

1 The Lander County Subcommittee for Surplus Buildings, met in special session at the Battle
2 Mountain Civic Center, located at 625 Broad Street in Battle Mountain, Nevada, on August 17,
3 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
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6 **PRESENT: SEAN BAKKER, COMMISSIONER**
7 **ART CLARK III, COMMISSIONER**
8 **DOUG MILLS, COMMISSIONER**
9 **STEVE STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER**
10 **LIZ HEIMBIGNER, COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE**
11 **SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK**
12 **KEITH WESTENGARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
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15 **6:00 P.M.**
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17 Commissioner Sean Bakker called the meeting to order.
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19 Commissioner Sean Bakker led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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21 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
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23 No public comment.
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25 **PUBLIC HEARING**
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28 **(1) Public hearing to receive opinions from members of the public regarding what**
29 **should be done with the current Lander County Courthouse and Annex, located**
30 **at 315 S. Humboldt Street, and other matters properly related thereto.**
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32 The meeting began with Clara Hamilton expressing her desire to keep the building.
33 She would like to see it brought up to code and re-purposed to save our history.
34 Commissioner Mills asked her what she wanted it to be and how much she would be
35 willing to spend to achieve it. Commissioner Stienmetz mentioned possibly having to
36 raise taxes to do it.

37 Lauren Campbell and Shayne Villanueva shared a well-planned presentation on their
38 desire to use the annex building as a preschool/daycare. They would then be able to
39 provide additional employment opportunities for others. Information was given on
40 state requirements for preschools. Shayne Villanueva also talked about her
41 educational qualifications. Commissioner Mills thanked them for their presentation.
42 EddyAnn Filippini would like the building to remain a part of our community as
43 useable space for possibly the library, arts, Basque Club and the museum. She read
44 into the record a letter from her parents, Henry and Marian Filippini, also expressing
45 their wishes to keep the courthouse. Shirley Shepherd wants to see it stay and be
46 used, no matter the cost. We need to keep something here of historical value. She

47 mentioned that it could be used as a community center to be rented out at a less
48 expensive fee than what it costs to rent the civic center. Commissioner Mills said that
49 we are here to get ideas on what it can be used for and to get something going within
50 the community.

51 A representative from the Battle Mountain Alcoholics Anonymous group spoke on
52 their need for a bigger space, not necessarily within the courthouse building, but in
53 one of the buildings under consideration.

54 Commissioner Mills brought up the \$4,000,000.00 amount as a beginning cost just to
55 get the courthouse building up to code. Then the costs could go up from there. A
56 discussion began about there being time to make something happen, the decision is
57 not imminent. We need to have the complete picture and to come up with ways to
58 make it happen. Executive Director Keith Westengard brought the meeting back on
59 track and asked if any others had comments.

60 Maite Kojis wants to see the building remain, to move the library and enlarge the
61 civic center if possible. Lenny Shepherd asked why the building hadn't been
62 maintained and it was stated that it has been maintained but it is almost 100 years old.
63 Daun Bohall brought up the need for a committee to come together to figure out how
64 to raise money for the project. Commissioner Bakker asked if he was volunteering.
65 Commissioner Mills asked who would be on this committee.

66 Lori Price asked if it could be done in stages. She expressed the need to get people
67 together, to brainstorm ideas, get input and talk about it. Liz Heimbigner asked the
68 question of everyone, "What do we want?" Keith told everyone that information
69 needs to be gathered and put together to know what direction to take. He said the
70 overwhelming response has been to keep the courthouse. People need to submit
71 letters of interest to be on the committee.

72 Amy Nelson spoke of the need for transparency and exact numbers, for a plan on
73 what needs to be brought up to code. Kayla Maudlin also urged for the necessity of
74 transparency. Lou Fuller felt that the property needs to end up on the tax roll by being
75 sold. Clara Hamilton asked if it would be possible to get grant monies for the project.
76 Steve Seldin felt it should be put up for auction with the other properties, as the
77 county is not in the real estate or rental business.

78 Bill Schaeffer would like to keep it and mentioned the zoning issues. John Fuller
79 talked of building a new modern facility that would be functional and useful, for a lot
80 less money. Anthony Gordon hopes that our courthouse would not stand abandoned
81 in a residential area as has happened in Hawthorne, Nevada. He said it would be nice
82 to do something that would help revitalize downtown and draw people here.

83 Lauren Campbell's idea for the courthouse building was to have spaces to rent out to
84 people with talents that could be shared through classes. They could be used to
85 entertain tourists. Shirley Shepherd wanted to know if the stuccoing meant the
86 building had lost its historical value. It was said that yes it had but it could be
87 removed, for a price.

88 Commissioner Mills thanked everyone for their participation and for being good
89 natured. Lori Price stated that she thinks we can still get grants even though the
90 building has been stuccoed. John Fuller pointed out that we need to be responsible to
91 the taxpayers in whatever is done.

92 Commissioner Mills stated again that a public committee needs to be formed and
93 Keith Westengard stated that all options would be looked at.

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96 **(2) Public hearing to receive opinions from members of the public regarding what**
97 **should be done with the current Family & Youth Services building, located at**
98 **190 W. 3rd Street, and other matters properly related thereto.**
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100 Lauren Campbell and Shayne Villanueva would also consider this property for the
101 preschool/daycare playground.

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103 **(3) Public hearing to receive opinions from members of the public regarding what**
104 **should be done with the current Battle Mountain Preschool, located at 370 S.**
105 **Mountain Street, and other matters properly related thereto.**
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107 No public comment.
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109 **(4) Public hearing to receive opinions from members of the public regarding what**
110 **should be done with the current Administration Annex building, located at 825**
111 **N. 2nd Street, and other matters properly related thereto.**
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113 Jill Chambliss from Great Basin College went into detail on ways this building could
114 be used to expand the GBC and provide more opportunities for people.

115 Amy Nelson thought this would be a good one to put on the tax roll with a sale. It
116 doesn't have any historical value and is in an industrial area. If it were sold the funds
117 could be used for the other restoration projects.
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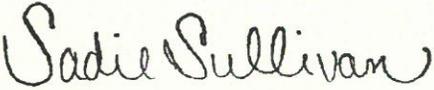
119 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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121 No public comment.
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123 **ADJOURNMENT**

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125 There being no further business before the Commission at this time, Commissioner Sean Bakker
126 moved to adjourn the meeting of August 17, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Stienmetz,
127 the motion was voted and carried. **ADJOURNED.**
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135 ATTEST:


136 LANDER COUNTY CLERK
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COMMISSIONERS AND THE LANDER
COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD