all the comments I had or
34 questions. Thank you.

35 KEITH WESTENGARD: Thanks.

36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any other comments?

37 (No comment.)

38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
3 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any opposed?
4 (No comment.)
5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks, Keith.
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. Thanks, guys. Have a good
7 morning.
8 Bye.

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11 ROAD AND BRIDGE SOUTH

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13 5) Discussion for possible action regarding operations and
14 projects for the Road and Bridge South Department, and other
15 matters properly related thereto.
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17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item number five, discussion for
18 possible action for operations and projects for the Road and
19 Bridge South Department, and other matters properly related
20 thereto.

21 BERT RAMOS: Good morning.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Good morning, Bert.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Hi, Bert.

24 BERT RAMOS: I apologize I couldn't make it down there
25 today. We have to re-dig a trench out at the airport again. So
26 -- in a little later.

27 We're prepping all out of our roads. We're about prepped
28 out. And paving will start Wednesday of next week.

29 And other than that, that's what's been occupying all of our
30 time. So everything else is business as usual.

31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any questions?

32 (No comment.)
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34 6) Discussion for possible action approval/disapproval of an
35 agreement between Lander County and the US Forestry Service
36 for Lander County to provide maintenance of Gold Park Road,
37 regarding Gold Park Road and the US Forestry Service
38 Agreement, and other matters properly related thereto.
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40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, let's go on to item number

1 six. Discussion for possible action approval/disapproval of an
2 agreement between Lander County and US Forestry Service for
3 Lander County to provide maintenance of Gold Park Road,
4 regarding Gold Park Road and the US Forestry Service Agreement,
5 and other matters properly related thereto.

6 BERT RAMOS: I think that all this is, is this is just --
7 this just confirms, you know, that we're going putting that road
8 up in Gold Park that we've already agreed upon. And we just
9 need a signature from the sheriff. And then we can move forward
10 with it.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The agreement has been looked at by
12 our DA -- right? -- the office? Nicole?

13 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TING: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

15 Okay, it wasn't part of the packet. So it's over at the
16 sheriff's office at this point; is that right?

17 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TING: I think it got misfiled
18 under item number 5 (indiscernible).

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I don't see anything under item
20 five.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Got it.

22 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Do you need me to pass this one
23 down? Or does everybody have a copy?

24 Do you have this, Steve?

25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No, I don't have anything.

26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I don't have anything.

27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No backup.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It may have come before you much
29 earlier. We've been working on this for -- what? -- a couple
30 of years?

31 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: It's gotten on the agenda before.

32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: How much --

33 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: (Indiscernible.)

34 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- how many times a year -- what do
35 you think this is going to take?

36 BERT RAMOS: As far as maintenance?

37 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.

38 BERT RAMOS: Might be out there once a year, if that. The
39 gentleman who is going to be using the road, the majority of it,
40 is going to be doing most of the maintenance af- -- after the

1 road is installed. I mean, we'll go out there and touch up once
2 a year and put it on the bottom of our maintenance list.
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Did you want to see one?
4 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's okay.
5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Now, you're all mixed up here.
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's okay. Just go with the flow
7 here.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: This is five.
9 COMMISSIONER MASON: This is five. Six. Number five, I
10 don't have anything. So I'll vote last. I have a plan.
11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Do we have a motion?
12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion we approve the
13 agreement between Lander County and US Forest Service for the
14 Lander County to provide maintenance of Gold Park Road,
15 regarding Gold Park Road and US Forest Service agreement.
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.
17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And who has to sign it?
18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Bert.
19 Why is Patsy on here? That should be --
20 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: There's two loc- --
21 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- the chair.
22 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yeah. There's two locations.
23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That should be the chair. This
24 isn't a BLM issue. This is a Forest Service issue.
25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Then do I need to amend my motion
26 to saying, authorize the chair to sign --
27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.
28 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- or vice chair?
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And authorize.
30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: The vice chair to sign.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Second.
32 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any other comments?
33 (No comment.)
34 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
39 Bert, you going to be there for a while?
40 BERT RAMOS: I didn't plan on it. But do you need me to

1 be?

2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Stick around. Let's go to item
3 number -- 13.
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6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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8 13) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval
9 of the change in the agreement submitted by James C. Helming
10 DBA Dirtworks for the Austin Airport Septic System
11 Construction providing that contractor is not responsible for
12 pressures caused by the ten horse pump in existing well, new
13 water pipes and bladder tank, and other matters properly
14 related thereto.
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16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action
17 regarding approval/disapproval of the change in the agreement
18 submitted by James C. Helming, dba Dirtworks, for the Austin
19 Airport septic system construction, providing the contractor is
20 not responsible for pressures caused by the 10-horse pump and
21 existing well, new water pipes and bladder tank; and other
22 matters properly related thereto.

23 Do you have any idea of what's going on here, Bert?

24 BERT RAMOS: No, not really to be honest with you.

25 I have not the first clue on any of that.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think I do. I looked at the
27 paperwork last night. And I see the contract that Jim signed
28 and sent back.

29 He added an exhibit that says, he will not be responsible for
30 pressures caused by the 10-horse pump in the existing well on our
31 new water pipes and bladder tank.

32 I hadn't had a chance to talk to him because I just saw this
33 last night. But I did look up on his -- his actual estimate --
34 and that's part of our paperwork too -- where he does include
35 bladder tank, pipe fitting, pressure switch.

36 So there is a pressure switch on the bladder tank.

37 I don't know if there's another one out there or not. So
38 what I would recommend we do at this point is just defer it and
39 give us a chance to look for those switches to make sure. I don't
40 think there's any problem on it, because he's saying he's

1 concerned about hooking up to that well.
2 But I'd like to double check everything first --
3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- with our engineer.
5 Oh, Marty. You're here. I didn't see you come in. I'm
6 sorry.
7 MARTIN UGALDE: Is it okay?
8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm sure you can enlighten us.
10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Come on up.
11 MARTIN UGALDE: Thank you. Marty Ugalde with Day
12 Engineering.
13 Jim's concern is essentially this: When the well comes on,
14 it comes on with a certain amount of pressure. And the pressure
15 switch that he's talking about is on the pressure tank. That's
16 what turns the pump on and off. If you go in there and turn on
17 a faucet, just like your home --
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Mm-hm.
19 MARTIN UGALDE: -- the pressure switch is what's going to
20 turn the well on and off.
21 But what Jim's concerned about is when the well shuts
22 off -- and he did this by flowing the hydrant that's out there
23 -- when the well shuts off, water goes back down the hole.
24 There's no check valve in the line to keep the line full.
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So --
26 MARTIN UGALDE: In other words, --
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- would we need a pressure switch
28 there too?
29 MARTIN UGALDE: A check valve of some kind --
30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Check valve.
31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: A check valve.
32 MARTIN UGALDE: Or foot valve --
33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Either that or a --
34 MARTIN UGALDE: -- in the well.
35 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- foot valve on the pump.
36 MARTIN UGALDE: Yeah, a foot valve or a check valve.
37 And so what Jim's concerned about is with that line being
38 empty, it will be -- there will be air in the -- in the system.
39 And when that pressure switch falls on the pump, the well pump
40 will come on, and he's afraid that it might over-pressurize the

1 system or there may be -- could be potential for damage to
2 small-diameter piping under the trailer or something like that.

3 And the last time I was out there when we talked to Ray
4 Williams, he mentioned there was a bypass line on the well. And
5 there was a high pressure blow off, so there couldn't be
6 pressure built up in the line. So if there was any high
7 pressure, it would discharge back down the well as a bypass.

8 I don't -- I've never seen any plans of that. I'm not
9 aware of what's out there exactly. So I can't say anything
10 about that yag or nay.

11 But that's -- my understanding of Jim Helming's concern
12 about this over-pressurizing the system, because he's afraid
13 that if the line does in fact empty and it's -- there's no water
14 in the line that every time the pump comes on, there could be a
15 pressure issue. That's his concern. That's my understanding of
16 his concern.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know when I -- I looked up the
18 people that actually built the original, that built -- that
19 actually put in the -- the original pump, I gave you their
20 contact. And I think you can call them and ask them if we have
21 a -- a bypass line or something?

22 MARTIN UGALDE: Wayne Parsons with Parsons Drilling in
23 Fallon.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. Because I tracked that down
25 for you so we can double check on that.

26 But I -- and that's why I want to defer it. I wanted to
27 see what we had out there and check with you. So I understand
28 his concerns.

29 BERT RAMOS: Now are we comp- -- is Jim complete with
30 everything he's going to do out there, because I hate to go dig
31 this again and then after we dig it, one more time.

32 MARTIN UGALDE: My opinion is that the water and sewer is
33 complete.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Total. Yes.

35 MARTIN UGALDE: I was out there yesterday, and I took a
36 final picture. And I was out there when he had the septic
37 system constructed. There was a connection to the water line, a
38 valve with a valve box, a yard hydrant next to the mobile unit,
39 and the septic system is in.

40 We got approval from the state.

1 I sent Patsy and the state a copy of the as-built drawings in
2 the report and photos of everything. So water and sewer is
3 complete.

4 I sit -- still see a trench out there which I'm assuming is
5 for electrical. So I don't believe the electrical's been
6 completed, but I'm not certain of that.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Have you talked to the electrical
8 people, Bert?

9 BERT RAMOS: Ah, yes, they're supposed to be out here
10 Friday. I just found that out today. And that's why I'm not
11 down there.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Did you also see where we need
13 the key? Where he left that and said we had to make a key?

14 BERT RAMOS: No, I am --

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I'll talk to you later about
16 that then.

17 Okay. So Nicole, --

18 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TING: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: On something like this that comes in
20 after we've approved the contract, is this something that you
21 need to -- to take a look at before we take any kind of action?
22 Because I'm assuming we can't ignore it. We have to take
23 action of approving or it or not approving.

24 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TING: Right. And that's why it's
25 back on agenda is it was brought to my attention he wanted to
26 make this amendment. So if you guys do want to accept the
27 contract subject to this amendment, I would just make a motion
28 to ratify the amendment.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: This is kind of confusing. This --
30 what he's asking for is to be not held liable for any damage --

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Caused by.

32 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- the well may create; is that --

33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- the way I --

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. Right.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- get it?

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, why don't we just put in a
2 switch, you know, to which the switch that's not there is a
3 control switch; isn't it?
4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No, --
5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No.
6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- it's not the fact --
7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Check valve.
8 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- there's no switch there. It's
9 the fact that there's no foot valve or check valve in the line.
10 And when it shuts off, the water all drains back in the well.
11 And when you kick it on, you get that surge of air and water up
12 into your pressure system.
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: He does have the switch on the bladder
14 and that's supposed to -- what? -- handle it. It opens up to
15 20. And what is the pressure? Forty? Forty pounds out there?
16 Max?
17 MARTIN UGALDE: I think it's 40/60. But it's -- the
18 pressure switch is the function that turns the well off.
19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Turns the foot well on and off.
20 MARTIN UGALDE: Yeah. That's it. That's all it -- that's
21 all it does.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Are you concerned about something like
23 that?
24 I mean it could happen. And I see why he doesn't want to be
25 held responsible, because it wasn't anything he's putting in. So
26 I mean, that -- that makes sense to me.
27 We can't always hold somebody else responsible.
28 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But then if there is damage, you're
29 going to do have this debate whether it was the well that caused
30 the damage or whatever. I -- and your --
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.
32 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- contractor still has to be
33 liable for putting this stuff in here. I have concerns. To me,
34 we need to just put the check valve in. And he's still liable
35 for anything you put in.
36 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think that's the way --
37 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: End of story.
38 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- I was going too.
39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
40 COMMISSIONER MASON: So the check valve is another switch?

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No, it's just a valve in the line.
2 MARTIN UGALDE: It's an in-line valve. And it's a one-way
3 valve. It allows flow one way, so when the well's pumping into
4 the line, it allows flow into the line. And when the pump shuts
5 off, the water wants to go back down the well, the check valve
6 will just close and keep the line full of water.
7 That's all it does.
8 It's just -- there's no electricity required.
9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Uh-uh.
10 MARTIN UGALDE: It's a hydraulic valve.
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: So if we put a check valve switch in,
12 it should end it; right?
13 MARTIN UGALDE: What I can do is contact Wayne Parsons from
14 Parsons Drilling and -- and find out. Normally on a submersible
15 pump, they put a check valve in the -- the -- the -- what's
16 called the pump column, the drop pipe that's in the well. If
17 it's a vertical turbine, they'll put a foot valve at the bottom.
18 It does the same thing.
19 But I can call Wayne Parsons with Parsons Drilling in
20 Fallon and verify if there is in fact a check valve. Or if
21 there is one, maybe the check valve is stuck open for some
22 reason and won't close. But I can find out and get back with
23 Patsy or whatever you'd like me to do.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think we should defer this for the
25 next meeting.
26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, I think we ought to go for the
27 check valve, first.
28 I don't think we want to take him off the -- you know -- he's
29 responsible for his work on the septic tank. That's the way I get
30 it.
31 And --
32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: He's not saying -- he's not saying
33 he doesn't want to be responsible for his work. He just wants
34 not to be responsible for any damage done by our 10-horse pump.
35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Right.
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
37 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's the way I get it too. So put a
38 check valve on and let's go.
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I make a motion we defer this to the
40 next agenda.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: I second.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?
3 (No comment.)
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, (indiscernible).
10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Bert.
12 BERT RAMOS: You guys don't need me around for number 20,
13 do you, by chance?
14 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, it wouldn't hurt.
15 I'll tell you what; we'll go right to it.
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18 **COMMISSIONERS**

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20 20) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval
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22 construct an access road and pipelines for Phase 2 of the
23 Ormat Grass Valley Geothermal Project; and other matters
24 properly related thereto.
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26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Let's go to item number 20.
27 Discussion for possible action regarded approval/disapproval of
28 Encroachment Application and Permit for ORNI 39, LLC, to
29 construct an access road and pipeline for Phase 2 of the Ormat
30 Grass Valley Geothermal Project, and other matters properly
31 related thereto.

32 RANDY PETERSON: Good morning. I'm Randy Peterson with
33 Ormat.

34 I'm here today, hopefully, to find a resolution to the
35 issues surrounding the encroachment permit application for the
36 geothermal pipeline along Grass Valley Road on our McGinness
37 Hills geothermal power plant.

38 We've previously discussed this with the county staff, with
39 the commission, with the BLM, with NACO, and with the state.

40 And I had hoped to find a way to negotiate ways to mitigate

1 your concerns.

2 We stopped construction on the pipeline to try and resolve
3 this. But we need to get back to construction soon.

4 This has been presented to us as a safety con- -- a safety
5 issue with concerns about the 3600 feet of Grass Valley Road,
6 where there's pipelines along both sides of the road similar to
7 stretches of roads or highways where there are guardrails along
8 both of the sides of the road.

9 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Randy, can I interrupt you for one
10 moment, please?

11 RANDY PETERSON: Yes.

12 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: In your packets I believe that if
13 you go behind your item 26, it's his back-up. It should have
14 been under 20. If you --

15 RANDY PETERSON: Tell me when you're ready.

16 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Just once they get it.

17 RANDY PETERSON: Do we need to go back through that?

18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No.

19 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: No, no.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We've got it.

21 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: This should be in 20, you said?

23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

24 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Correct.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

26 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sorry about that, Randy. Thank
27 you.

28 RANDY PETERSON: No worries.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: I have an idea I think's worth
30 discussing. I don't know where it will go but -- see if I can
31 pose this right.

32 I'm thinking that, you know, it's a safety issue. And that
33 3600 feet is where -- where your pipes are doubled east and west
34 side of the road --

35 RANDY PETERSON: Correct.

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Right?

37 RANDY PETERSON: Correct.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: What about a bond? Holding us not
39 liable. And that would be easy. It would just be, you know,
40 like a -- I'm going to pull one out of the air -- a

1 ten-million-dollar bond during the life of those two pipes. And
2 you maintain it -- maintain the bond every year for year.
3 RANDY PETERSON: I'd rather move the pipeline.
4 COMMISSIONER MASON: You'd rather what?
5 RANDY PETERSON: I'd rather move the pipeline than pay the
6 county --
7 COMMISSIONER MASON: Why? How expensive could a bond be?
8 RANDY PETERSON: It's about one percent per face value per
9 year.
10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
11 RANDY PETERSON: A 15-million-dollar bond would be --
12 COMMISSIONER MASON: And then you just go ahead and put
13 your pipes in.
14 RANDY PETERSON: Yeah. I suppose we could explore that.
15 But -- but I'm not sure that -- I guess what -- what I --
16 what would have to happen is you'd have to discuss that with the
17 other commissioners and see if that makes them happy.
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's just --
19 RANDY PETERSON: That's -- that's certainly something that
20 we would entertain, something we could discuss.
21 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's exploratory, but it would end a
22 lot of hassle.
23 RANDY PETERSON: Mm-hm.
24 COMMISSIONER MASON: And if -- if this commission would
25 agree to it, and you guys could figure out how you could agree
26 to it, --
27 RANDY PETERSON: What would be --
28 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- it would be an ongoing bond.
29 RANDY PETERSON: What would the bond guarantee,
30 Commissioner?
31 COMMISSIONER MASON: It would -- it's for safety purposes.
32 It would guarantee -- I don't know.
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, --
34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Nothing.
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I'm wondering, instead of a bond,
36 why can't they just say, okay, they'll give us the waiver that
37 we're not liable, so if we happen to hit their pipe or something
38 --
39 RANDY PETERSON: Mm-hm.
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that they say that? Why --

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Our biggest --
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- are we making them pay a bond --
3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- concern --
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- because the bond --
5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- is if you get a big truck
6 jackknifed between those two pipes and you need medical service
7 out to the -- the site, you don't have any way to get that
8 medical service there.
9 COMMISSIONER MASON: Right.
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right, --
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: The bond --
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- but he's talking this one first of
13 all.
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: No.
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the liability, right?
16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Wait a minute. There is an issue
17 because if there is a lawsuit from somebody who was hurt under a
18 circumstance like that, then we wouldn't be held responsible.
19 The bond would cover us.
20 And that's -- it's an exploratory thing. I don't have the
21 answers either, but I'm trying to simplify the problem. You guys
22 do good work, you know. We've seen your work. We know that
23 you're quite capable of putting everything in and doing it perf-
24 -- perfectly. So it's just a question of liability here for the
25 county.
26 RANDY PETERSON: It -- it's -- it was posed to us as a
27 question of safety, --
28 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.
29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.
30 RANDY PETERSON: -- rather than liability. The liability
31 issue is a -- is another concern that we -- that perhaps is a
32 discussion for a -- for a separate day.
33 When Road and Bridge brought this to us, and we discussed it
34 with Jim Olson, with Commissioner Waits, we modified the pipeline
35 design to accommodate emergency access and egress at 13 different
36 places along the -- along this --
37 COMMISSIONER MASON: And I think --
38 RANDY PETERSON: -- 3600-foot stretch.
39 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- that's still good. I don't -- you
40 know -- I don't want to take away from that modification either.

1 RANDY PETERSON: Mm-hm.

2 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think we need it. If lives are at
3 stake, we have to look at it from that point of view.

4 RANDY PETERSON: What I've heard is that it doesn't satisfy
5 all the commissioners.

6 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, --

7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No, because --

8 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- because you can --

9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- we can't go off our --

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- you only have fifty --

11 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- we can't go off the
12 right-of-way there. What happens if that and you try to go out
13 around, BLM's going to be all over you for making a two-track.

14 RANDY PETERSON: We discussed that. We discussed -- we
15 discussed that with the BLM. And they said in cases of valid
16 emergency where human health and safety is a concern, they
17 encourage you to go off track to bypass any obstructions in the
18 road. And that if -- if -- if this happened, the -- the most
19 that would likely happen is they would send one of their
20 archaeologists out there to investigate any -- any damage that
21 may have occurred to a flake or an arrowhead that's in that
22 cultural site.

23 But -- but it is not their intention -- the -- the -- the
24 restrictions on roadless travel are not intended to prevent
25 emergency services to respond -- to responding to threats to
26 health and safety.

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think we understand that.

28 I don't -- I don't think that's really an issue. I was just
29 trying to simplify it.

30 RANDY PETERSON: Mm-hm.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: The --

32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I think the two --

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- the double pipeline. Oh -- oh,
34 excuse me. Go ahead.

35 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Go ahead, Dave.

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Huh?

37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Go ahead.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'm just -- I was just thinking out
39 loud on -- and.

40 RANDY PETERSON: I appreciate that.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'm not sure it is the answer, but it
2 should be explored.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: To --

4 COMMISSIONER MASON: And --

5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: To me, that's looking at after the
6 fact --

7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- instead of being preventative
9 ahead of time.

10 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Proactive.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You know, we need -- yeah -- we
12 need to look at the issue before, not -- well, if this happens,
13 you know, I mean, we got to prevent things from happening.

14 And you talk about the access of the two track. I mean, you
15 can go out there with an ambulance, and I understand that.

16 If -- the road or if the weather conditions permit that,
17 because otherwise not.

18 But you take two or three safety vehicles out into there,
19 you've created a two-track road that everybody in this county will
20 use.

21 Because once -- once you've disturbed it, I mean if you've
22 been in any of our mountains and if you've got one hundred that
23 decides they're going to go off. And the next thing you know,
24 it's a road because everybody's taking it.

25 RANDY PETERSON: Yeah. Ordinarily what we're talking about
26 is just a road al- -- parallel to the existing Grass Valley Road
27 to bypass any obstruction that may exist. Otherwise, there are
28 plenty of other roads that head up to the east --

29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

30 RANDY PETERSON: -- and west on both sides. If hunters
31 want to head out there or prospectors or whoever, there are
32 plenty of roads that are accessible from Grass Valley Road to
33 get you someplace rather than just parallel a much better road.

34 But -- and we can move the pipeline to the east side of the
35 road if this is what it takes to alleviate the county's concerns.
36 We just wonder if there might not be a better way to spend the
37 \$300,000 that that would take that addresses the county's concerns
38 and provides real benefits to the -- to the residents of the
39 county.

40 The -- if -- if moving the -- my ask is this: Does moving the

1 pipeline alleviate the county's concerns. And is the only way to
2 do so?

3 If so -- if we were to submit an amended encroachment permit
4 application with both pipelines along the east side of the road,
5 the new pipeline approximately six feet closer to the roadway than
6 the existing pipeline on the east side of the road, would the
7 commission authorize the bridge department to issue the
8 encroachment permit?

9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Personally, I have no problem with
10 that.

11 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Neither do I.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: As long as the pipes are on the
13 same side --

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It's on the same side --

15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- of the road.

16 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- and that.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: At least it leaves --

18 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- that side open.

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Open for that. So --

21 COMMISSIONER MASON: We could -- we're maintaining the
22 road. Are you --

23 RANDY PETERSON: Right now I'm paying Bert to maintain the
24 road.

25 COMMISSIONER MASON: Right. But I mean, it's our people --

26 RANDY PETERSON: It's your --

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- maintaining it.

28 RANDY PETERSON: -- it's your people that are maintaining
29 it.

30 COMMISSIONER MASON: So as it's graded, we could expand it
31 a little bit inch by inch on the -- on the west side.

32 RANDY PETERSON: I -- I -- yeah. And this -- this is how
33 --

34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Well, there really wouldn't be any
35 need for that.

36 RANDY PETERSON: Pardon?

37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: If -- if we --

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, it wouldn't hurt to do it.

39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No, it's -- it's for an emergency.

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: For emergency. But if -- if you
2 move it to the other side, it's six foot closer is -- to it, we
3 still have access for our roadway.
4 RANDY PETERSON: Mm-hm. Yeah.
5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It just means that pipe's that
6 much closer.
7 RANDY PETERSON: It -- the pipe -- by my estimate, and I'd
8 have to go out there and measure it --
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.
10 RANDY PETERSON: -- you'd have to engineer it. But it --
11 to me, it would be about five feet away from the drive- --
12 driving surface, the graveled surface --
13 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.
14 RANDY PETERSON: -- of the road.
15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Would you -- would you have the -- are
16 you splitting the pipes by any amount of footage?
17 RANDY PETERSON: Yeah, there's a -- there's a -- there is a
18 small distance between them. I can't -- I wou- -- couldn't say
19 exactly what it is --
20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: What it is --
21 RANDY PETERSON: -- right now.
22 COMMISSIONER MASON: Be a walkway type; right?
23 RANDY PETERSON: It may be walkway. It may even be closer
24 than that. Again, the engineering is -- is -- has not been done
25 on that piece, so I can't say exactly what it would look like.
26 COMMISSIONER MASON: So you double up on the loops?
27 RANDY PETERSON: The loops would be -- the loops would
28 follow -- follow one another. Yeah.
29 So there would be two parallel pipelines. Each would have
30 expansion loops.
31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Joints.
32 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But by doing that also, you'd save
33 because you wouldn't have to put so many expansions in.
34 RANDY PETERSON: It would have to have --
35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- from what you're proposing.
36 RANDY PETERSON: -- it -- it would -- it would have --
37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It would be the same.
38 RANDY PETERSON: -- the same 13 expansion loops.
39 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, but you said you added some.
40 RANDY PETERSON: What we did -- what we did was we changed

1 the support mechanism for those expansion joints so that a
2 person could drive through.
3 We would do it the simpler way, which is --
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.
5 RANDY PETERSON: -- to put the -- the support in the center
6 of --
7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.
8 RANDY PETERSON: -- the expansion loop --
9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.
10 RANDY PETERSON: -- on the --
11 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: There -- there would be no need --
12 RANDY PETERSON: -- if we relocate --
13 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
14 RANDY PETERSON: -- the pipeline.
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.
16 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'd be in agreement with that.
17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, I --
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: I -- I --
19 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: To me, that's --
20 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- have no problem --
21 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- just all what I'm trying to do
22 is keep from having the pipes on bo- --
23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- on both sides of the road.
25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: That would solve our -- my
26 concern, safety concern. And I -- I don't know what Brian
27 thinks, but --
28 RANDY PETERSON: Okay, so how can I -- how can we move
29 forward so that I can do -- so that I can -- so I can get
30 buy-off from -- from management and from the project manager to
31 move forward with this without --
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, we --
33 RANDY PETERSON: -- without spinning our wheels again?
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, --
35 RANDY PETERSON: Yeah. I know that you can't -- you can't
36 authorize something that I haven't submitted yet.
37 COMMISSIONER MASON: We can concur, but we need to see the
38 engineering --
39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, --
40 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- blueprints.

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- if you would -- if you would
2 submit it to us, --
3 RANDY PETERSON: Mm-hm.
4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- then we'd would probably concur
5 on it, because --
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: I mean, if you can get it drawn up
7 that fast where our people can have a good look at it, and then
8 it gets before us, we can do that in two weeks.
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Well, yeah, because you -- we'd
10 have to --
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, no, you got to allow ten days
12 for agenda.
13 RANDY PETERSON: Well, actually this is still a ministerial
14 permit that -- that theoretically needs no decision from the
15 commission.
16 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Our people just have to sign off
17 on it.
18 RANDY PETERSON: Correct. The Road -- the Road and Bridge
19 department is who has to sign off on the encroachment permit
20 application.
21 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay. So let's review it. Put it
22 into words again.
23 RANDY PETERSON: What I would -- what we would do is -- I'm
24 asking if -- I'm asking for concurrence, as you've said, that
25 if -- if we were to -- to -- to move the pipeline that's --
26 that's cur- -- that's currently partially constructed on the
27 west side of the road to the east side of the road and submit an
28 amended application -- an amended encroachment permit
29 application with the pipeline on the east side of the road,
30 paralleling the existing pipeline, would you -- would you folks
31 authorize the -- would you -- would you folks remove your --
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Objections.
33 RANDY PETERSON: -- objections to the Road and Bridge
34 department approving this ministerial encroachment?
35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Providing the loops are --
36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.
37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: They've got to be the same, Dave.
38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.
39 Correct me if I'm wrong, Nicole, but because of the other
40 matters, we can direct Bert to -- as long as the pipes are on the

1 other side of the road, to go ahead and sign that and authorize
2 that today.

3 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TING: Sure.

4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

5 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TING: That's fine. Yes.

6 RANDY PETERSON: Okay. All right. If -- so, we'll -- I
7 can't -- I can't offer that up, per- --

8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

9 RANDY PETERSON: -- personally. But I'll take that back
10 and then we'll discuss it.

11 This is -- this is one --

12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

13 RANDY PETERSON: -- of the alternatives I've been
14 authorized to discuss. If we --

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, --

16 RANDY PETERSON: -- if we reach concurrence internally with
17 that, we'll submit the amended application --

18 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

19 RANDY PETERSON: -- to the Road and Bridge department.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, we can make that motion today
21 --

22 RANDY PETERSON: Okay. Good.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- with the stipulation if the
24 pipes are on the same side of the road to authorize Bert to go
25 ahead and sign.

26 RANDY PETERSON: Okay.

27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Then if your company has an issue,
28 then I guess we'll have to come back to the table.

29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

30 RANDY PETERSON: Right. Right.

31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So if somebody would like to make
32 that motion.

33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'd make a motion that we would
34 authorize our -- Bert -- our south --

35 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Road and bridge.

36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Road and Bridge person to approve
37 the encroachment permit if Ormat would put both lines on the
38 same side of the road.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any comments?

1 BERT RAMOS: You might want to make sure that we have all
2 the -- the same loops and the same access through the pipeline
3 --
4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.
5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.
6 BERT RAMOS: -- that we already have on the other pipeline.
7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.
8 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: That's what he said he would be
9 exactly like the other pipeline.
10 BERT RAMOS: Okay.
11 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Just six foot off from it or so.
12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, any other comments?
13 (No comment.)
14 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
19 Thank you.
20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
21 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you.
22 RANDY PETERSON: Thank you. Hopefully we've -- hopefully
23 we've solved it.
24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Hopefully your guys will go for
25 it.
26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All right.
27 RANDY PETERSON: Thank you.
28 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Let's go back to item number 7.
29 COMMISSIONER MASON: We're way back there. I thought we
30 were moving ahead pretty fast.
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33 **ROAD AND BRIDGE NORTH**

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- 35 7) **Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**
36 **projects for the Road and Bridge North Department, and other**
37 **matters properly related thereto.**
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39 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible operations
40 and projects for the Road and Bridge North Department, and other

1 matters properly related thereto.

2 DONALD NEGRO: Good morning. Donald Negro, Road and Bridge
3 North.

4 Pretty much what we've got going is the business is normal.
5 We're doing our road patching. Beating -- weed beating is --

6 Our buyout on the land behind us -- behind our yard for our
7 yard expansion -- went through. So we purchased six -- six and
8 a half acres for \$64,720.99. And we started clearing sagebrush
9 yesterday. So we're good to go there.

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is that the old trailer park?

11 DONALD NEGRO: Yeah, the old trailer park.

12 COMMISSIONER MASON: So you're going to dig up all the --

13 DONALD NEGRO: We're -- right now we're just going to -- to
14 the boundary line of where the trailer park was. And then this
15 winter when we get slow, we'll go in and dig out all the --

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh, okay.

17 DONALD NEGRO: -- dig out everything, all the cement and
18 the garbage cans. But what we're trying to do is get it
19 expanded enough because we'll start hauling our salt/sand for
20 this winter, we'll start. And we want to stockpile it back
21 there and get it out of the front of our yard, get it kind of
22 out of the way.

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's still fenced off; isn't it? I
24 can't remember.

25 DONALD NEGRO: It's --

26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Uh-uh.

27 DONALD NEGRO: What we've been looking is we're going take
28 our fence from the back and move it -- move it out to the front.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: So make it all one yard?

30 DONALD NEGRO: Yeah, make it one yard. So -- but we have a
31 bunch of chert that we had hauled in. And it's stockpiled over
32 by the school. And I'd like to get it out of there before the
33 school starts their expansion, you know, so they don't just
34 waste it.

35 Okay. And I've been dealing with CAT Auctions on our -- if
36 you -- in the last two years, we've picked up two new blades. So
37 CAT Auction, I've been dealing with them on surplussing two of our
38 blades.

39 And I've looked around. I've checked about six different
40 outfits to see how much, you know, like a percentage of what they

1 take. And that's the way these auctions work. They'll take
2 like -- the CAT Auction is a small -- is a less amount. They'll
3 take eight percent. And so I consigned two blades and one track
4 loader from the landfill to the CAT Auction to go -- to go
5 September 17th for -- for excess equipment.

6 COMMISSIONER MASON: What's a used blade worth rough --
7 roughly?

8 DONALD NEGRO: A whole bunch of money. No. Any -- these
9 will bring anywhere from 60- to 150,000.

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: You're kidding.

11 DONALD NEGRO: You know, depending on what the market is.
12 And you know, it's just -- and these are -- you know, they're in
13 good enough shape that, you know, they'll -- they'll probably go
14 for a premium. Hopefully.

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Good deal.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Were they the wrong size? You said we
17 bought two new ones this year.

18 DONALD NEGRO: Well, last year and this year.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

20 DONALD NEGRO: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But these -- these are different sizes
22 or something. That's why -- they're perfectly good blades.

23 DONALD NEGRO: They're -- yeah, they're smaller than what
24 we -- we bought, Patsy.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

26 DONALD NEGRO: Updated. And on our new blades is what we
27 do is now, and it was done before, but we didn't -- the county
28 didn't have the money.

29 Anything that we buy, like the blades, are -- there's a
30 guaranteed buy back. And three years down the road if we want
31 to -- we want to purchase a new blade, they'll buy them back
32 for -- for a guaranteed amount. What it will -- and it amounts to
33 is \$40,000, and they'll give us two new blades a piece.

34 So -- and what they consider that, why they do that is
35 because, you know, the county, we put X-amount of hours on them.

36 And two blades that we -- that we're surplussing are within
37 25 hours of each other.

38 So you know, they're --

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: I guess what I -- I got lost. I

1 was -- I went by a blade, a big grading blade by itself.
2 And that's what I was thinking. I wasn't thinking this as a
3 whole mobile unit.
4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
5 DONALD NEGRO: No, this is a whole --
6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Unit not.
7 DONALD NEGRO: -- whole.
8 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's why, when you said 40,000, I
9 was thinking, God, Almighty.
10 DONALD NEGRO: Well, that's a --
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's a lot of steel there.
12 DONALD NEGRO: To buy -- purchase a new blade, the M's we
13 bought this year we give two hundred and sev- -- right at
14 \$290,000.
15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, I remember that. Okay. I got
16 it now.
17 DONALD NEGRO: There's lot of iron in them.
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, I was going to say, man, has
19 steel gone up that much per pound?
20 DONALD NEGRO: No, we don't want to scrap them. Anyway,
21 that's all I have.
22 Thank you.
23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Thanks, Donnie.
24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thanks, Donnie.
25 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thanks.

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28 **PUBLIC WORKS**

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30 **8) Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**
31 **projects for the Public Works Department, and other matters**
32 **properly related thereto.**
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34 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Number eight, discussion for
35 possible action regarding operations and projects for the Public
36 Works Department, and other matters properly related thereto.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning, Jake.
38 JAKE EDGAR: Good morning.
39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Morning.
40 JAKE EDGAR: Jake Edgar, for the record.

1 So start with water and sewer. Just in-house stuff, we
2 worked on Echo Bay lift station. Had a vacuum pump go out in
3 it, so we've got the second truck out there right now that's
4 working the lift station. So hopefully, we'll get our vacuum
5 pump in here shortly and everything will be all right.

6 Worked on a water cooler at the sewer plant. It went down.
7 Cleaned the sewer plant up a little bit.

8 We had a water leak on Fifth Street in the alley, which
9 was -- just got -- actually was brand new. And what we figured
10 out is one of the fittings they put in, they cross-threaded the --
11 the 45 that went into it. So that's fixed.

12 Guys have been doing transponders.

13 We worked on an influent pump at the sewer plant.

14 Right now, we have some upgrades going on at -- at our office
15 on our PLC. They're upgrading WIN-911 and also some of the
16 Wonderware so that we can add Well 9 onto our SCADA when Well 9's
17 ready to go on the SCADA, which is fairly close.

18 Been doing inventory count.

19 Changed a flag at the courthouse and at the cemetery.

20 I have a kid that's in Boy Scouts right now that's going
21 for his Eagle Scout deal. And he's actually going around town
22 painting fire hydrants. They came to us and asked if they could
23 do that. And we acknowledged that they could. So we bought the
24 paint and the stuff for him. And he's been out -- if you see
25 the fire -- fire hydrants that look a little newer, and they're
26 really not new, they're just painted.

27 The three projects we got started in town, we've been
28 dealing with all of the contractors.

29 The hospital, we did -- exercised some valves so that we
30 could make sure the hospital would still have water when they do
31 their tie-in.

32 Sheep Creek is actually getting tied in this morning. So
33 that line will start down towards the courthouse.

34 There's been some plan changes on that as far as how
35 they're going go underneath the culverts by the highway. But
36 everything is kosher so far. There's no --

37 I haven't seen a set of plans from the school, which I need
38 a set of plans for the school -- if -- as far as wanting to know
39 exactly where they're going to tie in and what -- what their
40 plan is.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: Wait a minute. That's Lemaire School
2 or the other one?

3 JAKE EDGAR: Whatever -- I don't know. Whatever addition
4 they're doing to the school, I need plans on. I don't -- I'll
5 get with someone later on. But I know that project's going to
6 start, just to let you guys no know.

7 We have a water leak behind the commissioners' building,
8 one in front of our office that we need to get to probably
9 sometime next week at some point in time.

10 We lost communications at Well 6, which they don't make the
11 part anymore. It's actually on a disk-looking deal that -- so
12 we jumped some wires and got around it. So hopefully we won't
13 have to use that anymore anyway.

14 Other than that, we read meters on the first through the
15 fifth and that went fairly well except for some of the billing
16 portions. When we're printing bills all of sudden it just
17 stops. I don't -- they're trying to figure it out. And it's
18 something to do with the Internet and speed and how fast it
19 processes back and forth. But they're working on that.

20 Did state chloramine samples over at the sewer plant. We got
21 a six-inch meter prepared to put in Clark Park. When they did
22 that park, there was never a meter installed. There was an old
23 meter set that was there for the old trailer park. So we're going
24 to put one that runs the whole thing.

25 And working with the building department on the Orange Book
26 and Municode stuff that Joe -- that they were talking about
27 earlier, some things that have conflicts that we're going to get
28 rid of.

29 So other than that, that's it for the water and sewer.

30 Swimming pool, we had, like, one little incident where a kid
31 went to jump in the water and the safety flotation device that he
32 had actually hung up on the chair and he fell down. And that --
33 that's going to get turned into the safety manager.

34 We actually had a huge meeting with the safety manager over
35 some things that happened at the pool that -- that I can't discuss
36 right now.

37 But everything's fine. Everybody's at work. The pool's
38 running good.

39 We have a little issue with one of the sand -- the sand
40 filters, but I think I've got it fixed. So hopefully when the

1 little part shows up, I'll put it on there and that will be fine.
2 And that's about it for the pool.

3 The parks look good. All the rain has helped a whole
4 bunch. I don't know if anyone's noticed, but everything looks
5 really green, so it's kind of awesome.

6 We had a little bit of vandalism at the Elquist Park on one
7 of the bathrooms. Marilyn thinks she has some sort of
8 contraption she's going to put over it so they won't do it
9 again. So that -- it seems like it's going to work too.

10 Other than that in the parks, that's about it.

11 Golf course, most of our time still is being spent on
12 sprinkler heads and stuff. The greens are obviously taking up
13 most of our time. Seven and eight are our worst greens right now.

14 Other than that though, the course has showed great
15 improvement, again probably more from rain than anything else.

16 We went to some different fertilizer, which actually has
17 helped out a whole bunch. They plugged, sanded, and seeded the
18 other day, which kind of makes people a little bit upset when
19 they're golfing. But we've got to do it at some point in time.
20 So they did it earlier this year compared to last year.

21 Other than that, they're going to start probably
22 top-dressing the fairways here shortly, pending on what the
23 weather does. As soon as she can get it plugged, hopefully,
24 right as -- right as soon as she gets it plugged, they'll start
25 sanding out in the fairways. And we actually had to have John
26 Davis, this year, make a sand for us, because last year we
27 couldn't really get the sand that we needed. It was bigger
28 clumps. So they are in the process of getting that sand made.
29 As soon as we get it back, our sand will be a smaller-grit sand
30 than the stuff we've been using in the past out of the
31 (indiscernible) pit. So hopefully when he's done, he'll let me
32 know. And we'll purchase the sand, and it will be good for the
33 golf course. So that's it.

34 So go back to the projects. Well #9 is almost complete all
35 together. All we're waiting on is the fence.

36 We have a few little electrical things and some programming
37 that need washed out. But it's stuff that we can probably deal
38 with for the next couple weeks.

39 We can run the pump and everything right now, just the way
40 it is. We could send it to town, but we're still waiting on the

1 state to come back with a yes from our water samples. And
2 before we can do that, I have to take a bacteria test to Elko so
3 we can do the BAC-T test. And once it comes back that it's safe
4 to drink, then we'll start sending it to town.

5 We may have a few, a little bit of a wait on that with the
6 state. They seem to be lagging behind a little bit. So
7 hopefully, we can get an answer fast, but I don't see that. So
8 it might be another two weeks before we can actually get water
9 to town, but as the project is, it is pretty much done.

10 So, the fencing company will come out and that's the last
11 thing that will get done. So that's done.

12 We just finished yesterday on the north side of town with
13 the last tie-in, which was just a regular sewer service. That
14 portion of town is now d- -- completely done except for the
15 patching and fog sealing. When they get ready to do that or
16 whatever they're going to do, I haven't heard anything yet. But
17 hopefully they take a blade over there in the next two or three
18 days and blade everything down and then sweep everything up and
19 wash it so it takes the dust down. So that's done.

20 They'll start on the alleys probably tomorrow. Our alley
21 project will continue on from this project, but the alleys will
22 get started. They're looking at -- I think they've got 68 days
23 in the contract time. So hopefully, they're finished up in that
24 amount of time and that will be done.

25 I need to ask you guys how you feel about what we're going to
26 do with the engineer. I have three projects that I was having
27 Mark work on that are just kind of in limbo.

28 Do you want us to put a thing together for request for
29 proposals from engineering firms and make it huge list and put it
30 in the paper, where it's -- done right? Or are we -- we need an
31 engineer of record, and we actually need someone to go to. So
32 would the commission like for us to do that or are we going to
33 need to do something different?

34 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Personally, we've already got
35 engineering firms working for us. The less engineering firms we
36 have working for us, the better.

37 JAKE EDGAR: So all I need is direction to use them.
38 That's it. That's all I'm asking then.

39 I don't know if that's -- but anyway. So even after they
40 leave or whatever, we're still going to have to have a --

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Engineer of record.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I understand that.
3 JAKE EDGAR: Not only that, but we're going have to someone
4 else. I mean, you can't -- so --
5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But you can hire an engineer. I
6 mean, I don't know how big a scope you're looking at or
7 whatever.
8 JAKE EDGAR: Well, that's what I mean. The -- the amount
9 of work I'm going to be doing, I'm going to have to put it out
10 to bid as far as -- I don't know what the -- the legal
11 ramifications are. But I don't think I can just go pick someone
12 and say we're going to do this --
13 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Right.
14 JAKE EDGAR: -- because it's over a certain amount of
15 money.
16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Go for it.
17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Could have done it two months ago.
19 Well, I didn't know -- I didn't know -- well, it was on the
20 agenda for the under 50,000 and over 50,000. And I thought we
21 were going to make some kind of move where we were going to
22 accept the list that we had denied before, but in a bigger
23 scope. So I apologize for not -- being misunderstood. So I
24 will get on it.
25 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's -- that was -- Mark's job.
26 Jim, did that fall on your lap?
27 JIM OLSON: We were looking at taking the RFPs that Mark
28 had acquired. Joe and I talked about it yesterday and going
29 back to that list and picking somebody that we can bring before
30 the board.
31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: What if we take -- what have we got
32 on there? I mean, I know you got across the freeway interstate.
33 And you've got the tree streets --
34 JAKE EDGAR: Tree streets and another lift station. So you
35 probably --
36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, but if you do them all
37 separate, what are you looking at? Instead of trying to tie
38 them all together, if we say, okay, we need an engineering firm
39 for the tree streets. That's under 50,000; isn't it?
40 JAKE EDGAR: I mean, I would -- I would hope so. But I

1 don't --
2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I mean --
3 JAKE EDGAR: I don't --
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: In my opinion, I'd call up Summit
5 and say go -- go for it. This is what we need done. And --
6 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah, I just don't know if that -- but again,
7 I was told in the past that in order to be legal, I had to put
8 it -- so I'll --
9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, --
10 JAKE EDGAR: -- make sure that we --
11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, but that's if you tie it all
12 together.
13 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.
14 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I'm saying if you do it all as separate
15 projects --
16 JAKE EDGAR: All right. Okay.
17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We -- we got engineering firms
18 already working for us.
19 JAKE EDGAR: Okay.
20 JIM OLSON: Call Summit.
21 COMMISSIONER MASON: Good deal.
22 JAKE EDGAR: That's pretty much all I needed. That's it.
23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right. Thanks, Jake.
24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Because the -- part of that is
25 we're holding up the paving too because we're trying to do it
26 all at once. So you know, the more we can get these projects
27 done, then we can come in and pave it all at once.
28 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah. I mean, I just was under the assumption
29 I had to put it out.
30 So --
31 COMMISSIONER MASON: Can you stick around for the next
32 item? The golf course?
33 JAKE EDGAR: I'll be here.
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: All right.
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: He's here.
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37 9) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval
38 of funds in the amount of \$1,655,000 set aside for the
39 proposed nine new holes to fix the problems of the existing
40 golf course, and other matters properly related thereto.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item number nine, discussion for
2 possible action regarding approval/disapproval of funds in the
3 amount of 1,655,000 set aside for the proposed nine new holes to
4 fix the problems of the existing golf course, and other matters
5 properly related thereto.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Morning, Jay.

7 JAY FISCHER: Good morning. Jay Fischer. Title this
8 morning is vice president of the Mountain View Golf Club.

9 And I've brought with me Mr. Max Bunch, who is a member of
10 the Mountain View Golf Club.

11 I've been asked -- I guess, let me start here this morning
12 with a brief discussion that Commissioner Mason asked me to
13 provide on progress to date on things --

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Two wells.

15 JAY FISCHER: -- on the -- on the wells that were discussed
16 earlier in the year and the rehabilitation testing work that the
17 commission authorized and directed to be completed.

18 So to date the testing has been completed. We understand the
19 well capacities now. And one well has completely been refurbished
20 with a new pump and motor.

21 The second well has been refurbished as far as the new motor.
22 A new pump is still required.

23 And Mr. Edgar and myself decided that the fall is the best
24 time after the golf season and high water demand is over would be
25 the best time to replace the pump and the final well and complete
26 that work.

27 VFDs were another item that the commissioner -- commission
28 had directed the staff to purchase and install.

29 We've made a selection and placed the order for VFD equipment
30 to --

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: Which is -- what is that?

32 JAY FISCHER: Variable frequency drive. And was what it
33 stands for. And what it is, Commissioner Mason, most simply, is
34 a pump control.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

36 JAY FISCHER: Turns the pump on and off.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: For both wells?

38 JAY FISCHER: Correct. For both wells. That equipment
39 should be here in the next five to ten days and will be
40 installed immediately so we can realize the benefit from that.

1 equipment.

2 So --

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: All right.

4 JAY FISCHER: Are there any questions on the well and
5 electrical work?

6 So I'd like to move on. I've submitted a letter in your
7 packets with -- for discussion and consideration for the Mountain
8 View Golf Course and specifically outlining the repairs -- type of
9 maintenance work that -- and pros and cons of the various options
10 that we've considered and --

11 COMMISSIONER MASON: Let me simplify it. In our
12 discussion, if we can, this agenda is to -- to direct or
13 redirect 1.6 point -- \$1,655,000, or at least discuss it, that
14 we've approved and is sitting in the bank for the second nine
15 holes of golf.

16 We have decided to use some of that money for the restoration
17 of the two wells, which you were -- just commented on.

18 JAY FISCHER: Yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Now at this point, I think I need to
20 reaffirm something. We still -- it's your opinion we don't have
21 enough water for another nine holes of golf.

22 JAY FISCHER: No. No. We do not.

23 Day Engineering had identified that in their proposal that
24 was submitted to the county.

25 Now, there's various options to add more water.

26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Understood. Understood.

27 JAY FISCHER: But we don't have it right now with the wells
28 available to us.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Then I would like to move on to the
30 water system itself, on the existing nine holes of golf, needs
31 to be replaced along with all the electrical.

32 JAY FISCHER: Correct.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: And your estimation, these are not
34 bids now. Your estimation is that we could do all of that.
35 That means pulling all the old -- not pulling the old water
36 lines, is bypassing all the old water lines except the new stuff
37 that's been put under those new greens?

