

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 January 9, 2014 at  
4 9:00 a.m.

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6 **PRESENT:** **DEAN BULLOCK, COMMISSIONER**  
7 **STEVEN STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER**  
8 **BRIAN GARNER, COMMISSIONER**  
9 **DAVID MASON, COMMISSIONER**  
10 **PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER**  
11 **SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK**  
12 **NICOLE TING, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
13 **ROGENE HILL, FINANCE DIRECTOR**  
14 **JOY SWEENEY, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**  
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16 Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of five  
17 Commissioners.

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

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22 [Meeting commenced on January 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.]  
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24 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We'll go ahead and call to order the  
25 meeting of the Lander County Commissioners, Town Board of Battle  
26 Mountain, and Austin Board of County Highway Commissioners.

27 We can stand for the pledge. Follow me.

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29 (Pledge of Allegiance)  
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32 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA NOTICE**

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34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action regarding  
35 Approval of Agenda Notice.

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to approve the Agenda  
37 Notice.

38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second it.

39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any comments?

40 (No comment.)

1 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

4 (None opposed.)

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**APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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9 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action regarding

10 approval and acceptance of minutes of December 12th, 2013,

11 Regular Session.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I make a motion --

13 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Hold on. Just a second. There needs to

14 be a correction.

15 I wasn't even here, and it said that I said something and

16 so --

17 TIFFANY ELKINGTON: That's not good.

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I missed that.

20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: On page 3, the very, very top line.

21 TIFFANY ELKINGTON: You were here in spirit.

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah. I'm sure that should read "Vice

23 Chairman Stienmetz." So --

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I make a motion we approve the minutes

25 as corrected on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, our Regular Session.

26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second that.

27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

28 (No comment.)

29 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

30 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

32 (None opposed.)

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**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

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37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Commissioner Reports on meetings,

38 conferences and seminars attended. Dave.

39 COMMISSIONER MASON: I just had attended one meeting that

40 was last night. The Planning Commission met at 6:00 o'clock.

1 And there were four standard approvals, which will all come  
2 before us. But there was one discussion I thought of interest  
3 to bring forward and that's a company that has a propane  
4 business here in town is applying for two more 30,000-gallon  
5 propane storage tanks on their site. And I don't see anything  
6 wrong with it either. It was approved. But I just thought that  
7 was interesting to bring up. The propane business, because of  
8 the weather we've been -- I guess -- has really increased.  
9 Anyway, so that will give them three 30,000-gallon tanks on  
10 their property. That's all I have.

11 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Patsy.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. I have a couple to report  
13 on. One is our Central Nevada Regional Water Authority Meeting,  
14 which was held December 13<sup>th</sup> in Fallon. And a couple of  
15 things that I wanted to highlight. One is they did renew the  
16 contract for our consulting hydrogeologist. His name is Dan  
17 Dragon. And he does the ground water monitoring program  
18 throughout our area here. And they did renew that. I think it  
19 was a total of like 70 --

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Something like that.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- wells that he is monitoring with  
22 our ground water.

23 And another interesting presentation was on our new  
24 regulations that we will be putting forth regarding hydrologic  
25 fracturing. There's been a lot of concerns. And we haven't had  
26 any in Nevada yet that are doing the fracturing, looking for oil  
27 and the underground things, but we haven't had any regulations.  
28 And we had an appearance of actually Gary Johnson, who is the  
29 deputy BLM Nevada State Director of Minerals Management; rich  
30 Perry, who is the administrator for the Nevada Division of  
31 Minerals; and a gentleman that's a BLM petroleum engineer. And  
32 they were assuring us they were on top of that, that they  
33 definitely will have the regulations ready and will have them  
34 ready to go for the next legislature. They're being reviewed.

35 And the seismic information that they were doing was  
36 brought up and the concern to Nevada. And his comment was most  
37 interesting. He said the geothermal is actually more active on  
38 the seismic. That will make more of a difference on our  
39 underground --

40 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- seismic activity than actually the  
2 fracturing that they were concerned about. So it was an  
3 interesting meeting.

4 On December 19<sup>th</sup>, I had a Division for Aging meeting. And  
5 they are actually putting together a video conference. They are  
6 inviting the commissioners all over to attend regarding the  
7 budget and being cut and the -- the concerns to the senior  
8 citizens and what that might mean for the counties coming up.

9 And also had a meeting on our NRS 459 committee, which is  
10 the tobacco money. And that has to be reported to the governor.  
11 And so we're working on that right now of what they would like  
12 the tobacco money to actually be used towards and our  
13 recommendations towards the seniors and what kinds of programs  
14 we'd like on that. Then that goes to the governor the first  
15 part of this year. So the next couple months, we'll be  
16 finishing that up. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Brian.

18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I'm good. I didn't have any.

19 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Steve.

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I also attended the Central Nevada  
21 Regional Water Authority. And I don't having anything  
22 additional that Patsy hasn't said about it already.

23 And then yesterday we had a security building meeting for  
24 the new courthouse. And that will be brought up today what we  
25 talked about.

26 And that's all I have.

27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. I attended LEDA yesterday. We  
28 actually have three companies looking at Lander County -- two  
29 specifically at Lander County -- and one that's looking at other  
30 counties besides us. There is a meeting set up with one of the  
31 companies Monday in Carson City to further investigate how they  
32 can move their manufacturing here. So LEDA is promoting  
33 bringing businesses into the community and the county.

34 And that's all I have.

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37 **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

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39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So we'll move on to discussion for  
40 possible action regarding Payment of the Bills.

1 JANE BIANCI: I have a couple to ratify. The first one is  
2 Check #46677 to Business Card in the amount of \$2,959; the  
3 second one is 46699 to Wells Fargo Remittance, \$918.38; Check  
4 #46826 to Chase Card Services in the amount of \$464.47.

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6 (Commissioners reviewing Payment of the Bills.)  
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8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: For the record, I will be abstaining  
9 from Check #46781 for travel expenses.

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11 (Commissioners reviewing Payment of the Bills.)  
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13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to ratify Check #46716  
14 through Check #46761 for the amount of \$78,518.11.

15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

16 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comment?

17 (No comment.)

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

19 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

21 (None opposed.)  
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23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to ratify Check #46796  
24 through Check #46823 in the amount of \$58,555.63.

25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

27 (No comment.)

28 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

29 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

31 (None opposed.)  
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33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to ratify Check  
34 Numbers 46763 through Check #46783 in the amount of \$35,241.52.

35 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second that.

36 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

37 (No comment.)

38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

39 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

1 (None opposed.)  
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3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion to ratify Check  
4 Numbers 46854 through Check #46902 in the amount of \$921,093.09.

5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

6 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any public comment?

7 (No comment.)

8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

11 (None opposed.)  
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13 **Chase Card Services**  
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15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to ratify Check #46826  
16 in the amount of \$464.47 to Chase Card Services.

17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I will second the motion.

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

19 (No comment.)

20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

21 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

23 (None opposed.)  
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25 **Wells Fargo Remittance**  
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27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to ratify Check #46699  
28 in the amount of \$918.38 to Wells Fargo Remittance.

29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comments?

31 (No comment.)

32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

33 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

35 (None opposed.)  
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37 **Business Card**  
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39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to ratify Check #46677  
40 in the amount of \$2,959 to Business Card.

1 COMMISSONER STIENMETZ: I will second the motion.

2 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comment?

3 (No comment.)

4 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

7 (None opposed.)

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9 (Commissioners reviewing Payment of the Bills.)

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11 JANE BIANCI: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks, Jane.

13 COMMISSONER STIENMETZ: Thanks, Jane.

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thanks, Jane.