38 Is that correct?

39 JAY FISCHER: That does --

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: We have new water lines under the new

1 greens.
2 JAY FISCHER: Correct.
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: All right.
4 JAY FISCHER: For the new sprinklers that came with that
5 system.
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: The water lines that I'm talking about
7 are the mains and the arm, you know, the fingers that move out
8 to all seven --
9 JAY FISCHER: Right.
10 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- all nine holes, and all the
11 electrical valves, replace the electricity. And everything goes
12 underground at the same depth?
13 JAY FISCHER: Correct.
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Brand new.
15 JAY FISCHER: Correct.
16 COMMISSIONER MASON: And you think we could do that for
17 under \$700,000.
18 JAY FISCHER: I would just add that it's not my estimate.
19 It's the engineering estimate that was provided --
20 COMMISSIONER MASON: Understood.
21 JAY FISCHER: -- to us. Yeah.
22 COMMISSIONER MASON: This is just conversation.
23 JAY FISCHER: Yep, yep, yep. \$700,000.
24 COMMISSIONER MASON: If we could get moving on it, I think
25 we ought to have the best nine holes we can get. We have the
26 money there.
27 And if we're going to do -- refurbish the nine holes, this --
28 the water system, including all the electrical that monitors all
29 the -- all the nine holes, needs to be replaced.
30 JAY FISCHER: Correct.
31 COMMISSIONER MASON: And that's the electrical boxes and
32 all circuits and everything.
33 JAY FISCHER: Everything.
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: And the best time to do that is in the
35 winter.
36 JAY FISCHER: And it can be done and completed in the
37 winter months and available, you know, for care of the course in
38 the spring and --
39 COMMISSIONER MASON: So next spring we'd have a totally new
40 automated system.

1 JAY FISCHER: It achieves what I believe we're ultimately
2 after here is a -- is a -- is a better quality of life and play
3 for, on that course, for first the residents of here and people
4 that will come.

5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, yeah. It's forever.

6 JAY FISCHER: It's forever.

7 COMMISSIONER MASON: All right. So the issue right now is,
8 that I see it, is that we have -- we put -- We set aside or we
9 bid out a new water system with the understanding that the nine
10 holes have new features, and we want to use those. We don't
11 want to tear up those greens -- those nine greens, unless we
12 have to.

13 JAY FISCHER: Correct. All we're asking is that some of
14 the money that's currently allocated for the new nine holes be
15 allowed to be used for -- for badly needed repairs on our
16 current course.

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: Right. Which is electric and water.

18 JAY FISCHER: Correct.

19 COMMISSIONER MASON: And sprinkler heads. We already got
20 the sprinkler heads.

21 JAY FISCHER: No.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: All right. Okay. So that includes --

23 JAY FISCHER: Those would be repaired.

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- the fairway sprinkler heads, --

25 JAY FISCHER: The fair- --

26 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- not the -- not the greens. The
27 greens are okay, right?

28 JAY FISCHER: The greens are fine.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: All right. So all fairway sprinkler
30 heads, all fairway new pipes, however that's engineered, however
31 that's going to be delivered, bid out under \$700,000.

32 JAY FISCHER: Complete the design work for that irrigation
33 system that could then be su- -- let out for bid.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: And then everything is on automatic
35 circuits, right?

36 JAY FISCHER: Correct.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay. That's the way I see it,
38 gentleman -- ladies.

39 Comments?

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think we've -- we've certainly

1 discussed this many times before. And then the idea is it's
2 county property, we want to take care of it. And it's got to be
3 up to par. It just has to.

4 JAY FISCHER: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No pun intended. Sorry. But that was
6 the whole point. And so I think we're all on the same track
7 there.

8 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'm -- our conversation this morning
9 clarified a few points for me. And I'll just repeat it.

10 Basically, the water system pipes leading to the -- to the
11 greens are uneven, unbalanced, and at different depths, which
12 makes their connectors -- when they connect, we've got -- we've
13 got pipes that are connecting at one angle and coming in at
14 another and they leak and they -- you know, it's just not a good
15 job. It was all done goodheartedly years ago. I understand.
16 And a lot of it was free. People just pitched in and got it
17 done.

18 JAY FISCHER: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER MASON: But here it is 20-some years later and
20 we're falling apart. So that's -- that's just a comment.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Let's fix it. Let's fix it.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: Let's fix it. So I want to make a
23 motion --

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Hold on.

25 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Don't even go there.

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: All right.

28 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: This money was set aside for the
29 back nine for the purpose of the back nine. And ever since
30 we've done that, everybody's been trying to get that money to
31 the front nine.

32 I contacted several golf courses in Idaho, Utah, and
33 Nevada. And basically, most of them have over 50- to
34 60-year-old pipes still functioning perfect.

35 To say that our pipe that is 25 years old is no good, is
36 bogus.

37 The pipe is still good. They're functioning with this same
38 thing. I talked to different courses about, okay, we need to run
39 the water line down the middle of the fairways.

40 I have talked to courses that have the water line down the

1 fairways. Only two of them that had them down the fairways said
2 they'd ever do that way again, because any time they have a main
3 bust, it tears up that whole fairway trying to correct it.

4 They always want to keep the mains on the outside for most of
5 them. Those are ones that have it. The other ones that have --

6 JAY FISCHER: There was never a proposal to put mains here
7 down the centers of the fairways.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, there was. That was the deal
9 to put it down the center and go out --

10 JAY FISCHER: Because they're not there now.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- because the pressures would be
12 -- I'm just. Okay. Let me finish. I set back here. Okay.

13 JAY FISCHER: Yeah.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So they're saying the pipes are
15 fine. I was just at Wells golf course two weeks ago.

16 They have a much older system than ours do. And their
17 sprinkler heads are much older than ours. But they went with
18 quality sprinkler heads that are still functioning. And they're
19 very old. It's all in the quality of what we put above the ground
20 sometimes and how well we work it.

21 So we can go in here and just destroy and put all this brand
22 new in when we've got stuff in. We just need to repair what we've
23 got in there and make some corrections.

24 And to me, I can't see, oh, we've got this money. Let's just
25 go in and redo the whole nine, when it's functioning. We just got
26 to do some maintenance.

27 If you go out there, you know, and I've seen the broken
28 sprinkler heads. And most of the -- it's not necessarily the
29 heads. It's the pipes and the fittings down below. I'll give it
30 that. But they're not level.

31 I spent several evenings out there up until 2:00 and 3:00 in
32 the morning driving up and down that course watching these
33 sprinklers. And I can tell you in some spots, most of the
34 sprinklers are pitched this way until they get around this way and
35 then they're like this because we're not leveled. Carts drive
36 over them. That's why they get broke. It's not so much that the
37 pipes are no good below, it's how we have them situated in there
38 and leveled. There's some maintenance things we can do.

39 I have no problem putting some money into that front nine.
40 But I don't think just because this money's sitting here, oh,

1 we've got to use it on this front nine.

2 A lot of this stuff can be corrected. We can bring a con-
3 crew in here for a week, straighten up all the sprinklers and
4 everything, and we can correct a lot of problems versus I just
5 don't see the need for all this new line.

6 Do we need to correct the main line? Probably.

7 And when you correct the main line, can you redo the
8 electrical? Yeah, because I don't like the wires sitting out on
9 top.

10 But from the courses I've talked to, they have way older
11 systems than we've got, and they're functioning great. Now, when
12 they replace the sprinkler, do they use a sprinkler that I'd use
13 on my lawn? No.

14 They're spending two and three hundred dollars a head to
15 replace the sprinkler, because it's the quality sprinkler that
16 they've got to have, which lasts a lot longer than the cheap
17 sprinklers that we've got. Do we need to invest a hundred, two
18 hundred thousand in better sprinklers? Maybe. But I don't think
19 we need to go back underground correcting all this stuff that can
20 function properly.

21 And it --

22 And I -- I guess it's like my kids with their savings
23 accounts saying, I want to spend this. I want to spend it. You
24 know, the money's there. I understand that. But we don't just
25 need to go out and spend it just because it's there.

26 You know we talk about an irrigation lake. We talked about
27 this in length.

28 With the VFDs, we don't need an irrigation lake. We could
29 let the pond go dry, whatever. Or we can correct that. And that
30 was on the master plan. I understand that. But it hasn't
31 budgeted. Why aren't we budgeting some of this stuff separate
32 instead of thinking we've got to take the money from the back
33 nine. We pull this money, that nine's never going to happen.

34 JAY FISCHER: Well, I guess --

35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And it's not -- it's not going
36 anywhere sitting there. It's safe there.

37 JAY FISCHER: I guess that's my point.

38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We can budget money for that front
39 nine.

40 JAY FISCHER: Unless we have made some commitment, which we

1 -- you're right, we've had this discussion for at least the last
2 18 months and -- and not once has there been any indication
3 there would be any money added to -- to what's currently
4 budgeted to build nine new holes.

5 And we -- we have engineering estimates and --

6 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But those engineering estimates --

7 JAY FISCHER: -- that tell us we don't have near enough
8 money currently allocated to build nine new holes.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And that's engineering estimates is
10 based on contractors doing all the work.

11 JAY FISCHER: Which --

12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That is the estimate.

13 JAY FISCHER: Which is (indiscernible), I think, to --

14 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: The front nine was built with no
15 contractors. It was just locals going out doing it. We've got
16 locals willing to go out there, move dirt, run pipeline,
17 whatever. We can do it for a lot less. Just because the
18 engineer says that you've got to have a con- -- you know, this
19 is what the estimate is and it's going to cost this much. It's
20 not necessarily going to cost that much if you get a lot of
21 volunteers.

22 JAY FISCHER: Well, I believe that a lot of our problems
23 are -- are from the volunteer work that we had and the grades
24 that we have to deal with in the -- in the irrigation system, --

25 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

26 JAY FISCHER: -- the leaking ponds. You know it was what
27 we had at the time, Commissioner Bullock. And I agree. I was
28 out there at that time. But I think we've -- we're living with
29 the results of that.

30 And it's a course an- -- and -- but I think that -- and it's
31 not my intent whatsoever in putting this forward to spend that
32 money as quick as we can or get rid of it.

33 This is a real problem with our irrigation system that --
34 that after interviewing the staff and people that have been on the
35 course before, it is a uniform consensus that our irrigation
36 system -- and I don't know how it differs from some of these older
37 systems. I've got to believe that it may have been in the
38 professional installation that could have occurred in Wells and
39 places and other places --

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Most of them weren't professional.

1 JAY FISCHER: -- that you put in, that they use.
2 But it is a real issue for this course. And it reflects in
3 the dollars we spend. And we're fixing it. We're fixing our
4 irrigation system. We're not cutting our greens. We're not
5 taking care of the -- the course like those people are really
6 intended to really do.
7 Their -- their time is spent maintaining wires and
8 irrigation, troubleshooting problems, not -- not where it should
9 be in a course maintenance.
10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. So we've got -- what? --
11 four months out of the winter -- they're not cutting.
12 JAY FISCHER: They're --
13 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: They're -- they're --
14 JAY FISCHER: They're fixing valves and other things out
15 there that's not -- it may not be full time, but they are --
16 there's.
17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's what I said. That's what
18 that four months is, is to correct a lot of those issues.
19 JAY FISCHER: It's deferred. Well, there's problems we
20 can't correct. To go back and redo the mains to get the
21 consistent grade. There's --
22 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And I -- and I understand the
23 mains. But you know what? As far as I know, water flows the
24 same at two feet below ground service as it does at eight. It's
25 not a sewer line.
26 JAY FISCHER: The flow's fine, but when you --
27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: It's not a sewer line. The water
28 pressure is water pressure.
29 JAY FISCHER: The repairs because of those differing
30 elevations becomes next to impossible.
31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's because there's different
32 kinds of pipe.
33 JAY FISCHER: What's happening is we're re- -- we're now
34 going back and repairing previous repairs. And that's why
35 there's a lot of, I believe, mismatched pipe in our system.
36 So --
37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So I put it out there. That's my
38 feelings. It's up, whatever the rest want to do.
39 JAY FISCHER: Understood.
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I thought we actually contracted with

1 a consultant at one time to come in and review all this. And
2 they made recommendations; did they not?

3 JAY FISCHER: They never showed up. We --

4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, we missed the timeline,
5 because no -- they couldn't make it and they were -- when we
6 needed them here.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because I remember we voted to do
8 that.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We missed the timeline.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I never heard what happened.
11 Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER MASON: I don't know if it would be easier to
13 repair what needs to be repaired and put in new electrical. I
14 think we need a new electrical system.

15 JAY FISCHER: It's -- it's all --

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Because that's exposed and --

17 JAY FISCHER: A sprinkler system that is electrical and
18 piping.

19 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- the conduit is broken in many
20 places. It's -- it just needs to be replaced.

21 As far as the waterlines go, I don't know. I don't know.
22 I mean, with this conversation we're having right now is to
23 preserve, protect, and renew our -- our nine-hole golf course.
24 And the best way do that --

25 JAY FISCHER: This is the number one issue that we face,
26 that -- that course crew and people that play on the course
27 recognize that, you know, our -- our irrigation system is -- is
28 a very large source of maintenance. And if it truly is the
29 commission's desire to make something that's -- that's gonna
30 continue to mature and grow and be an asset to the community,
31 this is -- this is the investment in an irrigation system that
32 will facilitate that, I believe.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: You got any thoughts, Steve?

34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I don't know. I'd like to know if
35 you've got a proposal of exactly what you want to do and what
36 it's going to cost, and have you been out to anybody to ask
37 them?

38 JAY FISCHER: Well, what we'd like to -- the way we'd like
39 to proceed here is -- is work with -- continue some work with
40 Day Engineering, because they've brought the project and the

1 cost estimates to -- to a point.

2 And we need further design and -- and furth- -- further
3 design and refined estimates so we can discuss that proposal with
4 the commissioners. And if it's the commissioners' will, then go
5 out for bid for -- for this more specific scope.

6 We had a much larger scope in December when -- when the
7 last proposal was -- was submitted. It included cart paths. It
8 included an irrigation lake. It included a number of things
9 that I would consider fall into the -- the wish list category.

10 And what I'm coming to you here with today is -- is something
11 more focused that I think we need to -- could address just solely,
12 if nothing else, the irrigation -- replacement of the irrigation
13 system we have to improve -- improve our course.

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: We've got two views, you know. Dean
15 has brought up the view that what needs to be replaced in the
16 water lines are what's broken.

17 JAY FISCHER: Correct.

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's the way he said it. Now, I
19 believe that the electrical system is broken. I don't think we
20 can just repair it. I think we need to re- -- replace it.

21 The electrical underground system.

22 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It's not broke. You have --

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, it's exposed and it -- it's --

24 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, it's not broke, Commissioner Mason,
25 because it's still running the -- the sprinklers.

26 (Indiscernible.)

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yes. Right.

28 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay. So my understanding from -- from
29 all this. And Max Bunch for the record, --

30 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Thank you.

31 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- if I didn't get that.

32 I -- when you put in a new sprinkler system, then -- then you
33 are looking at putting in the wires with the sprinkler system.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Understood.

35 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It's not that one's broke and one's not,
36 because they're both operating. It just -- as Mr. Bullock
37 explained, things are not level out there. And maybe that's an
38 option to look at, having somebody come out and the con crew
39 come out and try to level out all the sprinklers and -- and get
40 them down to a height where they're not -- because normally what

1 happens is the sprinkler pops down into the ground. And -- and
2 when carts drive on them or people walk on them or whatever when
3 they're going to play golf, the sprinkler's below the grass.

4 And then what happens is it's just right at the bottom of
5 the grass. And then when it goes to water, it pops up just like
6 the sprinkler at your house. You know, if you leave it out
7 there, you're going to run over it with a mower; right? You
8 don't want to do that. You want to have it down low.

9 So, you know, I mean the -- we understand, I think as a -- as
10 a group here that this money is set aside for another nine holes.

11 And I agree with -- with Commissioner Bullock that, yes, we
12 may not be able to -- to put that in with that amount of money
13 according to what's been explained to all of us.

14 And maybe the -- the potential commitment of next year in the
15 budget and we make sure that it is included in the budget --
16 Jake's budget -- that -- that we budget for the -- the other stuff
17 and potentially the additional money for the nine holes that could
18 be there. It just -- they're separate things.

19 And -- and obviously according to the money that's --
20 that's been proposed saying we don't have enough. And, you
21 know, there could be volunteer service. Maybe there's something
22 statute-wise that doesn't allow us to do volunteer service on
23 that.

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, --

25 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That -- that I don't know without doing a
26 lot more research or having somebody come in here.

27 Originally when that course was put in, that property did not
28 belong to Lander County. That property belonged to somebody else.
29 And -- and -- and the mining company put it in and then gave it to
30 the Lander County, if I remember correctly.

31 JAKE EDGAR: BLM owned it.

32 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Huh?

33 JAKE EDGAR: BLM owned it.

34 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah, BLM owned it -- and allowed these
35 people to put it in there. And then the county then got it from
36 the BLM afterwards. So -- and it's been a few years so I might
37 be a little bit rusty on that one --

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, --

39 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- about 30 or 40.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- there's two -- I would just make my

1 point, I guess, again.

2 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So I just want to make sure you

3 understand that the wires are not broke.

4 COMMISSIONER MASON: The wires --

5 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: The wires are exposed on the -- on the --

6 on top of the dirt, yes. That's correct. And -- but it's not

7 broke. And you keep referring to the wires being broke. And

8 the -- and the sprinklers are broke. And they're -- and they're

9 not.

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, they're functioning.

11 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: They're not -- they're not broke.

12 COMMISSIONER MASON: They're functioning. Okay.

13 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: They're functioning.

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: I got it.

15 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So it's not broke. We're just not -- I

16 mean, obviously with the --

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: So how you work on it?

18 I mean, how do you propose that we as a commission --

19 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, potentially with the money you have

20 budgeted at this point in time -- and I don't know what the

21 numbers are because I haven't looked at the budget. But

22 potential, initial thing you could potentially go in and say,

23 okay, let's bring in the con crew to go for a period of time. I

24 don't know what they charge. Or maybe you have some money that

25 you can put in that, and then use the con crew to come in and do

26 that. But when you -- when you guys talk ant these -- these

27 VFS. Is that what you call them?

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: VFD.

29 JAY FISCHER: VFDs.

30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: VFDs.

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Variable frequency drives.

32 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And I mean, you guy -- you guys have used

33 part of that money for some of this stuff. And yes, it's for

34 the whole thing. But as I understand it, there's not enough

35 water that can be pumped, at this point in time, to just out of

36 the wells to be pumped without having a humongous reservoir

37 to -- to be able to -- to water --

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: To draw on.

39 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- 18 holes.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, --
2 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And I think it was somewhere --
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's not --
4 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- you told me 30-million gallons?
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, we got a flat no.
6 JAY FISCHER: Yeah, about 40-million gallons a year is --
7 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: We got a flat no from Jay
8 Fischer that there wasn't enough water underground without
9 disturbing --
10 JAY FISCHER: No, no, no, no.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.
12 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, wait, we had that meeting -- in
13 that other meeting --
14 JAY FISCHER: I never said that.
15 COMMISSIONER MASON: That other meeting.
16 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No, no. No, I think --
17 JAY FISCHER: What I said --
18 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Go ahead.
19 JAY FISCHER: What I said, --
20 COMMISSIONER MASON: It was two wells --
21 JAY FISCHER: Commissioner Mason, was there was not enough
22 water available from the wells that we had -- the two wells on
23 the golf course and the softball field well that's currently not
24 being utilized, there was not enough water available from those
25 wells to handle the de- -- the demand of an 18-hole course.
26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay, so --
27 JAY FISCHER: Not underground.
28 COMMISSIONER MASON: We -- we voted -- along with that, we
29 voted to refurbish those two wells so that we could get a better
30 readout.
31 JAY FISCHER: Correct.
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Now --
33 JAY FISCHER: And we've done that.
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: And are we getting a better readout?
35 JAY FISCHER: We're getting incrementally better. But we
36 can only draw as much water out of the ground as the wells will
37 allow.
38 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.
39 JAY FISCHER: It's a hydrologic function and --
40 COMMISSIONER MASON: So --

1 JAY FISCHER: So it's -- it's essentially the same. We
2 increased it a little bit, but --

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: We're back to square one. And we
4 can't get enough water out of the facilities we have to have an
5 18-hole golf course.

6 JAY FISCHER: Correct.
7 Unless you want to --

8 COMMISSIONER MASON: Did I say something different than
9 what he said?

10 JAY FISCHER: No.

11 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

12 JAY FISCHER: Well, you said that -- you said the ground or
13 --

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: All right. It doesn't matter. It
15 doesn't matter. The issue is: We want a golf course that
16 works. How do you propose to repair it? How can we help repair
17 it?

18 JAY FISCHER: Well, I propose that we hire a contractor to
19 put an irrigation system in. And Commissioner Bullock, if I
20 understand this correctly, proposes that there really isn't a
21 problem that can't be handled by our existing crew. And I --
22 I -- I disagree.

23 There's -- there's far too -- and it's not just myself. It's
24 the golf course crew, the superintendent, previous superintendent,
25 the superintendents at the surrounding courses that have been
26 consulted about this -- the people that know irrigation and golf
27 courses. And not all of them are trying to sell us stuff.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Most of them aren't.

29 JAY FISCHER: Not -- not -- not the greenskeepers --

30 COMMISSIONER MASON: I mean, --

31 JAY FISCHER: -- of surrounding --

32 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- it's all about the money; isn't it?

33 JAY FISCHER: -- courses that do this for a living. So --
34 you know, I'm asking --

35 JAKE EDGAR: My -- my only -- my only comment is we started
36 with trying to get 18 holes. I'm under the assumption we don't
37 have enough water or money to do 18 holes.

38 Now, can this money be put aside for something else? Sure.
39 If you guys don't want to, it doesn't matter to me.

40 But I would say that I'm going to be back in front of you

1 during the budget season with the same thing to say I want to
2 fix it out of some of -- separate money that now you can take
3 this money and do whatever you're going to do with it on the
4 other for to build another nine or drill a well so that we can
5 have another nine or whatever needs to happen.

6 But either way, I'm going to be back in front of you with
7 the same thing come budget season. So -- it -- and --

8 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But on the --

9 JAKE EDGAR: I -- I don't have --

10 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- other hand, that's the proper time to
11 do it is to come in during the budget.

12 JAKE EDGAR: Oh, absolutely.

13 JAY FISCHER: Yeah, but then we were deferring this even
14 further. And we've all known this is kind of a continuing issue
15 here.

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: I don't see how you can get a firm to
17 determine what needs be fixed and what not. I mean --

18 JAKE EDGAR: The --

19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, I mean, it doesn't make sense.
20 I think we need to replace the water irrigation system on the
21 nine holes, which includes the electrical and bid it out.

22 And we have the money set aside for the other nine holes. I
23 think we ought to take whatever is needed out of that and get the
24 job done.

25 That's -- I th- -- I don't see how you can investigate it any
26 other way and ma- -- and come out ahead, adding old to new or
27 adding new to old. Just replace it. I don't mean the greens now.
28 The greens are okay. They were re-done.

29 JAY FISCHER: Yep.

30 COMMISSIONER MASON: So the irrigation system is all the
31 fairways --

32 JAY FISCHER: We got it. Yep.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- and all the wiring.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So Nan, we don't have anything in the
35 budget for the repair right now?

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, we have that money set aside for
37 nine holes --

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I --

39 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- we can't build.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know that. I understand that.

1 NAN ANCHO: Just for the usual --
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just wondered whether there was
3 anything else other than for repair.
4 NAN ANCHO: Just for the usual maintenance.
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Small. Yeah. Okay. That's what I
6 thought.
7 JAY FISCHER: What is that number, Jim? Fifty thousand?
8 JIM OLSON: For what?
9 JAY FISCHER: For our maintenance budget right now?
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, just the --
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, we set aside --
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
13 JIM OLSON: About 50,000.
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: We set aside \$1,655,000.
15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Not for maintenance.
16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Now, some of that's been used on the
17 well restoration. I don't know where we are and how much is
18 left in that account.
19 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's what's left.
20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: \$1,655,000.
21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Oh, I've got it -- 1.7.
22 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: 1.75.
23 COMMISSIONER MASON: Good. All right. Good. Good. Good.
24 Good.
25 JAKE EDGAR: So again, back to -- we don't have to do it
26 now, but I'm -- again, I will be back in front of you --
27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And that's the way to do it.
28 JAKE EDGAR: -- during budget season. So I don't know how
29 you guys feel about what the difference is, whether or not we
30 budget again and take a re-approach of what we were -- of what I
31 was trying to do in the beginning to get the nine holes and fix
32 what we have or -- I'm done. So whatever we're doing -- well, I
33 know, but, I mean, that -- I mean -- that's it.
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: I understand. And I have question for
35 you, Jake, and that's labor.
36 Right now, the golf course is taking up a lot of your labor
37 time. I'd like you to explain that.
38 JAKE EDGAR: So it's not taking up any labor time. It's
39 just -- it's no different. I -- I mean, to me, it's no
40 different than a water pipe or a sewer pipe in the ground in

1 town. When it gets old, things start happening. You start
2 piecemealing it together. And pretty soon you're nickel and
3 diming yourself to death. That's -- that's basically what this
4 --

5 JAY FISCHER: I think maybe what Commissioner Mason's
6 question might have been was using your staff that isn't --

7 JAKE EDGAR: I mean --

8 JAY FISCHER: -- dedicated to the course to go out there.

9 JAKE EDGAR: It's every day is work. That's what I'm
10 getting at. We -- what we do is what we do. There's no
11 different. So if I'm supposed to be doing something different,
12 that's fine. I mean, I need direction on what I need to do.

13 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's all based on the equipment that's
14 up there right now.

15 JAKE EDGAR: If something fails, we fix it. There's no --
16 I mean --

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: You got to fix it. Yeah, I
18 understand.

19 JAKE EDGAR: So when you ask the question: Is it taking up
20 time?

21 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah.

22 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah, it takes up time away from other things,
23 but it's --

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: I understand.

25 JAKE EDGAR: I don't know how to tell you, but I mean I'm
26 -- so realistically, like, we started in one direction and tried
27 to go a different direction. And if it's not going to work,
28 that's fine and dandy. Again, I will be back in front of you
29 during the budget year. And I think that -- with that being
30 said or whatever, it's not -- I'm not trying to -- oh, yeah, we
31 just need to fix it, because -- I mean, we have the money.

32 COMMISSIONER MASON: I understand, Jake, it's okay.

33 It's just the -- how do we confront the problem? I don't
34 see -- I mean, I'm listening to what Dean says. He's golfer. He
35 knows a lot about this stuff.

36 JAKE EDGAR: And there's two options. We either do what
37 we've got proposed in front of you or wait until the budget.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: But how do you do that? How do you
39 just repair and come out ahead with something that's basically
40 in my mind is still falling apart. And that's the way I see it.

1 And I'm not opposed to what he's saying, because if it would be
2 cheaper to do it that way, just repair it, okay. But that's an
3 open check -- open checkbook.

4 JAKE EDGAR: I -- so Dave, I think just in that light, you
5 need to look at it like, so when we come in here, we went
6 through the thing of let's buy used vehicles. Now we're back to
7 let's buy new. If you're going to buy something while we have
8 the money, why do not get what we want?

9 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's where I'm at. But I don't know
10 how the board is.

11 JAKE EDGAR: So how -- however you guys think is how you
12 think. So two options. We vote on what we have, or we don't
13 vote on what we have. That's basically where we're at.

14 I mean, it's --

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, I want our golf course up and
16 running. And I want it in good repair. We've done the wells,
17 or we're just at the conclusion of both wells being renewed and
18 refurbished.

19 JAY FISCHER: Correct.

20 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yes? So I'm going to make a motion to
21 state my point.

22 I move that we approve to go out to bid to repair the first
23 nine-hole water system, which includes the electrical with the
24 exclusion of the nine greens and we use the money that we have set
25 aside for the back nine new holes to do this job.

26 Now, I've got to put a number out there because I don't know.
27 But I think we ought to bid it out. And we ought to do it in
28 secret. And let's see if we can't do some- -- get something done
29 here that is going to -- that's going save us some money.

30 You know, go around talking about how much money we have set
31 aside. I don't think that's the issue here. I think we're going
32 to have to have some competitive bids come in. And that's -- I'm
33 still -- well, let me finish my motion.

34 That we -- repair or put in a -- let's put it another way.
35 We put in a new water system to the golf course -- to the -- to
36 the nine holes, excluding the new greens with new sprinkler heads
37 on all the fairways and a new electrical system and we use the
38 money that we have set aside for the back nine, whatever money
39 that might be -- based on bids -- to get the job done and we do it
40 this winter.

1 That's my motion.

2 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TING: For the -- for the record,
3 I recommend the commission does not conduct the bid process in
4 secret.

5 COMMISSIONER MASON: For the record, what?

6 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TING: I recommend --

7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: We can't do it in secret, Dave.

8 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TING: -- the commission doesn't
9 conduct the bid process in secret.

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh, I understand. Bids are in secret.

11 JIM OLSON: If I may say something.

12 COMMISSIONER MASON: Please.

13 JIM OLSON: One of the -- looking at the course, it might
14 be wise to get a good engineer that can look at it and assess it
15 independently and come up with whatever -- a punch list of
16 things that need to be addressed and identify a proposed cost
17 for those.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I thought we already did that.

19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, I think we did that.

20 JAY FISCHER: We -- no --

21 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: It's already --

22 JAY FISCHER: We never did that.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, it's done. The whole
24 (indiscernible) --

25 JAY FISCHER: Is it done?

26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, we did it when --

27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- what has to be done.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- we looked at the --

29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: It's already done.

30 JAY FISCHER: Who did that?

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- back nine and --

32 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Day Engineering.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- gave us a --

34 JAKE EDGAR: Nothing on the front though. When we were
35 going to do the 18 holes, when it was all tied together, there
36 was portions of the front nine we were going to modify that were
37 involved in part of the back nine.

38 So -- again, that's -- what Day Engineering did. Now,
39 there's also Dave Ginkel gave us a separate piece of paper which
40 shows the front nine and what -- how much it costs to have the

1 sprinklers. And I have all that.

2 JAY FISCHER: For a brand-new system. But what they're
3 talking about is a repair.

4 JAKE EDGAR: What I -- yeah -- which I'm saying -- there is
5 no -- so -- here's what the sprinkler is. We get the -- the
6 design to the sprinklers, to put it out to bid. There's no
7 scope of work. There's no -- that's all we're looking for is
8 the scope of work.

9 COMMISSIONER MASON: My motion is for --

10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We got your motion. Is there a
11 second?

12 COMMISSIONER MASON: There you go.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. No motion. There is no
14 second. The motion dies.

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: So wait a minute. Wait, guys, don't
16 leave yet.

17 JAY FISCHER: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: I still want it fixed. How are we
19 going to do this?

20 JAKE EDGAR: Work on it.

21 JAY FISCHER: We can only -- I think, resources available
22 to us, which are a -- the two full-time employees at the golf
23 course. And when we're -- whenever Mr. Edgar is allowed to
24 include money in his budget for repairs, it will -- it will get
25 done on that sort of schedule.

26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, don't -- let's talk some more
27 then.

28 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: No.

29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No. We're done with this issue.

30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: We're done.

31 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

32 COMMISSIONER MASON: We're done?

33 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Let's take a ten-minute recess.
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35 (Break from 11:10 TO 11:21 A.M.)
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37 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Let's go ahead and call the
38 meeting back to order.
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1 COMMISSIONERS

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3 16) Discussion for possible action regarding Donna Stienmetz
4 seeking donation to the 2014 State Assessors Association
5 Conference, and other matters properly related thereto.
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7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: It's been requested we go to item
8 number 16, discussion for possible action regarding Donna
9 Stienmetz seeking donation to the 2014 State Assessors
10 Association Conference, and other matters properly related
11 thereto.

12 DONNA STIENMETZ: Okay, Donna Stienmetz, for the record.
13 I'm just representing the Lander County Assessor's Office.

14 And once again, we are hosting the -- the whole State
15 Assessors Association. It was four years ago that we hosted it.
16 And the commissioners were gracious enough to pay the whole tab
17 on our banquet.

18 The only thing, I stated way low on what the prices are
19 coming in this year. So I was just hoping that I can tell you
20 kind of what it -- we're looking at 60 people. But I really
21 don't think 60 people will show up for the banquet because they
22 kind of -- they tend to kind of come in for the meetings, come
23 in for the classes, whatever they need to be. And not -- not
24 all of them stay. We're -- we're expecting 75 to 80 people, but
25 not everybody stays for the banquet. So we're thinking possibly
26 around 50. And that's coming in at about \$35 a plate plus
27 gratuity and plus this and that.

28 So anyway, I'm asking the commissioners if they would like to
29 sponsor our banquet.

30 And these people come in from all over the state. It's --
31 we have the state senator, Pete Goicoechea. We have the tax --
32 state tax department giving us the low down on what's happening.
33 And then we have a various businessmen and several of the mine
34 people giving us talks on the different mines around the county.
35 So --

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is this a one-day, two-day, three-day
37 event?

38 DONNA STIENMETZ: It's a three-day, starting on Tuesday?

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Have you --

40 DONNA STIENMETZ: Tues- --

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- have you approached the Lander
2 County Convention and Tourism, since they'll be using the --
3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Oh, yeah.
4 DONNA STIENMETZ: Yes. And they said you guys better do
5 it. Poncho wanted to make sure that you guys did. No. He was
6 kidding.
7 Yes, I did. And they graciously are giving us a donation.
8 Yes, they are. Because people -- like I said, it kind of ebbs
9 and flows, but we're thinking about 50 rooms for three nights.
10 So as far as rooms -- we're getting -- we're trying to use all
11 the different restaurants and people around. And we're trying
12 to -- if we don't, then we get coupons. And people will
13 hopefully go out and about throughout the town. And I contacted
14 the Austin Chamber of Commerce. And they're donating to our
15 bags also. So they give a little bit of a -- an advertisement
16 in our bags. Yeah.
17 So -- so hopefully, we're -- we're trying to include the
18 whole county.
19 And so -- and it's a pretty big deal. Everybody from all
20 over the state comes.
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think it's a wonderful idea for them
22 to come. And I think that's why it helps the Nevada Convention
23 and Tourism.
24 DONNA STIENMETZ: Uh-huh. And if you read last time --
25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
26 DONNA STIENMETZ: -- everybody was pleasantly surprised.
27 And I think they were surprised how nice our --
28 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It takes a lot of money.
29 DONNA STIENMETZ: -- civic center is and how nice our
30 facilities are.
31 And everybody had a really great time. That's how come we
32 have it in four years instead of eight years, so --
33 So it's thrown back in our lap.
34 So it's up to you guys if you would like to -- I don't
35 know, I guess --
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, even if -- depending on how we
37 all vote -- but even if we didn't do the whole thing, then if
38 we -- if we gave you some amount and you charged -- what? -- \$10
39 for a \$35 dinner or something like that.
40 DONNA STIENMETZ: We do. We are charging --

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you do things like that?
2 DONNA STIENMETZ: I wish I had that. I forgot that. We
3 are charging, like, if they just want to come, we're charging, I
4 think, just to the banquet and the -- like \$25. The whole
5 conference, we're charging \$50. And then if they just want to
6 come to the banquet, I want to say it's \$20, you know, like,
7 just the banquet, which they don't. They usually come to
8 like -- and there's important meetings, important classes that
9 they have to attend because assessors and appraisers, they have
10 to be certified throughout every year.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So these county people that are coming
12 in that are per diem from other counties; right?
13 DONNA STIENMETZ: Yes. Mm-hm. And there's some counties
14 that aren't as profitable as we are r- -- at the moment.
15 They're pretty broke. But anyway --
16 We feel like we gave them a good amount of money to --
17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So basically, you're asking us to
18 foot the bill for the banquet?
19 DONNA STIENMETZ: That's it.
20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yes.
21 DONNA STIENMETZ: Yep.
22 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And you know where that's coming
23 from, Nan?
24 NAN ANCHO: Yes.
25 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, where do you hold the banquet?
27 DONNA STIENMETZ: This year we're having it at the
28 Hide-A-Way.
29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Can't get 60 people in there.
30 DONNA STIENMETZ: Yes. We can.
31 COMMISSIONER MASON: Barely.
32 DONNA STIENMETZ: Sixty-five. Up to 65.
33 We're not think- -- last -- four years ago, 48 people
34 showed up for the banquet, and we held it at the civic center.
35 And the civic center is being used at this time. So we can't
36 use it there. So our next choice is the Hide-A-Way.
37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Where do you hold your regular daily
38 meetings?
39 DONNA STIENMETZ: At the civic center during the day.
40 Yep. And they're going to have a -- they're going to have --

1 oh, people have to take a test to be certified. So the testing
2 will be on Tuesday morning. And then Tuesday afternoon, we're
3 going -- at 1:30, we're going to tour Phoenix Mine and the gold --
4 the copper -- I mean, the copper leach.

5 And so Newmont's footing that bill. Although they did
6 withdraw their cash because they can't make cash donations
7 anymore. But they are going to give us -- they call it in-kind.
8 So they are going to do that for us. And we'd like to invite
9 all the commissioners to that, if you can make it. That's on
10 September 16th at 1:30 at the civic center. And so that's the
11 tour.

12 And then there's going to be a barbecue up at Little Ponds.
13 And then Wednesday is actually our -- our, like, class day. And
14 then we will have a lunch w- -- is sponsored by Ella Gabriel.

15 And then that night, we're going out to the Mountain View
16 Golf Course, which looks really nice now. And we're going have
17 a live band. And then we're going to have salads and wraps and
18 everything sponsored by the golf course. So -- I meant --
19 they're not sponsoring it. We're paying for it. But that's
20 where we're having it. Yeah.

21 And then Thursday is our business meeting with all the
22 speakers. And then Thursday night is our big banquet. So there
23 you go.

24 What do you guys want to do?

25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Can I make a motion or would that
26 be a conflict of interest?

27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I don't think you better.

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

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. We don't want to do that.

30 Well, I -- I would like to see us do something as a host
31 community. I think that would be very nice. But I don't know
32 about picking up the whole dinner tab.

33 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Sure we can.

34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, we can.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, we can.

36 DONNA STIENMETZ: Thank you.

37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Everybody --

38 DONNA STIENMETZ: And it's not going to be as -- I know
39 it's not going to be 60 people.

40 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Other people donate money for the

1 meal.

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. But we're not through, Donna.

3 DONNA STIENMETZ: Okay, we're doing -- yeah. Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, no. No, I was just commenting.

5 But I said.

6 DONNA STIENMETZ: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But -- well, you can make a motion,

8 Dean.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No, I can't.

10 DONNA STIENMETZ: Uh-uh.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's right. You can only entertain.

12 You're chairing right now.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I can second. I can't.

14 DONNA STIENMETZ: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You can --

16 DONNA STIENMETZ: Kind of puts you in a pickle. Sorry.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well you did the estimate the 1200 on

18 the other -- on the first page.

19 DONNA STIENMETZ: And that is exactly what the bill came in

20 four years ago. And that's way, way low. Because everything

21 has just went up so crazy. So --

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I don't want to do it unlimited.

23 I'm sorry.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Go ahead, Grace.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Go ahead, Dave.

26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Oh, listen to that. I've been shot

27 down already.

28 GRACE POWRIE: I just wanted to make a note that every time

29 state of Nevada hosts.

30 DONNA STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.

31 GRACE POWRIE: It's our turn whether it be the

32 commissioners, the NACO, or mine where I go to CFOA or the

33 assessors conference.

34 We're asking 17 counties to come here. This is our

35 reflection on our county. You -- you should sponsor a dinner.

36 You should go welcome them. And you need to welcome them with

37 pride.

38 And if you take 35 by 60, it's \$2100.

39 DONNA STIENMETZ: Well, and then there's gratuity.

40 GRACE POWRIE: I'm trying to help you.

1 DONNA STIENMETZ: I know.
2 GRACE POWRIE: But no seriously, it's --
3 DONNA STIENMETZ: Right. It's something.
4 GRACE POWRIE: It's once every four or five years.
5 Sometimes it's 16, 17 years.
6 DONNA STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.
7 GRACE POWRIE: But you only get that opportunity once in a
8 while as your elected officials.
9 And we need to respect that.
10 That's what I'm saying.
11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Grace.
13 DONNA STIENMETZ: Thank you, Grace. Okay.
14 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I don't care if it's 5,000. I
15 mean, it's something we owe to the rest of them in the state.
16 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, and these people are coming
18 and spending motel rooms --
19 DONNA STIENMETZ: Uh-huh.
20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- and other meals. What the heck?
21 DONNA STIENMETZ: Uh-huh.
22 COMMISSIONER MASON: That we've done -- the city benefits.
23 DONNA STIENMETZ: Thank you.
24 COMMISSIONER MASON: I make a motion then that the
25 commission approve a donation of \$1200.
26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Got to be more than 1200.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's not good enough. That won't do
28 it.
29 DONNA STIENMETZ: That's way too low.
30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: You've got to cover the meal.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'm just looking at what you have
33 written here.
34 DONNA STIENMETZ: I know and --
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We've already discussed that.
36 DONNA STIENMETZ: -- I did this from four years ago,
37 because I -- I did it in a hurry. Sorry.
38 COMMISSIONER MASON: Give me another number.
39 DONNA STIENMETZ: Oh.
40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Not to exceed --

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Grace just --
2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- 3,000.
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: There you go.
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Not to exceed --
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: How much?
7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Three thousand.
8 COMMISSIONER MASON: That the commission make a donation to
9 the 2014 State Assessors Association conference being held in
10 Battle Mountain not to exceed \$3,000.
11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: For the dinner.
12 COMMISSIONER MASON: For? No. They can just do what they
13 want with it.
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. No.
15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No, it's to sponsor the dinner.
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, because we're going to sponsor.
17 Otherwise, it can be eaten up somewhere else.
18 Do you want to put that on your motion?
19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Sponsor the banquet.
20 DONNA STIENMETZ: Yeah, sponsor the banquet.
21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: There's no banquet, Dave.
22 COMMISSIONER MASON: Towards the banquet.
23 DONNA STIENMETZ: Thank you.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
25 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?
26 (No comment.)
27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I've got to abstain.
32 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
33 DONNA STIENMETZ: All righty.
34 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you.
35 DONNA STIENMETZ: Thank you, Commissioners. And remember
36 you're invited to the tour and barbecue, if you'd like to put
37 that down.
38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It's on the 16th.
39 DONNA STIENMETZ: It's at the civic center on September
40 16th. So --

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Remind me, will you?

2 DONNA STIENMETZ: I'll --

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Send an invitation.

4 DONNA STIENMETZ: We'll send an invite.

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9 10) Discussion for possible action regarding (a) the award of bid
10 for the Battle Mountain Cemetery Gateways and Fence and (b)
11 authorize additional funds to the current fence budget in the
12 amount of \$11,100.00, and other matters properly related
13 thereto.

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15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, item number 10, discussion
16 for possible action regarding the award of bid for the Battle
17 Mountain Cemetery gateways and fence and authorize additional
18 funds to the current fence budget in the amount of \$11,100, and
19 other matters properly related thereto.

20 GRACE POWRIE: Good morning.

21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Good morning, Grace.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning, Grace.

23 GRACE POWRIE: Our fence project went to bid. And I
24 would -- it's come in about \$1100 short, which was so cool
25 actually because we were really, really close in the ballpark.

26 And the other part of it was the surveying, the
27 engineering. I've already paid for the surveyor, but I still
28 have to get them back over to mark the -- mark the corners and
29 stuff for me. And then the engineering costs, I don't know what
30 they're going be. You know, at the time we did the bid, we had
31 an engineer on staff. So that's going be outsourced, basically.

32 So when I talked to the engineers between the monies
33 they've already utilized or charged us to get the bid to go on
34 and getting all that stuff done and then to monitor the project
35 while we do it, 10,000 would cover it without a doubt. But
36 hopefully it won't be that much.

37 But I don't want to have to come back to you guys for a
38 couple more thousand here and there. But we're there.

39 So basically if you approve the project, we need to approve
40 the money first, so that we have enough money to approve the --

1 the bid.

2 COMMISSIONER MASON: I have a couple questions.

3 GRACE POWRIE: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER MASON: There was -- last time you were before
5 us, there was talk about expanding the cemetery.

6 GRACE POWRIE: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER MASON: What happened there?

8 GRACE POWRIE: That is a different budget line item all
9 together. This is just the fence project to purchase --

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: But the fence is going to --

11 GRACE POWRIE: Not, not -- this part of the fence isn't
12 going to go around the new -- the new acre or two I'm going to
13 buy, that will be coming before you in the fall. And then at
14 that time we'll fence that.

15 This fence will not -- it's not in that area at this time.
16 This is the side and the front and the gates.

17 So the new -- the new -- the new land that we purchase, the
18 fence project around that will be a different issue at a later
19 time. I don't even know what to fence at this point. I don't
20 know what we're going to actually get to purchase.

21 COMMISSIONER MASON: You've got me confused.

22 GRACE POWRIE: It's the back fence.

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: How much money do you have set aside
24 for all of this project?

25 GRACE POWRIE: Exactly?

26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, no, not exactly, just exactly.

27 GRACE POWRIE: Basically 215,000.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: How much?

29 GRACE POWRIE: 215,000.

30 COMMISSIONER MASON: And that's to -- that was originally
31 set aside to do all the work around the cemetery, the existing
32 cemetery?

33 GRACE POWRIE: Yeah, and it will cover the front, the
34 gates, and the Tule Street, where we do the pilasters and the
35 wrought iron, the east -- not the east side -- the hospital side
36 and the Winnemucca side, that will be probably chain link is
37 where we're going to go with that.

38 We're just trying to make. We're beautifying the front and
39 the side right now. The public focus is what we're beautifying.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So what's the alternate price?

1 What's that all about?

2 GRACE POWRIE: That has the electrical. The electrical
3 that would be ran. And there's just no way -- no way we can get
4 it all in there. So that would be something in the future that
5 I would come before you during budgets and see if you guys want
6 to entertain it.

7 I mean, it's out there. It can be a no or a yes. But it's
8 something they can put the conduit and the -- and the pilasters
9 around the gates. And if we want to run it later, we can. At
10 least it will set up for it.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So originally there was plenty of
12 money. Because we -- we originally approved for the front
13 fence. That was it. Nothing more. Now we're adding the side,
14 and we're wanting even more money.

15 GRACE POWRIE: Well, the only --

16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Then we're going to come back and
17 want even more money for the back and the other side.

18 GRACE POWRIE: Well, the thing is, I have to start
19 somewhere. If I can get the front fence and the side fence done
20 now, I mean, I can not do Tule at all and put the -- the
21 lighting and the gates, I guess.

22 But if those guys are there and they're throwing the
23 pilasters in and they're doing all the concrete work and you've
24 got the fencing materials being bought, and the guys are there
25 doing all that, I think it makes more sense to do the whole darn
26 thing and then do electrical as a complete different approach
27 later on, if you even choose to go there.

28 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But then -- but then the section on
29 Tule will have to be extended.

30 GRACE POWRIE: Only that --

31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: If you purchase that other land.

32 GRACE POWRIE: Only a dab though. I mean, that's going to
33 be pretty small. That's going to be pretty small.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, how much is it?

35 How many acres is the new purchase.

36 GRACE POWRIE: I might get one and a half, maybe two.

37 Mr. Clark hasn't quite measured it out yet. I don't know.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: But it's just a long strip of --

39 GRACE POWRIE: It will be behind the RV park and where the
40 school -- where the school built the two, I guess you want to

1 call them track homes or whatever they built there.
2 It's part of that project. It's where the old, old, old
3 mobile home park was.
4 But it will be the back side of what we already have. And
5 what I'd like to do is -- is bring a proposal when we get that far
6 to have an entrance on Tule, kind of a horseshoe entrance and
7 exit.
8 But you could still walk from the cemetery that we have today
9 into the new part without having to go through a gate. So we'll
10 extend it. It will just be kind of a -- I mean, that's all we
11 have left to purchase. But eventually we're going to need that.
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So you had the 10,000 and your 1100
13 under --
14 GRACE POWRIE: No. I don't have the ten. You guys gave me
15 50- to purchase the new land, which hasn't even come into play
16 yet. That's sitting aside for 2014.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, because I'm confused the way
18 it's written up. You said you were \$1100 --
19 GRACE POWRIE: On the bid -- on the bid amount.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's what I'm talking about. The
21 bid.
22 GRACE POWRIE: But the ten, yes. The 10,000 would be for
23 the professional services --
24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: The engineering.
25 GRACE POWRIE: -- I did not include for engineers and --
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I see. That's why you want the 11.
27 GRACE POWRIE: That would be for professional services.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I see.
29 GRACE POWRIE: And see, Mark told me I didn't have to put
30 anything in there, because he was our engineer, and he could do
31 it.
32 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But Shaw was on this even when Mark
33 was here. So --
34 GRACE POWRIE: Excuse me.
35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Shaw has been working on this from
36 the beginning.
37 GRACE POWRIE: And that's true.
38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So --
39 GRACE POWRIE: That's true.
40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So it's not because of Mark.

1 Shaw's been there from the beginning.

2 GRACE POWRIE: When I talked to him --

3 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Racking up the fees.

4 GRACE POWRIE: When I talked to him, my understanding was

5 Shaw was just a -- what would you call it? Kind of a

6 confidence.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, did they do the bids or anything

8 for you?

9 GRACE POWRIE: Shaw did. Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Shaw did do the bids.

11 GRACE POWRIE: Yes. And that's --

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So they've already been --

13 GRACE POWRIE: That's where I'm going.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

15 GRACE POWRIE: And when I talked to them, they need to come

16 out and make sure that the -- the rebar and all that stuff and

17 the footings. And they told me they would be the ones that make

18 sure the project is being done properly because I sure don't

19 know nothing about it.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: If they're the engineers. Yeah.

21 GRACE POWRIE: I mean, that's -- I have no idea of how you

22 can pay for that.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Or you have a contractor.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I don't have to money for it,

25 though.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And we have our building department.

27 Don't they check that stuff?

28 Oh.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: So let me get this right. You have

30 how much?

31 GRACE POWRIE: I haven't --

32 COMMISSIONER MASON: We set aside originally, 200 -- What?

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: He's cracking up.

34 GRACE POWRIE: Two-fifty. I have -- I have enough to do

35 the fencing. I don't have enough to monitor the job.

36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You want Shaw to monitor it?

37 GRACE POWRIE: It's up to you. I don't care. I mean,

38 Cory's been great helping me.

39 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I understand that.

40 GRACE POWRIE: Cody. Excuse me. Cody. And I don't know

1 how that gets done.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: It's not that big a job that we
3 need -- I mean, we didn't hire somebody when we did the fence
4 out at the -- the racetrack or anything else. That's the
5 building department's job. I mean, I'll agree with --

6 GRACE POWRIE: I mean, it's up to the commission because I
7 really don't know. I do owe him probably between -- I'm going
8 say with the work that they've done up to now -- probably in the
9 neighborhood of 3- to 4,000 for -- for getting all the bids
10 ready, doing all the maps for me, getting all the specs done. I
11 mean, I'm into them a little bit of money right now.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So you don't even need our
13 approval. You can just take that out of the treasurer's budget.

14 GRACE POWRIE: I guess we could. We could.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I guess that was my --

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh. That was sneaky.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That was going to be my next
18 question. We charge people for being buried. Where is all that
19 money going?

20 GRACE POWRIE: That actually goes into the maintenance of
21 the road and bridge, the -- the backhoe and that kind of stuff
22 is where all that goes.

23 Once somebody's --

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, I'm -- I'm really confused
25 here. I've got to be honest with you. Because we -- the
26 maintenance of their backhoe and everything is paid for out of
27 another account. So I'm just, where is this money going.

28 GRACE POWRIE: This money goes into -- into Fund 52,
29 Culture and Rec as a revenue source.

30 And then when I place someone in the ground, whether it be a
31 cremation or burial, transfer certain funds into the maintenance
32 and into the wages of Road and Bridge.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: Wait a minute. How did we get
34 involved in that?

35 We're just doing the fence.

36 GRACE POWRIE: That's a budgeting issue.

37 When the -- when the -- when the action actually happens, we
38 reimburse from the cemetery, basically, to the road and bridge --
39 excuse me, not Road and Bridge -- Culture and Rec for their
40 workers and their backhoe.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I don't like that, but we'll
2 address that.

3 GRACE POWRIE: Okay.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's another issue we're going to
5 have to address, but --

6 COMMISSIONER MASON: Why don't you use the money you
7 have -- now just an idea -- and do the front gate and all the
8 wrought iron that you want to do and work your way to the back.
9 And then pick up that other piece of land, and let's see how you
10 end up?

11 GRACE POWRIE: That's basically what I'm doing.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It is.

13 COMMISSIONER MASON: So we don't -- you don't need any
14 money right now.

15 GRACE POWRIE: Well, I need money for professional services
16 so I can pay the people that -- unless you have a different
17 approach.

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh, use your money to pay the
19 professional services.

20 And let's see where we are after you've picked up this strip
21 of property.

22 GRACE POWRIE: I don't have any money.

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: What are you talking about? It's all
24 gone?

25 GRACE POWRIE: It is. I actually need 1100 more to break
26 even. And then I needed professional services.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I'll make a motion that we -- we
28 pay the additional \$1100 so that the bid can be awarded --

29 GRACE POWRIE: Thank you.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on the fencing.

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

32 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

33 (No comment.)

34 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Now the other.

40 GRACE POWRIE: Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So this isn't for services that has
2 already been done? This is for future services?

3 GRACE POWRIE: I'm going to say there's probably a couple
4 thousand that Cod- -- Cody's done for me up to this point. And
5 when the bids came in, we didn't even know where we were going
6 to be. You know, these are all just filling out numbers. And
7 we came in really, really close on the bid.

8 But he has done some work. Shaw Engineering has done some
9 work for me up to this point, doing the bids, getting all that
10 settled.

11 So if I need to go a different route and go through the
12 building department, if you want someone else to monitor the
13 project, I don't have a problem with that.

14 I really don't know, as a general rule, how this is done.
15 whether it be the executive director --

16 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Don't you have to go buy a
17 building permit?

18 GRACE POWRIE: -- whether it be the building department, I
19 need direction from you. I really don't know how to handle
20 this. But there's going to be a cost to it.

21 You know, I mean so far I'm not, like I said, I'm probably
22 out about \$3,000 so far to Shaw.

23 And I do need to get Bob Morely over here from the en- -- or
24 from the survey to come do the markers. So I'll have to pay his
25 expenses from Elko to come mark the boundary lines. So I do know
26 there's some additional costs out there. I just -- I don't think
27 they're extreme. But I -- I can't tell you there's not going to
28 be any. And I don't have anywhere to absorb it.

29 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I have a question, if I may,
30 please. Sadie Sullivan, for the record.

31 In the past -- and I don't know if Nicole can help me on
32 this -- when you guys do -- do award a bid, usually it states
33 the specific person that the bid is awarded to because of the
34 bid process. And then also the bid amount is read into the
35 record. So not only is the company name read into the record,
36 but also the bid amount as well.

37 So that's something I feel you need to address; is that
38 correct, Nicole?

39 GRACE POWRIE: I don't think they've actually gone that far
40 yet, Sadie.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We're just approving the money.
2 GRACE POWRIE: But you're right.
3 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: But as far as the bid itself.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right now, it's just the 1100 and
5 she'll bring back --
6 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Well, no, the bids are in your
7 packet.
8 GRACE POWRIE: Mm-hm. They're ready to go.
9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Uh-huh. They're there.
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You want us to award that too then.
11 GRACE POWRIE: Please. Yes.
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I can do that.
13 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: It was just a little confusing on
14 the wording for your item.
15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Where's the money coming from, Nan?
16 NAN ANCHO: There is money set aside in the CCP for
17 engineering.
18 GRACE POWRIE: I think it's in the -- in the packet
19 separator. I put it down there for you guys.
20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But they don't know where that's
21 coming from.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: CCP?
23 NAN ANCHO: 055.
24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But the public don't know that.
25 GRACE POWRIE: Oh.
26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We have it in our packet.
27 GRACE POWRIE: You do.
28 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I'm getting it on the record here.
29 GRACE POWRIE: Okay. I'm following you. You're sneaky.
30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I'm okay with her, you know,
31 helping with the funds. But I think we need to keep the --
32 within our building department here --
33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.
34 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- as much as we can, so --
35 GRACE POWRIE: And I don't know how much Joe has worked
36 with Shaw. You know, I don't know the relationship, you know,
37 to even get them up to par.
38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Doesn't matter.
39 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Doesn't matter if he's worked with
40 Shaw or a construction company out of Montana. It's all the

1 same.
2 I mean, he just deals with them.
3 GRACE POWRIE: Okay.
4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Do I have a motion?
6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion that we award
7 the bid to Tholl Fence in the amount of \$216,556.20.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
10 (No comment.)
11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
13 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
16 COMMISSIONER MASON: I have one last question for you. Are
17 we done?
18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No.
19 We need you to decide if you're going have a motion for the
20 \$10,000 or up to 10,000.
21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And you said that comes out of the
22 C -- out of 0 --
23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: CCP.
24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: 05 or --
25 NAN ANCHO: 055.
26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: 055?
27 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: It's in the other one there --
28 GRACE POWRIE: Capital construction.
29 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- from the very bottom of the
30 yellow sheet, on the beginning of the packet.
31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yellow. Right there.
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The agenda item number ten. Right at
33 the bottom.
34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Oh. All right.
35 I make a motion that we approve the funding for up to \$10,000
36 to cover the engineering -- engineering to come out of Fund
37 055-00-53280.
38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I'll second it.
39 Any comments?
40 (No comment.)

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
2 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
6 GRACE POWRIE: Thank you, Gentlemen.
7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you.
8 GRACE POWRIE: And thank you, Patsy.
9 COMMISSIONER MASON: I have a question.
10 GRACE POWRIE: Yes.
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: You brought up the idea that you're
12 going to have some electrical work in the future?
13 GRACE POWRIE: Possibly, yes.
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is that for our permanent guests in
15 the cemetery or what?
16 GRACE POWRIE: It is --
17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
18 GRACE POWRIE: -- for the permanent guests.
19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: That's enough.
20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Let's go move on.
21 GRACE POWRIE: It's for their families.
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24 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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26 11) **Discussion for possible action regarding the Austin Airport**
27 **Grant Offer, Resolution No. 2014-14, and other matters**
28 **properly related thereto.**
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30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item number 11, discussion for
31 possible action regarding the Austin Airport grant offer
32 resolution number 2014-14, --

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: I knew I was going to get cut off
34 there.

35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- and other matters properly
36 related thereto.

37 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Can you pass those down
38 (indiscernible).

39 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yep, they've all got them.

40 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to approve the

1 grant, the Austin Airport grant offer Resolution Number 2014-14
2 and authorize the chair to sign.

3 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Vice chair.

4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Vice chair to sign.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

7 (No comment.)

8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

9 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And this is due tomorrow, right?

13 JIM OLSON: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So you're e-mailing it today?

15 JIM OLSON: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

17 JIM OLSON: Sending hard copies to (indiscernible).

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Of course.

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20 **12) Discussion for possible action regarding hydraulic**
21 **fracturing, and other matters properly related thereto.**
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23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Item number 12, discussion
24 for possible action regarding hydraulic fracturing, and other
25 matters properly related thereto.

26 RICHARD PERRY: Thank you. For the record, my name is
27 Richard Perry. I'm the administrator of the Nevada Division of
28 Minerals.

29 And with me is Dave Gaskin, who is the deputy director for
30 the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection.

31 Our presentation is about a half hour long. So is that okay?

32 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: If you can cut it down, that would
33 be appreciated.

34 RICHARD PERRY: Okay, we'll try to.

35 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: (Indiscernible) push the button
36 pretty fast.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Read fast.

38 RICHARD PERRY: Okay. Thank you for the opportunity to
39 come today. We've been trying to do this presentation for
40 commissions in rural areas where there has been oil exploration

1 in the past. It's mainly informative, just how the development
2 of the regulations for the state are going. So I'll jump right
3 into it.

4 Here. First slide here, I just wanted to just kind of
5 explain how an oil well is permitted in the State of Nevada
6 because there's -- there's up to four agencies involved in that.

7 The BLM, if it's drilling on -- on federal lands. They go
8 through the leasing process and the NEPA process before -- before
9 anything's released. And they also issue a drilling permit.

10 The Department of Environmental Protection, if there is
11 surface disturbance requiring air permits or reinjection of
12 water from oil production under UIC permits.

13 The Division of Minerals, my entity that I head up. We are
14 the entity that's responsible for Chapter 522, which is oil and
15 gas regulations for the State of Nevada. And we permit the
16 drilling of the hole, and oversee the drilling, the casing, the
17 cementing, the conservation of the resource, how many holes can
18 be drilled, and density, and ultimately the plugging and closure
19 of an oil well.

20 And the Division of Water Resources. As oil wells
21 typically require water to be drilled -- and in this case
22 hydraulically fractured and those water rights and the source of
23 water have to go through the regular appropriation processes of
24 beneficial use just like any other.

25 Okay. A little bit about our oil and gas regulations in the
26 State of Nevada, which is Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 522.
27 There's a history to them. We've had oil production in the state
28 since 1954.

29 The basic premise and -- and underlying goals of that
30 chapter are the protection of freshwater, requires a permit to
31 drill, issued by the Division of Minerals. And that's -- that's
32 valid whether it's on federal land or nonfederal land.

33 All -- all oil wells have to have a permit from the Division
34 of Minerals.

35 Requires bonding to ensure holes are plugged and abandoned
36 and requires the operator to -- to submit well logs and cuttings
37 to the Division of Minerals. And all of those cuttings are housed
38 at the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology in Reno in the Gold
39 Building. There's a huge part in back that -- that has cuttings
40 and core from every oil, gas, and geothermal well ever drilled in

1 the state.

2 Next slide.

3 A little history of Nevada's oil production. First oil was
4 found in 1954 in Railroad Valley -- Valley in Nye County. You
5 can see we peaked in production at about 4 million barrels 1990
6 and have been on a steady decline ever since. Mainly due to
7 fact that there's been no new oil discoveries made in the state.

8 Last year our production was 335,000 barrels.

9 If you compare that with other states that have specific,
10 significant production like a North Dakota or Texas, they produce
11 over a million barrels a day. So we're a pretty small player in
12 the world of oil.

13 This map is updated annually with ourselves and the Nevada
14 Bureau of Mines and Geology. And it shows those little red dots
15 are all the places where there was an oil-exploration hole drilled
16 in the State of Nevada since we began logging those.

17 It shows the two places where there's production of Railroad
18 Valley and in Pine Valley south of Carlin.

19 And it also got noted there the two wells that were recently
20 drilled by Noble Energy in Elko County where they have acquired a
21 land package, both federal and private land, of about
22 350,000 acres and are testing a petroleum play in the -- around
23 the Elko area.

24 Next slide.

25 I pulled out Lander County here, as I've done with each
26 county presentation, just -- just to show commissioners and the
27 public where there has been a exploration hole drilled. And in
28 the case of Lander County, you can see there's only one that was
29 ever drilled here over time.

30 And I could pull up the details on that. But it looks like
31 it was very close to Battle Mountain. And I believe it's shown as
32 a oil show there. The history of that I don't know. I didn't try
33 to look it up. There are no pending applications for -- for oil
34 wells in Lander County right now.

35 At the last legislative session in 2013, these were concerns
36 of the public. The Division of Minerals and the Division of
37 Environmental Protection were charged under Senate Bill 390 to
38 update the oil and gas regulations to really focus on three
39 things, assessing the effects of hydraulic fracturing, because
40 that's -- that's been -- been done now three times in the State of

1 Nevada. That's Noble's play. They're looking at a tight shale
2 play.

3 I'm sure you've -- you've heard and read about that in other
4 parts of the country. That's what 90% of the wells are -- are --
5 are done with the stimulation treatment of that in the United
6 States now. So all the activity is looking at tight shales that
7 weren't conventional plays in the past.

8 Require a person who engages to disclose the chemicals used
9 and provide for notice of the members of the general public.

10 So ten months ago, we started on that. And our charge was to
11 have the program developed by July 1st. And we have achieved that
12 goal as the draft regulations were through public hearings and
13 public workshops and in the legislative council of bureau being
14 reviewed and the regulations to be implemented by January 1st,
15 2015.

16 So we're on a timeline.

17 How did we do that?

18 Well, we are a member as a state of the Interstate Oil and
19 Gas Compact Commission. The governor's the -- our member. And he
20 designates usually someone in natural resources, in this case it's
21 the head of the Divisions of Minerals, myself, to be part of that.
22 We're a member of that group of 32 oil-producing states. So we
23 were able to tap into the expertise of other -- other states of
24 their regulations, what worked, what hasn't, where they've been
25 having issues, and so forth.

26 And that was very helpful. We borrowed some components from
27 Colorado's recent update with regards to sampling of water wells
28 around where a well that's intended for hydraulic fracturing can
29 be drilled and included that in the first draft.

30 And then in March, we did public workshops as required under
31 the Nevada -- Nevada Administrative Procedures Act in Carson City,
32 Elko, and Las Vegas. That was a fun week.

33 I'll just kind of highlight the changes here and then and --
34 and show some of the -- the websites where these can be found with
35 regards to the application process for a well that's intended for
36 hydraulic fracturing.

37 If you're familiar with how a water-right map is done,
38 we've adopted some of those things, only we require a map that
39 shows an area of one mile around where someone -- where an
40 operator wants to drill an oil well to show all of the land

1 ownership, any -- any existing water wells, the geography, known
2 geology, ground water levels and so forth so we have something
3 to look at when that application comes in.

4 We have proposed in these regulations to have baseline ground
5 water sampling of any existing water wells within that area of
6 review. And that water analysis would be a standard drinking
7 water analysis for a well and also an analysis of any hydrocarbons
8 that are present in there -- in there. It's called BTEX
9 compounds. And all of the approved permits for drilling a oil
10 well, just like a geothermal well, because we basically operate
11 these programs together, because it's all about drilling wells --
12 are available on our websites so the public can see any -- any
13 permits and conditions of approval that are -- that are there.

14 Just like you could on a -- as a water right.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, so when you -- when you talk
16 about monitoring, --

17 RICHARD PERRY: Mm-hm.

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- you're just -- the quality or the
19 level?

20 RICHARD PERRY: The quality.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But -- but who's going to determine
22 if it's depleting the aquifer or if we're taking too much out?

23 RICHARD PERRY: Well, you don't -- you don't -- you don't
24 take, you know, the -- the oil wells are typically a mile to two
25 deep.

26 So they're not drawing on surface --

27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But where are you getting the
28 water? I guess this where my question is?

29 RICHARD PERRY: The water to drill a well?

30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

31 RICHARD PERRY: Oh. They have to acquire that water if --
32 I mean, it's really two ways. They can either go and purchase
33 the water from someone if -- and truck it in.

34 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Good luck in this state or county.
35 But anyway --

36 RICHARD PERRY: Or -- or they can apply for a waiver or a
37 water right to drill a water well near where they're drilling
38 the oil well and appropriate water out of a water well doing
39 that.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But they don't monitor that well.

1 You're just talking monitor --

2 RICHARD PERRY: You know, they do take a water level on
3 it, but we don't -- we don't require that -- that they look at
4 the -- the water level per se in there because the volume that
5 they're drawing is typically a couple of acre-foot. It's about
6 the equivalent of a domestic well. Over time.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

8 RICHARD PERRY: And I've got some numbers I'll show you on
9 that.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All right.

11 RICHARD PERRY: Because that's always been a question of
12 about hydraulic fracturing, --

13 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

14 RICHARD PERRY: -- how much water. So we're really
15 interested in water quality there.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

17 RICHARD PERRY: This is a diagram we drew just of how to
18 interpret that one mile area review as we've had comments after
19 the public workshops of, well, what if it's a well that has a
20 horizontal component?

21 So it's from the -- it's from the extension of any horizontal
22 component of the wells. So it could be a -- a circle or it could
23 be an oblong shape like this of the one mile area (indiscernible).

24 Changes in the regulations for drilling of a well where
25 hydraulic fracturing is intended to be used. This is really
26 the -- the focus that we learn from other states. And we have
27 proposed in our regulations to require an intermediate casing.
28 And I have some drawings that I'll show you after this.

29 As -- as -- if you're familiar with drilling a water well,
30 you drill a hole, and you drop casing and put gravel in it. The
31 drilling of a geothermal or, in this case, an oil well is very,
32 very different because it requires in the -- in the surface zone,
33 two layers of casing and cement all the way down to certain
34 distances so that the surface aquifers are sealed strata from
35 strata in -- in the well.

36 Pressure testing of the casing before any hydraulic
37 fracturing treatment is done.

38 And some distances here that are minimums on -- ca- -- on
39 cementation behind the casing.

40 This is actually one of -- this is one of the drill rigs that

1 drilled one of the wells in Elko County this last year.

2 We -- we are charged with filling out and being -- being
3 there so that -- so that we actually see the casing and the
4 cementing going in and the pressure testing of the blow-out
5 prevention device has to be witnessed.

6 They're large rigs though. And they take a lot of
7 semitrailers to bring them in. So --

8 This is a cross section of what is proposed in the new
9 regulations for a well intended for hydraulic fracturing. And
10 I've got two of them here, because they can be done slightly
11 differently. And this more or less explains the minimums of
12 what we have proposed in the regulations. And you can see
13 there's -- in the surface zone here, you have a conductor
14 casing, which is generally a shallow casing that's -- that's
15 butted in and then a surface casing. And surface casing on a --
16 on a oil well we're required to go down a minimum of 500 feet.
17 However, when a schematic for an oil well comes in from an
18 operator, it's a little like a blueprint coming in to the county
19 building department. Because each one is a little different.

20 It's not as simple as an oil well. We look at the subsurface
21 geology and determine how much alluvium is there. Where -- where
22 are there likely to be ground water aquifers? What are the
23 nearest water wells to this?

24 And we can add to some of those minimums with regards to the
25 depths of the surface casing.

26 Surface casing, as you can see, they're cemented all the way
27 to the surface. And there is a geophysical method called a cement
28 bond log that we require that runs up that after it's cemented to
29 ensure there are no bubbles or voids behind it. So there's a lot
30 of quality assurance and quality control during the drilling of
31 one of these wells.

32 You can see the intermediate casing there, the second layer
33 of that. That's not required in a conventional well, so in
34 shallow zones you can see we have two requirements or two layers
35 of skilled surface casing and cement behind that. And this well
36 shows a production casing hung from intermediate casing. These
37 stippling areas down on the bottom are just intended to show this
38 is the zone of hydraulic fracturing or hydrocarbons that the
39 company is interested in, in actually pursuing.

40 This -- this cross section shows a well that has a -- a --

1 a horizontal component to it.

2 These -- none of these have been done yet in the state of
3 Nevada, but we figure we've got to write the regulations for
4 something that could happen.

5 This one actually shows production casing going all the way
6 to the surface. And that's fairly common too. So in this case,
7 there's three layers of casing. Doesn't need to be but it's
8 common that operators will do this and draw it to the surface.

9 These wells are typically on the order of one -- one to two
10 miles deep. So they're not at alluvium. They're down at the
11 bedrock. We've gone through the surface alluvium and down into --
12 into bedrock to the target formation that they believe there's
13 hydrocarbons in.

14 Any questions on that one?

15 Okay.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No, it's all new so --

17 RICHARD PERRY: And they're available on our website.

18 The stimulation treatment, because that's what hydraulic
19 fracturing is. You know, they drill the well. They case the
20 well. And then they run cores and they look at the cuttings to
21 determine if there's any hydrocarbons down there that they're
22 interested in. And if there are, they know where those zones are
23 and they come -- come back and propose a hydraulic fracturing
24 stimulation treatment through a separate process called a sundry
25 notice with the Division of Minerals that we evaluate. And
26 they're required to give us a certain amount of time to do that.

27 There was comments in the public comments section from some
28 counties, mainly Nye, requiring notifications to landowners that
29 we added.

30 We also added a notification to county -- to the county
31 commissioners of 14 days before any well is hydraulically
32 fractured.

33 There's a process by which they have to go through so that we
34 can approve any chemicals that they're going to use. And this is
35 somewhat different than many other states because we require them
36 to put those in. There have been -- there have been trade --
37 trade name, you know, disclosures and so forth in the past. And
38 we're requiring them to show -- show us exactly what they're
39 using.

40 We have a -- we have a database that we look at to make sure

1 none of those are deleterious to the -- to the environment.

2 Any flowback after hydraulic fracturing has to go in steel
3 tanks.

4 Next slide. So a few pictures here. Again, this is the
5 second well that was hydraulically fractured in Elko County.
6 And this is what this looks like.

7 This is after the well's drilled. And this, in case, was a
8 Halliburton crew that came in. Off to the right you see the
9 steel tanks. Those are -- those are a Rain for Rent steel tanks
10 that are on semitrailers that they pull in. And they are all
11 manifolded together. And they fill them with water, in this
12 case from a well, because they actually -- actually got a water
13 right to drill a water well 300 feet from where they drilled the
14 oil well. So that's -- that was the water they were drawing on
15 here to fill these tanks.

16 Off to the left you see the -- the pumping trucks. And
17 just describe those, being a former mining guy, as 739 engines
18 driving positive place -- displacement distant pumps that are
19 manifolded together to increase the pressure.

20 Next slide. This is -- this is the well head. So this
21 well was drilled to just about 10,000 feet.

22 And you can see the pipe going up there that's angled
23 where -- where the mixture of water, sand. They use some
24 hydrochloric acid at the beginning to -- to clear the cement down
25 in the formation that they put in behind the casing that they
26 perforated.

27 Some surfactants and coagulants and so forth that they use
28 to align the sand grains. The hydraulic fracturing treatment,
29 typically -- at least the ones we've experienced here -- require
30 two to three days. And there's several hours in each zone that
31 they're fracturing.

32 The trailer on site that has the controls and all the
33 instrumentation and the pressure gauges and so forth. And this is
34 the critical time at which -- at which, you know, if there's
35 anything that -- that we believe needs to be monitored, it's --
36 it's during this period. As the pressures that they put down in
37 the hole are -- are significant and -- and we want to make sure
38 that there's nothing wrong with the casing and so forth as they go
39 through this -- this process. And indeed, all of them that we've
40 gone to so far have been good.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Does it really take that many
2 people?

3 RICHARD PERRY: Yeah. It's a -- it's a herd of people,
4 believe me. I mean, I remember when this happened, it was these
5 red trucks and motels full in Elko; you know, for a couple,
6 three blocks. Because there's probably 60 people from -- from
7 Halliburton that come -- that come from the company.

8 They set up in a day. They do the hydraulic fracturing in
9 two to three days. And then they tear down in a day, and
10 they're gone.

11 So this is, you know, like a -- we were there for -- what? --
12 four days, something like that. And then they move on to next
13 job.

14 It's a stimulation treatment after the well's drilled where
15 they're -- where they're putting pressure and sand into that low
16 permeability shale trying to open up secondary porosity into it
17 that allows the oil and the rock to flow through the cracks into
18 the casing.

19 And the sand is used -- I mean, the water's used because you
20 use it to drive the hydraulic head. The sand is used -- the sand
21 is called the proppant. And it's -- and it's a very specific
22 quality of sand or sometimes it's -- it's a ceramic bead. And it
23 follows the water in and follows it into the cracks. And as the
24 pressure is eventually released, then the sand holds open the
25 cracks or props it open hence the word, the *proppant*.

26 JAY FISCHER: Hey, Rich, real quick. So what's the
27 objective for how far these fractures -- they're wanting to
28 penetrate into the formations?

29 How far --

30 RICHARD PERRY: Well, these were vertical wells so they
31 weren't -- they didn't incline down --

32 JAY FISCHER: Right.

33 RICHARD PERRY: -- there.

34 JAY FISCHER: Right.

35 RICHARD PERRY: And that varies on the target that they're
36 looking at, --

37 JAY FISCHER: Sure.

38 RICHARD PERRY: -- how big the zone is. So they engineer
39 it for that.

40 But -- but typically, you know, the -- the distance that the

1 hydraulic fractures go in is in the -- is in the, you know,
2 hundred to 300-foot range.

3 JAY FISCHER: Yeah.

4 RICHARD PERRY: I mean, it's not a huge distance out. It's
5 -- that's -- takes a lot of energy to do that.

6 JAY FISCHER: Sure.

7 RICHARD PERRY: Yeah.

8 JAY FISCHER: Yeah, that's --

9 RICHARD PERRY: You've really got about eight --

10 JAY FISCHER: That's a long ways.

11 RICHARD PERRY: -- 8,000-horse engines pushing this, you
12 know, developing 8- or 9,000 PSI to go down the hole, to follow
13 the sand.

14 There's been a lot of questions on water use for hydraulic
15 fracturing. So, you know, rather than try to go and see what
16 every other state, because they vary depending on formation, here
17 are the facts for Nevada for the three that have been done.

18 The first two -- two wells that Noble did, you can see the
19 volume of water there, which -- which is averaging a little less
20 than acre-feet, an acre-foot for the fracture. But if you look
21 at the numbers for when they drilled the well, it's also about
22 an acre-feet for drilling a 10,000-foot well.

23 There -- there was an existing well that was hydraulically
24 fractured down in Pine Valley, Grant Canyon, the Blackburn field
25 that you've probably all seen if you go down that way towards
26 Eureka, the three wells that are down there. They piggyback the
27 same crew that Noble has, so they didn't have to pay
28 (indiscernible). And, you know, I just tried to do a comparison
29 here. You know, a domestic well is two-acre-feet.

30 So -- so if it was indeed ever a big boom of, you know, oil
31 well drilling here in the scheme of things, the water consumption
32 part of it is -- it's not a huge number. And that has to be
33 appropriated, like I say, through Division of Water Resources just
34 like any other water right.

35 After completion of a well, the operators are required to
36 post their chemical disclosure. And could you click on that --
37 does this -- does this access the Internet here if we click on
38 that?

39 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: It may do like a downstairs
40 connection. We do have wireless. It would have to be -- the

1 title "Downstairs Courthouse."

2 Fracfocus is a -- Fracfocus is a public website. And it is
3 paid for by the IOGCC and Groundwater Councils. So the state
4 pays for this. And if you want to go onto that, you can click
5 on it. And it will say, what state do you want to look at?
6 What county?

7 And it will actually come up and show you the wells that are
8 drilled there. And it lists the company, the latitude, longitude
9 in UTM's, the amount of water that was used in the frack, the
10 name of the company that drilled it, and a few other things. And
11 then it goes through the list of chemicals that were used. So
12 it's a public disclosure website. And it's used by most states.

13 We -- we require an operator to sample any of those existing
14 wells before the hydraulic fracture, up to -- up to six months
15 before, six to twelve months after, and then five years after so
16 we have some water quality baseline data there. That's been a lot
17 of the -- the issues in some of the other states where there was
18 claims that -- that this caused contamination. So we wanted to
19 make sure that anybody who had a well in that area was -- has the
20 opportunity to have their well sampled before and after.

21 This is what the first well actually looks like over there,
22 because they did -- they did -- did find -- and were testing --
23 did find some oil and they're testing that. So that's -- that's a
24 tank battery that you see off to right. So this is what it would
25 look like if there was an oil field found.

26 And they'll be reclaiming the pads. So it will be a little
27 less footprint -- not much different than you see in Pine Valley.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: On that previous picture. Yeah. Did
29 they actually grade all that off or was the land like that?

30 RICHARD PERRY: No, they graded that off.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They graded everything?

32 RICHARD PERRY: Yeah.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: How -- how -- how many acres do they
34 grade like that?

35 RICHARD PERRY: It depends on the size of the pad they want
36 to build there. But in this case, they graded five acres, a
37 fairly large area. And it's likely if, you know, if there -- if
38 they found here, they will come back and drill additional wells
39 on this pad.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do they have to put anything back

1 again?

2 RICHARD PERRY: To reclaim it?

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: To reclaim it?

4 RICHARD PERRY: Yeah. This one actually had air permits
5 from -- from Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. But
6 it is on private land.

7 Okay. So -- so it will be a little different than if it's on
8 federal land. Because if it's on federal land, it's going to be
9 under BLM NEPA for how it's reclaimed.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So it's private. It's up to the --

11 RICHARD PERRY: This is private land.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- two whether they want it back with
13 their native or not.

14 RICHARD PERRY: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Thank you.

16 RICHARD PERRY: Other proposed changes. You know, every
17 state agency is supposed to look at its regulations every ten
18 years and update them. We actually had things in some of our
19 regulations that we needed to clean up, like drilling oil wells
20 with cable tools, that we needed to get rid of. And then a
21 number of things that we needed to put in there that update it.

22 API is American Petroleum Institute. And those are
23 specifications for steel and cement, just like you would have
24 for the American -- for cement for building buildings and so
25 forth, the compressive strength and so forth. We updated those.

26 And next slide. How do these proposed regulations compare
27 with other states? As we went through, we were able to benchmark
28 ourselves against a -- a document that's done by a third party
29 called the State of the State. It's shale gas regulation.

30 And I might note Nevada has never produced any commercial
31 gas. It's only oil. So we don't envision that -- that we
32 probably are going to produce any gas. And the intent of the
33 companies that have been interested here is oil.

34 So as we -- as we developed these regulations, we benchmarked
35 it against this -- everything from, you know, setbacks, you know,
36 we have a requirement in there of what is the setback from
37 existing water well from a -- from a femoral drainage from a water
38 course from a building -- to the type of cement used and so forth.
39 And -- and again -- the -- the -- if you look at those on that
40 particular website, where we -- where other states are right now.

1 We're not on that yet, because we -- we're just getting our
2 regulations done. But we will be benchmarked against those other
3 states once we have these regulations approved.

4 The schedule for this process started, you know, ten months
5 ago. And Division of Minerals and Division of Environmental
6 Protection have -- we've had several members that are senior
7 staff. Our oil and gas commissioner for the State of Nevada, who
8 is a professional engineer, Art Henderson, was part of this. We
9 worked on these weekly as we were developing the regulations. We
10 enlisted one consultant who's been through the updating of the
11 water well regulations, Tom Gallagher.

12 And had stakeholder meeting. Did our first draft. Went to
13 public meeting in January 16th and took comments.

14 There's a requirement that all of these go through the
15 legislative counsel bureau for legal review for any code changes.
16 Public workshops.

17 And we finished the second draft. And it's through the LCB
18 pre-adoption review. And it's posted on our website.

19 And the final meeting for the final hearing to consider
20 adoption is in Elko at the county commission chambers on the
21 28th of this month from 10:00 to noon.

22 This is our website. So if you clicked around in there like
23 on oil and gas. We're the permitting agency for oil and gas and
24 geothermal for the State of Nevada.

25 We do a few other things. We run a reclamation bond pool
26 for -- for exploration. And have an abandoned mine lands
27 program that we do work in all counties, including your own. Be
28 a great topic. I'd love to talk -- talk to you about at another
29 meeting to show you what has been done over the year in securing
30 abandoned mine lands.

31 And I think the last slide here, it's just where we're at
32 on these. We have continued to issue permits with conditions of
33 approval that basically mirror a lot of the things that you just
34 saw here.

35 The legislature asked us to update our regulations. They
36 didn't tell us to ban hydraulic fracturing. So we have 17
37 permits. Almost all of those are in Elko and Eureka and --
38 and -- and Nye County. But most of them in Elko related to
39 Noble Energy.

40 And two wells have actually been -- been drilled in

1 September. I believe Noble is -- they have approved permits and
2 are planning on spudding in on a -- another series of wells down
3 in Huntington Valley.

4 And I think that's my last slide, so --

5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Hm.

6 COMMISSIONER MASON: So -- so these Elko wells, or the one
7 we're just looking at, what's it producing?

8 RICHARD PERRY: It had its first month of production, which
9 was flowback. Right?

10 And they're just now testing it. They have not run it
11 continuously yet.

12 So they are required under state regulations to file
13 production at the end of each month with the Division of Minerals.

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Does it look -- it must look promising
15 or they wouldn't be there.

16 RICHARD PERRY: That's correct.

17 JAY FISCHER: Rich, a question on the application for a
18 well, because in the chamber here has come up for discussion
19 about the lease sales that they're being let out. That doesn't
20 automatically grant anybody the opportunity -- or the right to
21 drill a well if they purchase or successfully purchase a lease.
22 They still have to make application to various agencies with
23 their plans before their allowed to proceed --

24 RICHARD PERRY: Yes. Yeah, A lease sale buy by a federal
25 entity, you know, that's handled by the BLM is just that. Is
26 there anyone interested in these blocks of land?

27 But -- but before they were allowed to drill, they would have
28 to come forward to the BLM with, you know, a plan of operations.
29 And it's going go through an EA. Noble's went through an EA.

30 JAY FISCHER: Yep.

31 RICHARD PERRY: So it goes through the NEPA process
32 before -- before anything is done. And then -- and then it has
33 to go through the permitting of the well, just called a
34 down-hole review. And that happens with the BLM and us.

35 They tend to, you know, federal ground, they -- they take
36 the lead, but we work very closely with them because our
37 regulations are somewhat different. The proposed ones we have
38 are -- are more stringent than what they have in the books right
39 now. They're in the midst of upgrading theirs to account for
40 some of the concerns of hydraulic fracturing too. And I think

1 they'll probably end up about where we're at.
2 JAY FISCHER: Okay. There -- I guess my point was there's
3 some safeguards that are out there that -- because you -- it's a
4 risk by the -- by the person purchasing the -- the lease that
5 they don't have their plans or they may not be allowed, you
6 know, depending on the circumstances.
7 RICHARD PERRY: Leasing is very speculative --
8 JAY FISCHER: It's a speculative thing.
9 RICHARD PERRY: -- for -- for federal ground.
10 JAY FISCHER: No guarantee. Right.
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: so what's the estimated cost for that
12 one well in Elko so far?
13 RICHARD PERRY: Four to five million dollars.
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Just getting to where they are?
15 RICHARD PERRY: Yep.
16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
18 RICHARD PERRY: Thank you, very much, --
19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you.
21 RICHARD PERRY: -- for your time.
22 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Appreciate it.
23 RICHARD PERRY: If I can answer any questions with Dave,
24 you know, don't hesitate to get ahold of us.
25 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right. Thanks.
27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks.
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32 14) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval
33 of contract with Reese River Hydrologics to conduct inventory
34 of Basin Fifty-Nine's surface and groundwater in the amount
35 not to exceed \$8,000, and other matters properly related
36 thereto.
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38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item number 14, discussion for
39 possible action regarding approval/disapproval of contract with
40 Reese River Hydrologics to conduct inventory of Basin

1 Fifty-Nine's surface and groundwater in the amount not to exceed
2 \$8,000, and other matters properly related thereto.

3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I make a motion for the approval
4 of -- of the contract with Reese River Hydrol- -- Hydrology to
5 conduct inventory of Basin Fifty-Nine's surface and groundwater
6 in the amount not to exceed \$8,000 and author- -- authorize the
7 vice chair to sign.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

10 That was (indiscernible).

11 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Well, this is -- we're required by
12 law to do this.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

19 JAY FISCHER: Thank you, very much.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Jay.

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23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. I'm going to just start
24 skipping to try to get you guys out of here. So is there
25 anybody here for fifteen? seventeen? eighteen? nineteen?
26 twenty-one?

27 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I have to go get Idonna and them
28 when it comes to --

29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's all right. We'll get it.
30 Twenty-two? Twenty-three? Twenty-four? Twenty-five?

31 Okay. Let's go to item number 26?

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33 26) Discussion for possible action regarding drafting a letter to
34 the Bureau of Land Management regarding allotment
35 allocations, and other matters properly related thereto.
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37 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action
38 regarding drafting a letter to the Bureau of Land Management
39 regarding an allotment allocation, and other matters properly
40 related thereto.

1 PETE TOMERA: Okay, I'm Pete Tomera. And I'm a permittee.
2 in the Argenta Allotment.

3 And before I start with anything that I had to say, I was
4 told to -- by the Western Shoshones that they couldn't be here,
5 because they were waiting for a phone call from Amy Lueders.

6 And what the Western Shoshones are saying is they have plants
7 out there in -- in the Argenta unit, the Copper Canyon unit, the
8 North Buffalo unit. And they don't want them to burn. And they
9 want the feed eaten off. So if it's -- if the feed is eaten off,
10 it's not a hot fire. But if there's all the feed that's there, it
11 is a hot fire, and it will destroy their plants.

12 And they're waiting for a phone call from Amy Lueders right
13 now. And that's why they're not here.

14 But their law is the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: He spoke before us at the last
16 meeting.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

18 PETE TOMERA: Yes, he did.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And he came and told us that. Thank
20 you.

21 PETE TOMERA: And he has talked to Amy Lueders several
22 different times.

23 And as I've been told, the last time that he talked to her,
24 she said, Well, do whatever you -- I don't care what you do with
25 the cows. And I don't care about the feed. The distinct decision
26 will be up to Doug Furtado.

27 Now, as permittees, we don't have anything to do with the
28 Western Shoshones. But I was asked, being as how they couldn't
29 be here, to present this.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

31 PETE TOMERA: And if this American Indian Religious Freedom
32 Act has been signed by the President, so it is federal.

33 And that's the thing. The Shoshones have more power than
34 what any of us have.

35 So that's about all that I got that he -- he gave me this
36 pamphlet, but he wants it back.

37 So there's -- it has names of the laws and everything here
38 if anybody is interested to -- to get.

39 And they -- he said if they do not respond as to how the
40 Shoshones want them to respond, they're going to take them to

1 federal court.

2 And I would hate to take the Shoshones --

3 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

4 PETE TOMERA: -- to federal court.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All I would ask is that on your way
6 out, stop by the clerk's office and have them run some copies
7 for us.

8 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Even if we -- yeah -- made one copy
9 and then I can do it for --

10 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

11 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- the correspondence.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And then you can have that back.
13 We ju- -- I would like to have a copy.

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: A copy, yeah.

15 PETE TOMERA: Okay, yeah, I will do that.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, thanks.

17 PETE TOMERA: And then as far as a permittee, --

18 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Joy, --

19 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Oh.

20 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- would you mind just asking the
21 DA's office? Thank you.

22 PETE TOMERA: As far as a permi- -- a permittee's
23 concerned, we've -- they told us, I think it was February the
24 20th, that they won't authorize any cattle out there.

25 Then we fought them. And they allowed us to turn the cows
26 out, but they made us sign a ridiculous contract.

27 Well, now they've claimed that we have exceeded the triggers.
28 But we have two professional consultants hired: Bob Schweigert
29 from Intermountain Consultants and Jack Alexander. And they both
30 state that we haven't met our triggers, that the BLM has fixed
31 figures to make it look bad.

32 So -- well, we're arguing and just trying to keep our cattle
33 out there because there is feed out there. And the area that they
34 monitor is just a small area.

35 And Saturday, we're going to hold a tour. And we hope that
36 all you commissioners can be there and the neighboring
37 commissioners can be there too to see what's going on.

38 Because he's told us in a meeting where we were all there
39 that: If I succeed with this, this will be the law of the land.

40 Well, we've had professionals out there that have looked at

1 the range and looked at the monitoring. And they've stated that
2 if they succeed here, it will become the law of the land, and
3 there will be no ranches left in Northern Nevada.

4 So I just hope that everybody can be there Saturday to listen
5 to Bob Schweigert and explain all the details. He knows by far
6 more than I do. But I just want to make everybody aware of the
7 situation that we are. Because if he succeeds, we're going to
8 have to -- to -- we already have sold down cattle. And we're
9 going have to sell down more. And if you sell down so many, well,
10 you're not a viable operation anymore.

11 And as now, we have -- we have proposed to fence off their
12 (indiscernible) -- their areas of concern.

13 And at the meeting that we had the other day, he says, Well,
14 I can't approve that because I don't have the authority to do it.
15 Well, our lawyers, our range consultant's says, Yes, he does.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So on the areas of concern,
17 Mr. Tomera, is this the private land portion or the BLM
18 portion?

19 PETE TOMERA: It's the BLM portion. And like in -- let me
20 just take one, one -- one -- one area.

21 Ferris creek, they monitored just their short monitoring
22 area. And the BLM come up with 2.9-inch stubble height. Bob
23 Schweigert's crew monitored the entire length of the area, which
24 is somewhere under a quarter of a mile. And they had a 6.9-inch
25 stubble height area.

26 So they kind of pick an area that looks bad and then they
27 monitor that.

28 Well, what we propose is to fence the whole dang thing, and
29 they won't give the authority to do it.

30 And after Bob Schweigert's -- because we have had other
31 people from around town say, Well, what are you guys arguing
32 about? You met your triggers.

33 Well, we haven't met our triggers according to our
34 professionals.

35 So I kind of want everybody to come and see just what they --
36 what is there and what they're talking about.

37 And I don't know what we're going to do if we have to take
38 the cows off, because there's no place to go with them. You can't
39 put them in meadows right now, because you'll be feeding hay in
40 the first of October.

1 Okay.

2 This flyer that Eddyann just give me -- and I'll hand it out
3 to you guys -- and there are several around town. It starts off,
4 Overgrazed or over-governed. You guys decide.

5 The people -- the general people decide what -- so it's not
6 just me talking. It's a professional showing them. And this tour
7 is going to start Saturday, August the 16th at Tomera Ranch, the
8 Martin Ranch where we live. And they'll have -- be several
9 people talking. And then, we'll go on the tour.

10 And then afterwards, they're going to have barbecue at the --
11 across the street from the BLM office.

12 Now, I don't know if I covered all the bases. I probably
13 didn't. But I'll hand these out to each one of you guys. And
14 I'll let Eddyann and Shawn and whoever else just cover what I
15 missed.

16 Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thanks, Pete.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I have mine already.

20 PETE TOMERA: You have yours.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. Uh-huh.

22 PETE TOMERA: I have a bunch.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You do.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I got mine in my e-mail.

25 HANK FILIPPINI: Can I say one thing? It'll just be a
26 minute.

27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yep, just state your name.

28 HANK FILIPPINI: Hank Filippini.

29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you.

30 HANK FILIPPINI: My family's been ranching in this country
31 since 1870.

32 And we've paid our grazing fees, our taxes. We've helped the
33 economy of this town, every town around. And we're not going to
34 let some Johnny-come-lately come put us out of business.

35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you, Hank.

36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.

37 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Come on, Eddyann, we know you
38 always got something to say, so --

39 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Okay.

40 I'm Eddyann Filippini, Sherrera Ranch, Badger Ranch.

1 I think Pete pretty much summed it up. And my father-in-law
2 Henry really summed it up, because we haven't heard anything.
3 We've been here for generations and raised our families. And we
4 have beautiful families. And it's a great lifestyle.

5 And the few -- the few of us feed the many. And what they
6 keep knocking us off, you people, everyone will not be able to
7 afford food. Period.

8 So I would hope that you would come to see what our cows eat.
9 It's a renewable resource. And what the BLM's doing, their little
10 heartburn areas, that are putting us out of business.

11 So please come.

12 PETE TOMERA: Eddyann, wait a minute. Tell them how much
13 every AUM that we don't use costs the community.

14 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: I -- I did that at the last meeting.

15 And with the cow prices right now the way they are, the
16 Superior Livestock Sale, they just had one in Winnemucca, and it
17 used to be a five-day sale. They would sell literally just
18 hundreds of thousands of cattle. This year they sold, for two
19 days, they sold a hundred-and-some-thousand head of cattle, which
20 is -- that's nationwide. That's not just in Nevada. That's the
21 whole nation.

22 So last year it was like 200-and-some thousand. That's what
23 the reduction in livestock is happening. Now, there's a cattle
24 shortage.

25 And we figured out that it's for every non-use AUM, it's \$80.
26 Well, we didn't take in the fact that a 460-pound calf would bring
27 \$1500. They never used to bring that much money. We didn't --
28 that's not calculated. This is just the -- what the inflation
29 would be from -- from 2001 when the study was done until now. And
30 it's 80 bucks.

31 So Nevada it's over 32 million in non-use AUMs. And in
32 Lander County, it's over 12 million -- or the Battle Mountain
33 district -- I'm sorry -- that's -- that's four counties. But
34 that's not counting that there's not that many cattle anymore or
35 sheep, because they're -- they're running them out of business.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Eddyann, I know you've been in touch
37 with our representatives and senators, I -- can you give me any
38 idea of what the offices are doing?

39 Is there anything they can do on a federal level to help you?

40 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Amodei is supposed to come out on the

1 25th and do a tour with us to go out and look at the range. I
2 don't know --

3 Grant Gerber went back to Washington a couple of weeks ago.
4 They had a congressional hearing about the abuses, about what's
5 happening with the federal agencies, --

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I saw that.

7 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: -- the Forest Service and the BLM. And
8 he -- our nephew, Martin Paris, is back there working for
9 lobbyists. He said it was really a good hearing.

10 Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona had representatives. And Grant
11 said, as well, that New Mexico is -- they're just hammering
12 them -- Utah.

13 So there's going to be a -- a ride from the Pacific Ocean
14 to the Atlantic Ocean. It's called the Grass March Cowboy
15 Express. It's going to start at the Pacific Ocean on
16 September 26th. It's going to go to the 29th of September to
17 Carson City. There will be a rally. We'll pick up the
18 petitions to get rid of Furtado, on the 29th, with Governor
19 Sandoval. And we're taking him Interstate 80 via Pony Express
20 to Washington, D.C. And then there will be riders that will go
21 to the Atlantic Ocean.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So there's --

23 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: It's never been done before.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: There's nothing you've heard with any
25 of our offices that are dealing directly with Doug or
26 intervening or anything?

27 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: No, ma'am.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I know we wrote one letter. I
29 don't know if we need to write another one or what -- what we
30 can do. I wish there was something we all could do.

31 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Well, there is -- there is things you
32 can do. This commission has a lot of power. You're the most
33 powerful people in the world as our local officials.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, the federal government doesn't
35 know that.

36 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Well, we need to let them know that.
37 We're not -- I mean, we're all -- they need to know that.

38 Because there is things we can do. And our local government
39 is very powerful.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Hm.

1 PETE TOMERA: I got requests from several different
2 counties. This is happening in Lander County. And they say
3 they're all supportive of us.

4 But they want you guys to take the lead to tell them, yeah,
5 this is important and we want to --

6 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: I ask that a special commission that
7 Lander County sponsor and invite our neighboring commissioners
8 in the cow counties. Because Washoe County and Clark County
9 are just looking at our mining dollars.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

11 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: They don't give a pinch of crap whether
12 we have to run a cow or whatever.

13 But the cow counties need -- the commissioners need to get
14 together a special meeting and -- because you do have power.

15 And Sierra County over in California has just made a
16 resolution. And I tried to send it to Jim. And it kept coming
17 back. But they have more or less declared their BLM and their
18 Forest Service incompetent of managing the resources in their
19 county. They let the timber burn. They won't let anybody go in
20 there and thin it out and use it to, you know, to harvest it so
21 you have a healthy forest. It burns.

22 But they more or less just said, you are incompetent to
23 manage the resources in our county.

24 Now that comes from California. I think that Lander County
25 can declare BLM incompetent of what they're doing. Because if
26 this burns, it'll be a tragedy. I'm not kidding. And it will
27 burn.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: We've seen it burn.

29 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Well.

30 I would like to tell you just -- I wish you'd support us,
31 please, I wish you would consider calling a special meeting with
32 our -- our neighbors.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do believe they were invited; were
34 they not?

35 JIM OLSON: Yeah.

36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Now they --

38 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: No, I mean like a special meeting
39 meeting just for this issue -- for Elko, Lander, Nye, Esmeralda,
40 Humboldt, Pershing, and their DAs and their sheriffs.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah it's -- and I understand. And
2 I -- I would love to do that. We have a tri-county meeting with
3 Humboldt and Pershing. But it takes us five attempts every year
4 to try to get the date.

5 And, you know, and we'd love to look at that. I'm just
6 saying, it's hard to get us all together --

7 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Well --

8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- because we all have commission
9 meetings different days and this and that. And so -- but yeah,
10 --

11 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: This is important.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- I think it's something we could
13 look for.

14 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Some kind of summit or something.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

16 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: I mean this is --

17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But rather than calling all the
18 commissions, what might be easier is if we just have a
19 representative from all the commissions, then that's easier to
20 form. But you try to bring all the commissioners together on
21 different schedules and you're asking for -- you'd have to
22 schedule it a year in advance. And by that time, it's too late.

23 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Well, --

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You know.

25 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: -- I just would hope that it would
26 happen --

27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.

28 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: -- sooner than later.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I do know they were invited.
30 Did we get -- I know we had a response from one of the Nye
31 County commissioners. Did anybody else respond?

32 JIM OLSON: No.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: One respondent out of all of them he
34 sent.

35 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: See, that's pretty tragic.

36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It is, because I think they were
38 waiting for somebody else to do it.

39 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, we'll continue on that.

40 PETE TOMERA: I hope that we get some of the commissioners

1 from some of the other counties here Saturday. VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK:
2 And then that way they can spread the word just what there is
3 out there.
4 And that's why we so desperately want you to -- that's why
5 we're here today. You guys, as many of you can, can be there
6 Saturday.
7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, and like I said, they've been
8 invited. Even us, because of the short notice this, --
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- we can't agendize this.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And --
12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We can be there. We can't discuss
13 it amongst ourselves.
14 PETE TOMERA: Well, you can come as private citizens.
15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We just -- we just can't discuss it
16 one with another while we're out there. So -- but yeah. Total
17 intention of being there.
18 And I don't know about the others. That's up to them.
19 But we can't set it as a meeting or -- or whatever. So --
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I'm sorry. I can't be there on
21 Saturday. So --
22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Is it this Saturday?
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: This Saturday.
24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.
25 PETE TOMERA: This Saturday the 16th.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Day after tomorrow.
27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: What time?
28 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Day after tomorrow.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: All day.
30 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Nine o'clock.
31 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Nine o'clock.
32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Nine o'clock. All right.
33 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Day after tomorrow.
34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Tomorrow's Friday.
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I said day after tomorrow.
36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Oh, I thought you said tomorrow.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. Day after tomorrow. Thought I
38 didn't know what day it was, huh?
39 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We might still be in this meeting
40 by then, so --

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, day after tomorrow, I said.
2 PETE TOMERA: I have one question on one item that you had
3 here. What item was that?
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
5 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Nineteen?
6 PETE TOMERA: On item 19, I think.
7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Well, if we're done with this
8 item.
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do we need to write another letter?
10 You want another motion? What do you want?
11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You know, personally, I think, as
12 far as writing the letter, I think we ought to wait until after
13 Saturday, you know. And say, okay, we've addressed these.
14 We've been there. This is who was there and everything. And
15 then I would propose that we -- we write another letter
16 addressing those agencies that we did before. But --
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- you know, then we can say we had
19 support of this agency and this agency. We were up there again
20 this date and then write a letter and say, hey, you know, here
21 we are in August. We're still at a standstill. What are you
22 guys going to do? And you know, so --
23 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: I just wanted to make one other note
24 too, Commissioner Bullock.
25 The BLM's been invited to this tour and to this barbecue.
26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
27 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: John Carpenter put a letter in the
28 paper, Elko paper.
29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, I saw it.
30 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: And so they have been invited, and
31 they're well aware of what's going on, so it's not like it's a
32 big secret.
33 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No. No, I understand that.
34 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: And Doug Furtado replied to John
35 Carpenter (inaudible) he declined.
36 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: He declined our invitation? But
37 anyways, they were invited.
38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. All right. Thank you.
39 Okay, so request to go to item number 19.
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1 19) Discussion for possible action regarding the Reid-Heller Sage
2 Grouse Bill and other matters properly related thereto.
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4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action
5 regarding the Reid-Heller Sage Grouse Bill and other matters
6 properly related thereto.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I have a couple things. First of all,
8 if you looked at the agenda request form, in the background
9 information that is not pertinent to item 19.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You think?

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: My recommended action was for you to
12 review a letter on the Reid-Heller Bill and our comments are due
13 tomorrow. And I had several letters in my packet, several
14 copies of the letter.

15 So I'm asking if -- Dave didn't have a copy. Do you have
16 -- look at the back of what you have on 19, which is Senator
17 Reid and Senator Heller had this discussion on this bill way
18 beginning of spring and every county was there. They made
19 comments.

20 It's been before NACO. They've made comments.

21 And then they redid it. So this is actually a summary of the
22 changes of what they changed.

23 They did change a few things. But not the basis for what
24 everybody is looking at.

25 So do you have copies of my letter?

26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Uh-uh.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because the comments are due
28 tomorrow -- like I said, I have five copies in mine. So I
29 figured I had all your copies.

30 I e-mailed --

31 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Can you give them to me as well,
32 Patsy, because I don't have any.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a copy of the letter --

34 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Keep (indiscernible).

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to our executive director and asked
36 him to please put it on the agenda only to save us time because
37 it's due tomorrow.

38 I kind of shot from the hip on my experiences with it. But I
39 want the -- the commissioners to take a look at this, see if
40 there's anything you want to change, any way -- words you don't

1 like or whatever.

2 But this way you have something to work from.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, would you like to read it or
4 do want us to have the clerk to read it? But because --

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll have the clerk --

6 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- the people that are here --

7 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I typed it so you can read it.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- do not know what we're talking
9 about.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I -- I figured you were probably
11 going to do that, but I didn't want to --

12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We need to read it into the record.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, I'll read it into the record.

14 It's to our Senators Dean Heller and Harry Reid regarding the
15 Nevada Sage Grouse Landscape Conservation and Economic
16 Development Act.

17 Dear Senators Heller and Reid, we appreciate the proactive
18 effort you and your staff have put forward in trying to address
19 the greater sage grouse conservation activity in Nevada, but we
20 fail to see how this proposed legislation will avert the listing
21 of the greater sage grouse on the Endangered Species Act.

22 We wish to go on record that Lander County is opposed to
23 the designation of any wilderness areas or wilderness study
24 areas within its geographic boundaries.

25 We request the removal of the current wilderness study area
26 designations as they do not meet the suitability criteria of the
27 1964 Wilderness Act.

28 One of our concerns with your bill is that this criteria is
29 being ignored. And as a result, Nevada will lose the multiuse of
30 federal lands or be severely limited.

31 Additionally, our counties will lose their right for local
32 input and decision making.

33 Lander County prefers working through the state's plan,
34 which includes specific actions to address the sage grouse
35 recovery.

36 One scenario has the wilderness designation the ability to
37 manage or remove the designation if it is not meeting the intended
38 result of the greater sage grouse benefit will be impossible.

39 Adding additional wilderness areas truly does not address the
40 greater sage grouse current or future needs.

1 We, however, do recognize that 49 other states will be voting
2 on this bill and Lander County's position may be moot. In this
3 light of this bill passing in some form, we acknowledge that the
4 required land disposals and local land conveyances -- which I'm
5 quoting from the bill -- opportunities set forth in the bill.

6 We are submitting our requests for land that is needed to
7 grow our economy and provide community services.

8 Attached is the list of the surplus lands already identified
9 with BLM for disposal.

10 We, however, do rec- -- oh, this is -- he's got it twice in
11 here. Okay.

12 So -- yeah. Attached is a list of the surplus lands --
13 already identified with BLM for disposal.

14 And the county requests the additional lands reference on
15 the attached list.

16 So this -- this particular bill it seems like most of the
17 people are looking at it and calling it a wilderness bill,
18 declaring that these areas that they don't even have to follow
19 the criteria anymore. They just say it's a wilderness -- how do
20 they say that? Declaring it a habitat doesn't make it a
21 habitat. So therefore, we can't see what they're doing to help
22 the sage grouse in any way, shape, or manner.

23 And the Amodei draft, which actually is a discussion draft
24 to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973, he lists a couple
25 of things I think that are extremely important and they do not
26 address in their bill.

27 It says: The United States Fish and Wildlife Service
28 considers wildland fire one of the most serious threats to sage
29 grouse habitat. And the Bureau of Land Management states
30 wildfires are a leading cause of sage grouse habitat loss.

31 Wildfire has a relative rank of 84% of the threat. And
32 invasive species has a relative threat of 91% of the threat.

33 And we did write a letter regarding the raven. What was
34 that? Last session or the one before that?

35 So with this, if you have something to add or not, what we're
36 doing -- Jim couldn't find the -- the letter today -- this morning
37 when I went over, that -- the e-mail they sent him. So we have to
38 put together the correct form and put it under our vice chair if
39 -- and any corrections or something else that you would like to
40 add on that letter.

1 And it will be e-mailed. The parcel list is disposal lands
2 that have been identified previously. In fact, part of the bill,
3 if you're not real familiar with it, actual addresses that BLM
4 will distribute 15,000 acres to all of the following counties
5 immediately within the next five years that have already been
6 identified on our disposal lists of surplus lands.

7 In that list, Rex Massey is putting the old list together
8 for me and he'll e-mail it, he said, by noon today. We've also
9 added -- it's another page of new lands, new surplus lands that
10 have been identified around the areas that will go in our regional
11 management plan. They've already been identified with BLM, but
12 it's not in the old RMP. It will be in the new one. So all those
13 will be listed.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Go ahead.

15 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Patsy, -- Eddyann Filippini -- can you
16 request all of the federal land be turned over?

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, I suppose we could. One of
18 the reasons I did not is because the AB 227 is handling that
19 from a different way and because any comments that were made and
20 amounts that were requested earlier have been identified already
21 by county in this amended bill.

22 So they're very specific about what. So I didn't want to
23 just ruin it by not being more specific. I was afraid general
24 would just say, well, I guess they don't --

25 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Right. Yeah.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- care, you know. And so I'm -- I'm
27 keeping it two separate and just putting on what we've been
28 identifying all this time.

29 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Do you have maps of the parcels
30 that -- that are for dispersal? Is there a map available?

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, there are. It's in the
32 regional management plan of our old one. And the new one, we
33 haven't put all the maps together. We've just identified them.

34 I do have a list of all of them, of course, that will be part
35 of this. And that will be public.

36 But like I said, I -- I didn't attach it because Rex Massey
37 was trying to draw the oldest. It wasn't on e-mail quickly enough
38 to -- to get it. So we'll attach it this afternoon and have it
39 sent in no later than tomorrow.

40 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Could -- could you e-mail us a

1 list of the proposed acres that are going to be dispersed?

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't know why I can't. I'm not
3 sure how -- how many actual atta- -- attachments we're going to
4 show. So if I can't e-mail it, I'll certainly snail mail it.
5 But I'll make sure --

6 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Okay.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- you get a copy. If you'll make
8 sure that -- that you get all the information to the clerk.

9 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: I will.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. I have Dan's. I go back and
11 forth to Dan all the time, so --

12 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yeah, even if you send it to
13 Dan, that would be fine.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Okay. Yes. And I'm sure
15 because public lands will want it too. Yes.

16 PETE TOMERA: Okay. Well, we have also heard that there's
17 several interested private entities in acquiring large parcels
18 of land.

19 And, of course, we're sitting in amongst checkerboard area,
20 and that's why we're so concerned. Is that -- I would like --
21 that's why we want to know the maps, because they're talking about
22 thousands of acres. And we've heard it from a pretty good source.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I don't see where these are
24 addressed under the bill. The bill is addressing all to the
25 counties.

26 So I don't know. There -- I mean, they're -- they can
27 identify wilderness areas without meeting any criteria. But
28 there's nothing in there on, we're going to sell to private lands.
29 It's just identifying wilderness areas and locking them up. And
30 then what would the counties like, which is part --

31 Would you like me to read that part of the -- the bill? I
32 can.

33 This is just the summary. It said: The initial draft
34 contemplated targeted conveyances of land at fair market value
35 for economic development purposes and at no cost for local
36 government services.

37 Washoe County has provided its initial request. And they are
38 identified in the conveyances. And the other counties have
39 identified individually.

40 But what we're looking at is -- they said some of the mining

1 companies have -- have asked for this. Is that what you were
2 referring to?

3 Okay. I don't know. They haven't identified in that area.
4 They've just simply said that we've received it. It's --

5 PETE TOMERA: And that's why we're concerned --

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I see.

7 PETE TOMERA: -- because they're --

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

9 PETE TOMERA: -- concerned of a large number of acres.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Could be, unless we get AB 227 --

11 PETE TOMERA: And we heard it from a --

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Quicker.

13 PETE TOMERA: -- pretty good source?

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know the checkerboard was the first
15 thing that we addressed in AB 227. But, you know, who knows how
16 long that's going to take to happen and when that happens.

17 It says, sale of certain federal land previously identified
18 as suitable for disposable, sales of land under Title 2 should not
19 counted for purposes of meeting the minimum acreage. And not
20 later than five years after the date of enactment of this act, the
21 secretary shall offer for sale a minimum of 15-million acres of
22 land identified for disposal in the Bureau of Land Management
23 resource management plans for each of the following counties:
24 Churchill, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Nye, and Pershing. So
25 that's why we wanted to be under that part.

26 PETE TOMERA: And there's a big portion of it in Lander
27 County that's been --

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Mm-hm.

29 PETE TOMERA: -- asked by private entities.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't know. I don't know how I can
31 change that.

32 PETE TOMERA: I know. That's why we're here because --

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

34 PETE TOMERA: -- we want to find out.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, I have a map on the back.

36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I do too. You're welcome to have
37 it.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: Isn't that the 15,000?

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, that's --

40 PETE TOMERA: That's just the 15,000.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's just the 15,000.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.
3 PETE TOMERA: And that's the -- but what I'm talking about
4 is additional acres that these private entities are asking for.
5 And we just --
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't think I've seen that anywhere.
7 PETE TOMERA: I know -- I know it's in there because I
8 talked to --
9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But that's not part of this bill.
10 PETE TOMERA: Yes, it is.
11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: The sage grouse?
12 PETE TOMERA: Yeah, uh-huh.
13 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: The Reid-Heller Bill.
14 PETE TOMERA: Yes. On the Reid-Heller Bill. Yes, I know
15 it is, because I talked to --
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's the only one I have.
17 PETE TOMERA: Yeah. Well, I talked to Pete Goicoechea, and
18 he assured me that it is in there.
19 And we don't want -- after all the fighting that we're doing
20 on the Argenta allotment --
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Mm-hm.
22 PETE TOMERA: -- we don't want it to be sold. I mean,
23 that'd put us out of business faster than BLM.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So do we need to address that or add a
25 paragraph or something or --
26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, we can oppose anything, per-
27 -- I mean, period. I mean, that's -- I mean, basically that's
28 what we are is opposing --
29 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's --
30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- any of the --
31 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- that's the map on the back.
32 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- bill whatsoever.
33 Either the bill passes or it doesn't. And I mean, we're just
34 in opposition of the whole bill, because of the --
35 COMMISSIONER MASON: You can have that.
36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- land designation. I mean, it --
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
38 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's that change you see in that
39 bill --
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, that's -- I wrote it as general

1 as I can.

2 But I wrote it so you'd have something to pick and choose
3 from. I knew we would --

4 PETE TOMERA: I just was concerned about the private
5 entity, the 15,000 that the county wants. We're not too
6 concerned about that. But when they start talking about -- and
7 we don't know if it's in our area or not. But if it is in our
8 area, that's why we're concerned.

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I don't know what else we can do
10 on it, Mr. Tomera. I'm saying, I don't think it's going to --
11 going to make a lot of difference even though we've opposed it.
12 But we want to put our comments in on how we feel. And then
13 we're asking for the other areas that we've already identified.

14 So I don't know how --

15 PETE TOMERA: I just wanted to make sure --

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: What would you like us to do?

17 PETE TOMERA: -- you guys were aware that this is --

18 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Will you add the comments that Amodei
19 made about the fire? About the wildfire?

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I could -- I actually -- this was five
21 pages long.

22 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Right.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I've reduced it to one.

24 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I could probably add absolutely --

26 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: But that's --

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- anything.

28 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: -- that's pretty -- you know.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It is strong. But I'm sure they --
30 they know it too.

31 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Well, but --

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I mean, --

33 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: -- if it's written --

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But the Amodei bill is marvelous all
35 the way through.

36 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: If you added it to your comments, it'd
37 be really good.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I added it --

39 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Okay.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to comments for you folks, --

1 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- because I think it's so important.

3 EDDYANN FILIPPINI: Yes, it is. It is very. It is.

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

5 Then what I would like as a motion that we approve the

6 letter.

7 Dean, will you have time to stop by this afternoon and sign

8 this, if I --

9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: As long as you're quick.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- finish it up? It depends on how

11 long I keep you?

12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I'm heading on the road here, so

13 you've got about a half hour after we I get out of here, so --

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I can do it in a half hour.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. I've got to hook up a

16 trailer, and I'm off.

17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: What? Just --

18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Make a motion yourself then.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I make a motion we approve the

20 letter as read on the Reid-Heller Bill and that our vice chair

21 sign.

22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second --

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- the motion.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

26 (No comment.)

27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

32 Any opposed?

33 (No comment.)

34

35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. What else do we got here?

36 Okay, let's go to --

37 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Seventeen.

38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- item -- huh?

39 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Are we now back on 17?

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No, we're going on to item number

1 27.
2 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Because Max is sitting here.
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: You are up and around.
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I'm just trying to get -- help
5 people get out of here.
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh, I see.
7 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Go ahead. I'm good.
8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
9 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I'm good.
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11 17) Discussion for possible action regarding permission to allow
12 overnight tent camping in Lions Park or Elquist Park from
13 September 6-14, 2014 for the World Human Powered Speed
14 Challenge (WHPSC) participants, and other matters properly
15 related thereto.
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17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Then let's go to item number 17,
18 discussion for possible action regarding permission to allow
19 overnight tent camping in Lions Park or Elquist Park from
20 September 6th through 14th, 2014 for the World Human-Powered
21 Speed Channel -- Challenge participants, and other matters
22 properly related thereto.
23 PAULA TOMERA: Hi. Paula Tomera, Executive Director of the
24 Lander County Convention and Tourism Authority.
25 And I asked to be put on the agenda because last year you
26 allowed the bike racers that weren't able to get a hotel room to
27 camp in the Belaustegui Park, which is across from Etcheverry's
28 Food Town. And nobody ended up using that simply because there's
29 slabs of cement that they were trying to put a tent --
30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No grass.
31 PAULA TOMERA: -- on and sleep.
32 They didn't get the Portie- -- Porta-Potties there right
33 away. And the water wasn't turned on.
34 So I'm asking that you allow camping for those people and
35 it -- it could be two or it could be six. She said there
36 wouldn't be a whole lot, but we -- she would like to have that
37 option available to the -- to the few that didn't -- wasn't able
38 to get a hotel room booked.
39 And --
40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You're saying there's no hotels

1 available? Or they choose not go in a hotel?

2 PAULA TOMERA: Well, she said that they, -- it was
3 either/or --

4 I don't know specifically because I haven't talked to -- last
5 year I know there were no hotel rooms available. They doubled up
6 in the rooms. And some were sleeping on the floor. And there was
7 a couple of them that did not have a hotel room.

8 So she asked if we would allow them to tent -- tent camp
9 either one of the parks while they were here.

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: Why didn't you get the Porta-Potties
11 and the water turned on?

12 PAULA TOMERA: I think they -- they were delivered. I
13 don't know if they were delivered right at the time they needed
14 to be.

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: So you've got a little more time now
16 to make sure it gets done?

17 PAULA TOMERA: Well, the big issue over there is them tent
18 camping on a slab of cement.

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: The cement rocks. There's no
20 grass.

21 PAULA TOMERA: So -- and I've talked to Marilyn Adams. And
22 I told her that if -- if the commission approves that, then I
23 would let them know that every day they have to take their tent
24 down and put it back up because we do need to water. And she
25 would re-adjust the times that the water goes off.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And they're here how long?

27 PAULA TOMERA: They're here -- they'll start showing up the
28 6th. And the 13th is their banquet. And so the very next day
29 they'll -- they'll start --

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So over a week?

31 PAULA TOMERA: Mm-hm.

32 So like I said, we can't turn the water off in the parks for
33 that long, so they will have to take off, you know, pack
34 everything up. And they have just small tents and things they
35 said. But there are bathrooms there. There's water there.
36 Shade.

37 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I understand that. And I
38 understand their need. But I guess I have concerns for people
39 thinking that's where they're at and we're going to set a
40 precedent. But not only for that, you've got kids coming to

1 that park every day. And I know they're not transients, but
2 they're only here for a week. And I just don't know them. I'm
3 -- I guess that's why I have a little reservation because I know
4 that's a, you know, pretty well-used park.

5 PAULA TOMERA: Well, it could be either Lions or that.

6 And they do race from -- and they're at the civic center from
7 about, like, 7:00 in the morning until they get done racing about
8 7:00 at night. They come back to the civic center, and then they
9 go to their tents at about 9:00 p.m. So pretty much during the
10 day, they won't be at those places.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You don't have any RV parks that allow
12 tent camping here?

13 PAULA TOMERA: The -- the only one that -- well, Randy
14 Clark has his, but his -- his is also gravel. There's no --

15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No lawn.

16 PAULA TOMERA: -- no lawn to set up on.

17 It was just an alternative that they asked me to bring to
18 you, so -- it's --

19 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Go ahead, Jake.

20 JAKE EDGAR: Since they're going to tear down every day, if
21 that's the -- what their protocol is going to be, can they
22 switch parks? Every day?

23 That would be (indiscernible) mowing the lawn or --

24 PAULA TOMERA: I think they would be happy with whatever
25 alternative you guys come up with.

26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, because the water comes on at
27 night. It doesn't --

28 PAULA TOMERA: Mm-hm.

29 JAKE EDGAR: The other thing is, it is in the deal that if
30 somebody does approach the commission to vote on camping in the
31 park, there is a -- whatever the code book sets that stuff.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And you know when you have groups that
33 do this kind of thing, I don't understand why they don't get
34 together and get an RV and come in, you know, with an RV, a
35 camper or something. I just --

36 PAULA TOMERA: Some of them --

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I have a tough time. Overnight is
38 one thing, but it's like --

39 PAULA TOMERA: And some of them are, you know, groups that
40 are funded by universities and that.

1 And some of them are just individuals. Like we have two
2 individuals that come from Russia. And he has his bike. And then
3 he brings his, like, manager with him. And so there's only the
4 two. They're not funded by big universities.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And they won't take a hotel? That
6 isn't part of the expense?

7 PAULA TOMERA: Well, they're having to cover their own
8 money to come acro- -- you know, come here to be involved in
9 this. So --

10 I guess that there's not very many of them that do that.
11 Last year there were only two. So --

12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, I guess -- I guess, --

13 PAULA TOMERA: But I don't want them --

14 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- that's my concern. This year
15 there'll be six. Next year there'll be 20. And, you know, I
16 mean, where do you draw the line?

17 PAULA TOMERA: Mm-hm.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But I mean, I'm not trying to be
19 I'm --

20 PAULA TOMERA: No, I understand.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I keep thinking of trying to find
22 another place.

23 PAULA TOMERA: Mm-hm.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And I guess my kind of thought was
25 the softball fields, just because they're watered during the
26 day. They're not watered at night. You're not shutting off any
27 sprinklers. And most generally when they're here --

28 PAULA TOMERA: Like at the high school?

29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: When they're -- no, I'm talking out
30 by the golf course.

31 PAULA TOMERA: The only problem is is some, you know, I
32 don't know if they have -- well, I don't know. I guess they
33 could drive out there. It's just they wanted to be closer in
34 town so that they were able to use utilize the restaurants and,
35 you know. Are there -- is there water out there for them to
36 use? Is the restrooms unlocked and --

37 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: If there was a Porta-Potty --

38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah. The restrooms could be out
39 there; can't they?

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: What if we don't?

1 PAULA TOMERA: Then they'll just not -- like last year,
2 they didn't -- they just --
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: They figure it out for themselves.
4 PAULA TOMERA: Well, they were camping wherever.
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, yeah, but they're on -- these
6 people are groups that are --
7 PAULA TOMERA: No, some of them are individuals.
8 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, I understood, but --
9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I --
10 COMMISSIONER MASON: What if we just don't open it up to
11 them that way?
12 PAULA TOMERA: Then that's your choice. Yep.
13 They just asked us --
14 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I don't want to be discourteous
15 either. You know, I mean --
16 I guess.
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: I mean these peop- --
18 PAULA TOMERA: They're putting a lot of dollars into our
19 community when they come. So --
20 COMMISSIONER MASON: Doesn't sound like it.
21 PAULA TOMERA: I think they do. They eat at a restaurant
22 at least two times a day.
23 COMMISSIONER MASON: I know, but they -- you know, it
24 doesn't sound like they're getting a room or anything. They
25 went --
26 PAULA TOMERA: Well, I don't know. Last year --
27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Fills them up.
28 PAULA TOMERA: -- they weren't available. We didn't have
29 hotels available. We were full.
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I like your --
31 COMMISSIONER MASON: This year?
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- softball idea.
33 PAULA TOMERA: I'm not sure what the situation is this
34 year.
35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, --
36 COMMISSIONER MASON: There's not that much construction
37 going on at the mines --
38 PAULA TOMERA: But --
39 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- now.
40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Is it a money issue? I -- I guess

1 --
2 PAULA TOMERA: I don't know exactly what it is, because I
3 didn't speak to them personally. I just know I spoke to Alice
4 Krause that -- that her and her husband run the IHPVA. And they
5 had just said that there were -- there were a couple of
6 individuals last year who were not able to get a hotel room.
7 And I don't know whether it was financially or it wasn't. I do
8 know I spoke to a couple of the racers and -- or the
9 participants who follow them -- and they ended up having to go
10 out to Mill Creek to camp to be able to be part of it, because
11 there was no hotel rooms available.

12 So I'm not sure what it is for the actual racers. This
13 isn't for participants or, I mean, for spectators, it's for
14 participants only.

15 And -- and if you don't approve it, then we will figure
16 something else out.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No, I don't have a problem with
18 them camping somewhere. That's -- that's not the issue.

19 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I suppose they can go to Mill
20 Creek.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, that's what I said. If they
22 really --

23 PAULA TOMERA: That was the thing. It was six miles. So
24 if you have the team working on the bike and then the racers are
25 having to camp at Mill Creek, there's six miles that they're
26 having to walk or do something without a vehicle because the
27 vehicle carries the bike.

28 It's very complicated issue, I know. But I don't -- I don't
29 -- I'm not sure how else we can resolve this. Because we want
30 them to stay in the hotel rooms, of course. That's where we get
31 our money.

32 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I guess my thought into the matter
33 is okay, we okay it this year, but let them know ahead of time
34 next year that we're not going to let a lot of this going on.

35 PAULA TOMERA: Right. Uh-huh.

36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I guess it's kind of short notice.

37 PAULA TOMERA: Well, I can tell you a certain percentage --
38 there's a very small percentage of hotels that let you book a
39 whole year in advance.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No, I'm just saying let the

1 organization know --
2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Know that --
3 PAULA TOMERA: Mm-hm.
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- that we're not going to get a
5 trend that, hey, we're -- we're --
6 PAULA TOMERA: Exactly.
7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- you know --
8 PAULA TOMERA: Allowing this.
9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, because then we're going to
10 have the whole parks --
11 PAULA TOMERA: Mm-hm.
12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- filled up everywhere. So --
13 PAULA TOMERA: Right.
14 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I mean, my pos- -- opinion is that
15 I'll turn you over to Jake. We'll allow it. And let him
16 determine where.
17 PAULA TOMERA: Okay.
18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's my opinion. I don't know if
19 there's a better place, a worse place.
20 And you know, that's more up to those people, too, if they
21 need to be.
22 JAKE EDGAR: We'll do whatever works.
23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Then I'll make a motion that we
24 allow overnight tent camping in Lions Park or Elquist Park from
25 September 6th through the 14th of 2014 for the World Human Race
26 [sic] Power Speed Challenge participants.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
28 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comment?
29 (No comment.)
30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
33 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye. Okay.
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: No.
35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh.
37 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That would be Dave.
38 Okay.
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1 18) Discussion for possible action in support of closing Highway
2 305 at various times in the morning and afternoon from
3 September 7th through September 13th for the World Human
4 Powered Speed Challenge (WHPSC), and other matters properly
5 related thereto.
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7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So item number 18, discussion for
8 possible action in support of closing Highway 305 at various
9 times in the morning and afternoon from September 6th through
10 September 13th for the World Human Powered Speed Challenge, and
11 other matters properly related thereto.

12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Didn't we just do --

13 PAULA TOMERA: And this is just --

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- go back to that one.

15 PAULA TOMERA: -- actually to sign the permit to allow --

16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Did I skip 15?

17 PAULA TOMERA: -- the temporary road --

18 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: No, you did it.

19 PAULA TOMERA: -- closures. And I need the vice chair --

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Oh, did you? I didn't know you
21 did it. Sorry.

22 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sorry.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No, we didn't.

24 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: On 15?

25 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Go ahead. Yeah, we're good.

26 PAULA TOMERA: Okay.

27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No problem.

28 PAULA TOMERA: It's actually -- I just need you to sign the
29 permit.

30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: What time? What time are we
31 talking though?

32 PAULA TOMERA: Okay.

33 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: This is crucial.

34 PAULA TOMERA: Mm-hm. They have -- and we have this --
35 they set this schedule.

36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Because we can't hold up the mine
37 vehicles.

38 PAULA TOMERA: Mm-hm. Okay. So -- and they're 20 minutes.
39 So it says the World Human Powered Speed Challenge is scheduled
40 Monday, September 8th through Saturday, September 13th.

1 There will be 20-minute controlled traffic delays each
2 morning from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and in the evening from
3 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

4 The southern roadblock will be located at the John Davis
5 reload station and northern roadblock will be at -- near mile
6 post 106.

7 During the school days, we will delay the road closure until
8 after the school buses have passed.

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, that means that --

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: We have construction there going on
11 too.

12 PAULA TOMERA: And they -- they stop them for 20 minutes.
13 And then -- while they run the race -- and then they let them
14 through. So it's not a permanent --

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So it's going to affect me
16 coming to the commissioners meeting, which means I have to allow
17 an ex- --

18 PAULA TOMERA: Twenty minutes.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Twenty minutes.

20 PAULA TOMERA: Uh-huh.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So are you telling me we have no
22 other roads less traveled that they could use --

23 PAULA TOMERA: That one is --

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- instead of that one?

25 PAULA TOMERA: No. Uh-uh. No.

26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: That road --

27 PAULA TOMERA: There's only two of them like it in the
28 world that are the smoothest, straightest stretch of road is
29 what --

30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.

31 PAULA TOMERA: -- the IHPVA said. I'm not even kidding. I
32 mean, --

33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It's -- it's --

34 PAULA TOMERA: And they have --

35 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- the elevation and --

36 PAULA TOMERA: And they have purposely gone to Nevada DOT
37 to take the rumble strips out of there. And we've spent, I
38 think it was \$60,000 Convention and Tourism spent last year to
39 get the no-hit posts put in, the plastic posts, just for this
40 race to come. So -- and we -- you know -- so no, there's

1 nowhere else.

2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And I know they w- -- they

3 actually helped get a grant from DOT to do --

4 PAULA TOMERA: Mm-hm.

5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- the paving on that road.

6 PAULA TOMERA: Yep. To resurface it.

7 JAKE EDGAR: -- Convention and Tourism. Is there any

8 possible way you guys could buy bleachers that have tires, so we

9 --

10 PAULA TOMERA: Oh, my gosh. We can talk about the bleacher

11 thing later.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: So I just have to -- we'll need a

14 motion for the --

15 PAULA TOMERA: I just need the chair to sign the --

16 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: The vice chair.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Vice chair.

18 PAULA TOMERA: -- for the vice chair to sign the permit.

19 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Do you have the original?

20 PAULA TOMERA: Mm-hm.

21 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay. I need a copy of the

22 original once he signs.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We've got to have a motion first.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion the vice chair sign

25 the permit for the --

26 PAULA TOMERA: Just give me that thing.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- closing of Highway 305 from -- at

28 various times from September 6th to September 13th for the World

29 Human Powered Speed Challenge.

30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I will second that.

31 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

32 (No comment.)

33 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

37 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

38 Any opposed?

39 (No comment.)

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Apparently, I skipped item
2 number 15.

3 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: No, Patsy deferred it.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Oh, Patsy deferred it?

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I didn't defer that.

6 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: You deferred on --

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, no.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I skipped 15.

9 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Oh, sorry, sorry, sorry.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. No. No. No. I still had it to
11 go back to.

12 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sorry.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: As a matter of fact, this is one where
14 the visitors center came up --

15 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sorry. Sorry.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and we asked him to go ahead and
17 start cleaning.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Let me open it here.

19

20 15) Discussion for possible action regarding Desmond Skeath DBA
21 D.S. Construction contract for the Maintenance and repair of
22 Austin Buildings and Facilities start date to be revised to
23 incorporate the period from June 1, 2014 through July 10,
24 2014, to cover the period of the verbal agreement to proceed,
25 and other matters properly related thereto.
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27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, item 15, discussion for
28 possible action regarding Desmond Skeath, dba D. S. Construction
29 contract for the maintenance and repair of Austin building
30 facilities, start date to be revised to incorporate the period
31 from June 1st, 2014 through July 10th, 2014, to cover the period
32 of the verbal agreement to proceed, and other matters properly
33 related thereto.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: When we revised the contract last
35 time, we revised it effective July 10th. Through his -- his
36 current contract we amended that, which is to October. And
37 apparently, we had already asked him to start cleaning. So we
38 owe him back. And we didn't address that.

39 So I'll make a motion that we actually pay Desmond Skeath,
40 dba D. S. Construction for the maintenance from -- period from

1 June 1st, 2014 through July 10th, 2014.
2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.
3 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
4 (No comment.)
5 Those in favor?
6 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I have --
7 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
9 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- a question. Is it something we
10 need to have signed? You're good?
11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.
12 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.
13 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
14 Any opposed?
15 (No comment.)
16

17 **21) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval**
18 **of Proclamation No. 2014-02, a proclamation recognizing the**
19 **month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and**
20 **other matters properly related thereto.**
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22 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, I believe we're at item 21.
23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action
25 regarding approval/disapproval of Proclamation Number 2014-02, a
26 proclamation recognizing the month of September as Childhood
27 Cancer Awareness month, and other matters properly related
28 thereto.

29 Who brought this?
30 Who brought this up?

31 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Let's see. It looks like an e-mail
32 I forwarded to Jim.

33 JIM OLSON: Me?

34 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yeah, I forwarded it, the e-mail to
35 you. I don't know who did the proclamation.

36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: American Cancer Fund for Children?
37 Steven Firestein?

38 I mean, I have no problem with it.

39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Let's vote.

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion that we
2 approve -- approval of the Proclamation Number 2014-02, a
3 proclamation recognizing the month of September as Childhood
4 Cancer Awareness month.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And authorize.

6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And authorize the vice chair to
7 sign.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

10 (No comment.)

11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

12 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.

16 Those opposed?

17 (No comment.)

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19 Do you need to get ahold of --

20 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Nope. She made it.

21
22 **22) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of revised**
23 **job description, Senior Deputy Recorder, and other matters**
24 **properly related thereto.**
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26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item number 22, discussion for
27 possible action regarding approval of revised job description,
28 Senior Deputy Recorder, and other matters properly related
29 thereto.

30 IDONNA TREVINO: Basically, all we did to that was update
31 the verbiage and add DMV duties to the senior deputy's job
32 description.

33 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I guess my concern is, is --
34 there's a reason we've always kept DMV separate. And then we're
35 going to incorporate them in here?

36 IDONNA TREVINO: We're going to -- make one senior deputy,
37 which is the next item, --

38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

39 IDONNA TREVINO: -- which would have one senior deputy to
40 oversee both departments. Because the way the job description

1 is written now, the senior deputy cannot supervise DMV. And the
2 DMV clerk cannot perform recording duties, because she's not a
3 sworn deputy.

4 So that's why we're trying to combine it so I can have
5 everybody cross training in that office to do both sides.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And I understand what you're trying
7 to do. I just have concerns of incorporating DMV. I mean,
8 because it's its own separate entity. We could end it any time.

9 IDONNA TREVINO: It can. But -- and if it did, it wouldn't
10 make any difference to the senior deputy's job description, just
11 wouldn't have DMV to do.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But what if we move DMV back up
13 with the assessor?

14 IDONNA TREVINO: Then -- then it also would not apply. We
15 could just rewrite it and take it out of DMV.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Then we'd have to rewrite the DMV.

17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All right. Yeah, I don't know.

19 IDONNA TREVINO: Because --

20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I just have reservations.

21 COMMISSIONER MASON: Catch-22.

22 IDONNA TREVINO: Well, in the deputy's -- in the deputy
23 recorder's position, it says that they can perform DMV duties.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

25 IDONNA TREVINO: And the DMV clerk can perform recordings,
26 but I need that person to be a sworn deputy to follow the NRS.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Now, that's just for your position
28 here? That doesn't affect the position in --

29 IDONNA TREVINO: Doesn't affect anything in Austin.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the south at all?

31 IDONNA TREVINO: No, just here. Because Gail doesn't do
32 recording down there.

33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion we approve the
34 revised job description.

35 JOY SWEENEY: I just wanted to ask: I know that -- did --
36 did the union see a copy of the new job? Did they
37 (indiscernible)?

38 IDONNA TREVINO: I have it.

39 JOY SWEENEY: I know. I -- but did they get a copy?

40 IDONNA TREVINO: I -- yeah, I put it in the packet.

1 JOY SWEENEY: Okay.
2 IDONNA TREVINO: Mm-hm.
3 JOY SWEENEY: No, the union.
4 IDONNA TREVINO: The union?
5 JOY SWEENEY: The union.
6 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.
7 JOY SWEENEY: Did they see copy of the --
8 IDONNA TREVINO: I thought you said they did --
9 JOY SWEENEY: No.
10 IDONNA TREVINO: -- and approved it.
11 JOY SWEENEY: It wasn't approved to me. I gave them a
12 copy, but I didn't get approval. I thought that they -- did
13 Marla get anything from them?
14 IDONNA TREVINO: I think she got verbal.
15 JOY SWEENEY: Yeah. Okay.
16 IDONNA TREVINO: I didn't get anything --
17 JOY SWEENEY: Okay.
18 IDONNA TREVINO: -- in writing.
19 JOY SWEENEY: I'll get it in writing.
20 IDONNA TREVINO: Okay.
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oops.
22 JOY SWEENEY: I just want to get it in writing.
23 IDONNA TREVINO: I thought it had to go through your --
24 JOY SWEENEY: Okay.
25 IDONNA TREVINO: -- office.
26 JOY SWEENEY: I'll handle it.
27 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Until it's in writing, --
28 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: (Indiscernible.)
29 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- I'm a little --
30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Let's defer it then.
31 IDONNA TREVINO: You want to defer that?
32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, because if we don't have it
33 in writing, we can't approve it.
34 JOY SWEENEY: I'll get --yeah -- I'll get it -- I thought
35 that it was sent to Marla.
36 IDONNA TREVINO: Okay.
37 JOY SWEENEY: I apologize.
38 IDONNA TREVINO: Okay.
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1 23) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of Employee
2 #584 Intra-Departmental transfer from DMV Clerk to Senior
3 Deputy grade and hourly wage same, becomes sworn Deputy
4 performing statutory duties of the office of Recorder, and
5 other matters properly related thereto.
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7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. So that means 23's deferred.
8 Sorry for the wait.

9 IDONNA TREVINO: That's okay. We'll try it again. Thank
10 you.

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12 24) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval
13 of the consulting contract between Vetter PR and LEDA for
14 Vetter PR to provide professional public relation, media
15 relation, media placement, and strategic marketing for LEDA
16 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00, and other matters
17 properly related thereto.
18

19 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Item number 24, discussion
20 for possible action regarding approval/disapproval of the
21 consulting contract between Vetter PR and LEDA for Vetter PR to
22 provide professional public relation, media relation, media
23 placement, and strategic marketing for LEDA in an amount not to
24 exceed \$2,000, and other matters properly related thereto.

25 This is actually a cut in the contract from what it was.

26 It's a reduction, so it's a positive thing. So --

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Great.

28 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I just --

29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I make a motion then that we
30 approve -- approval of the consulting contract between Vetter PR
31 and LEDA for the Vetter PR to provide professional public
32 relations, media relations, and media placement, and strategic
33 planning for LEDA in a amount not to exceed \$2,000 and authorize
34 the chair to sign -- the vice chair to sign.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that.

36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?

37 (No comment.)

38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?

39 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
3 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any opposed?
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5 **25) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of payment**
6 **to Western Counties Alliance Association Fee in the amount of**
7 **\$3,000.00, and other matters properly related thereto.**
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9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item number 25, discussion for
10 possible action regarding approval of payment to Western
11 Counties Alliance Association Fee in the amount of \$3,000, and
12 other matters properly related thereto.

13 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's an annual membership.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yep. And I have -- I have a
16 problem with this one. Isn't NACO do everything these guys do?

17 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Uh-uh.

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. No.

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: They don't?

20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: NACO is strictly Nevada. The
21 Western Counties Alliance is combines Utah, Arizona, New Mexico,
22 I think -- I don't --

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah. Anyway, there's a bunch
25 of -- bunch of states fighting, especially land issues.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They do a lot of lobbying, a lot of
27 testifying before --

28 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- congress. Absolutely.

30 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah. NACO is strictly Nevada.

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Oh.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, we have a national NACO, but it
33 still isn't --

34 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- this -- these things.

36 I'll make a motion that we approve the \$3,000 association fee
37 for the Western Counties Alliance.

38 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Do you need a signature too.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And what?

40 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Signature.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And authorize?
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh.
3 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Authorize the vice chair to sign.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And for the vice chair to sign.
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'll second.
6 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?
7 (No comment.)
8 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
9 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Aye.
12 Those opposed?
13 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
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15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So a quick question then on number 19:
16 When I redo that, we're going to e-mail the original. So can I
17 use your e-mail signature and then you stop on Monday and sign
18 the original that we send in?
19 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: What e-mail signature?
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You just -- you put a signature in the
21 e-mail block.
22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Don't have one?
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I mean.
24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Don't have one.
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.
26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I'll come over and sign it.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, but I -- but I don't have --
28 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Fax it.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Will do. Will do. Just asked.
30 I was trying to save you time.
31 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I know. Can you see this pile?
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Moving right along.
33 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: What number next?

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COURTHOUSE/ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROJECT

27) **Discussion for possible action regarding the status of the Lander County Courthouse/Administration Building Project, and other matters properly related thereto.**

1 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item number 27, discussion for
2 possible action regarding the status of the Lander County
3 Courthouse/Administration Building Project, and other matters
4 properly related thereto.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Hey, Max.

6 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Hey.

7 Max Bunch for actually the building committee.

8 First let me start with the -- the project looks like it's
9 running very smooth.

10 Site safety is a -- is a major concern. And we must -- if
11 anybody goes to the building -- must check in at the CORE office.
12 And you have to have all your personal protective gear, your vest,
13 your long pants, your covered toes, your hard hat, your safety
14 glasses.

15 There's a new trailer. And I don't know if you've seen it.
16 It just got moved in this week. It's -- it's a big, white, long
17 trailer.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Closer to the gate?

19 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, it's -- it's right at the gate.

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: They put a gate right in there.

21 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah. So it's there.

22 Basically, they're -- they're moving from the other place
23 because that's -- so they can get all the grading done for the
24 future parking lot if we're able to save the money to -- to get
25 that done. They'll be doing that now.

26 After the rain -- we kind of had a good rain where it rained
27 like half a day. And we noticed that there was some great big
28 puddles and we needed to get those taken care of, because that's
29 where the employees are going to park. So we didn't want them to
30 get out in great, big mud puddles.

31 So to bring you up to date on the planning commission. There
32 was an agenda item on the planning commission last night that --
33 that Mr. Olson applied for on behalf of the county. And they
34 approved the special-use permit last night for the building to be
35 put up. And so some of those things were -- were done. I'm not
36 quite sure why it didn't happen before. Nobody was ever told it
37 had to happen so we're trying to play catch-up. I think that --
38 that worked out okay.

39 We got our Southwest Gas line. That's in the works. Those
40 are -- so I've signed the contracts as the -- as the

1 representative for the county to be able to do that.

2 NV Energy, the temporary and permanent power, that's
3 underway.

4 The solar structure, if you've driven by today, you've
5 noticed that the solar structure is going up, which are all the
6 metal poles in the back of the -- the project.

7 The elevator slabs, we originally had one elevator slab in
8 the basement in. And now we have the second one in.

9 In addition to that, the -- as Jake had mentioned to you, the
10 waterline started today on Sheep Creek Road to start coming back
11 towards Old 8A.

12 We've been having owner-architect contract meetings. And
13 they are going on every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the CORE
14 office on Carson Road. Nan has been, along with myself,
15 attended these meetings. And Commissioner Stienmetz has been
16 there when he's been available to come to that.

17 So -- and any -- if you want to set up a tour, please let me
18 know and I'll set up a tour. I have it where it's set up so that
19 if it comes up after your commission meeting, if you decide you
20 want to go over as a group or individually or whatever that --
21 that I can set that up ahead of time. And then that way he can be
22 set up to go and not be in the middle of pouring 50 yards of
23 cement.

24 So -- but -- but not saying you can't go over there any
25 time you want to. If you want to, just have to check in at the
26 door, at the CORE trailer.

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: Have the safety equipment on, right?

28 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Before you go on-site. As you go
29 on-site. Commissioner Stienmetz and myself went over yesterday
30 after the owner-architect meeting and looked at everything that
31 was coming along. And it looks like it's -- they'll be a few
32 days ahead of schedule. So that's good.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: I can add something there. Anna in
34 our building department has current pictures. Every time she
35 goes out, she takes pictures. And if you just want to take a
36 look, she's got them on her computer.

37 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: They're current.

39 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Any questions?

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: No. We're doing good.

1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No?
2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's going good.
4 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Thank you.
5 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks, Max.
6 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Thank you.
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

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9 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item number 27, discussion for
10 possible action regarding the status --

11 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Are we on twenty- --

12 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Oh, sorry. Twenty-eight. One of
13 those days.
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16 **COMMISSIONERS**

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18 **28) Correspondence/reports/potential upcoming agenda items.**

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20 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Correspondence, reports, potential
21 upcoming agenda items?

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We'll need number 26 on the agenda
23 again.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Twenty-six.

25 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Right after the grass tour.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You got that?

27 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yes. Now did you guys have
28 correspondence in your packet? I didn't. So I didn't know if
29 it was something --

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Nope.

31 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- that got messed --

32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.

33 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- that got missed.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We've gotten something over the last
35 couple of weeks, --

36 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- but there was nothing listed.

38 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.

39 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And that's, I guess, a concern I

1 got is we need a list of the correspondence put in the packets.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Absolutely.
3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
4 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Because we have nothing to refer
5 to.
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah.
7 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Because I know I've gotten a lot of
8 correspondence.
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah. So have I, and I have some
10 of them here, but I didn't --
11 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, so --
12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- know what else --
13 COMMISSIONER MASON: Vicky's still learning.
14 JOY SWEENEY: Yes.
15 COMMISSIONER MASON: She's got a lot going on.
16 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Where do you want me to sign that?
17 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I think right there.
18 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Anything else?
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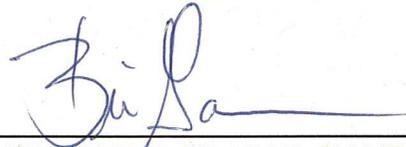
21 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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23 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. if not, public comment for
24 non-agendized items only.
25 (No comment.)
26 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Seeing none.
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29 **ADJOURNMENT**

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31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Make a motion we adjourn.
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.
33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?
34 (No comment.)
35 VICE CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those in favor?
36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.
37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
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