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17 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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19 1) **Public Hearing and discussion for possible action regarding**  
20 **approval/disapproval of Ordinance No LC 2013-03, an ordinance**  
21 **amending Section 15.20.310 of the Lander County Code to**  
22 **updated the areas of special flood hazard identified by the**  
23 **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the flood**  
24 **insurance study (FIS), and the accompanying flood insurance**  
25 **rate maps (FIRM) and flood boundary and floodway maps (FBFM);**  
26 **and other related matters.**  
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28 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. We'll go ahead and go to Item  
29 Number 1, which is a public hearing and discussion for possible  
30 action regarding approval/disapproval of Ordinance No LC 2013 --

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you want to do payroll changes  
32 first?

33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No. No.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We're past the time for this.

36 -- LC 2013-03 an ordinance amending 15.20.310 of the Lander  
37 County Code to update the areas of the special flood hazard  
38 identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and  
39 the flood insurance study (FIS), and the accompanying flood  
40 insurance rate maps (FIRM) and flood boundary and floodway maps

1 (FBFM); and other related matters.

2 Okay. So we're now open for public comment on this  
3 ordinance.

4 (No comment.)

5 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Seeing no comments, we'll go  
6 ahead and close the public hearing.

7 And do we have a motion on this ordinance?

8 COMMISSONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion the Commission  
9 approve Ordinance Number LC 2013-03, an ordinance amending  
10 Section 15.20.310 of the Lander County Code to update the area  
11 of special flood hazard identifications by the Federal Emergency  
12 Management Agency (FEMA), and the flood insurance study (FIS)  
13 and the accompanying flood insurance rate map and flood  
14 boundaries and flood ways maps.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that. Do we need an  
16 effective date on your motion?

17 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: It's effective as soon as it's signed.  
18 So --

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, it would be effective as  
20 soon as we sign.

21 ROGENE HILL: Yeah.

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: As soon as we approve it.

23 ROGENE HILL: It becomes effective --

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It said the ordinance becomes  
25 effective after the second publication date?

26 COMMISSONER STIENMETZ: That's today.

27 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Right. And we'll have to publish  
28 again that -- if it was approved or not approved. So then it  
29 will be two weeks after that publication.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So did you second it?

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes, I did.

33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?

34 (No comment.)

35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

36 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

38 (None opposed.)  
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1 **PAYROLL CHANGE REQUESTS**

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3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Now, let's go back up to  
4 discussion for possible action regarding Payroll Change  
5 Requests.

6 We have two of them: Employee #1360 and Employee #1342.

7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion we accept Employee 1360  
8 and 1342 for Payroll Change Requests.

9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I will second the motion.

10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any comments?

11 (No comment.)

12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

13 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

15 (None opposed.)  
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18 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Public comment for non-agendized  
21 items only.

22 (No comment.)

23 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Seeing none, we'll go ahead and  
24 go on to Item Number 2.  
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27 **FINANCE**

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29 2) **Discussion for possible action regarding budget review,**  
30 **contracts, financial update and other matters properly**  
31 **relating thereto.**  
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33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action regarding  
34 budget review, contracts, financial update and other matters  
35 properly relating thereto.

36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Good morning, Rogene.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

38 ROGENE HILL: Good morning. Okay. First off, we wrote off  
39 23 accounts totaling \$9,208.14 bringing our active accounts at  
40 the collection agency to \$515. Rule is no activity for a period

1 of six months is written off.

2 Update on the Executive Director position. This has been a  
3 lot longer process than any of us had realized. The company had  
4 to come out and basically interview us and approve us before we  
5 could even get started with the process. We've been authorized,  
6 and we have -- then the next process was to get authorization  
7 from each candidate to make sure that we had authorization in  
8 order to do the background checks. We have that in place. They  
9 were all submitted. The process will take approximately eight  
10 to ten days. So we should know by next Commission Meeting. In  
11 talking with all the three candidates, they are all still very  
12 interested in the position. So that was a good thing -- seeing  
13 that the process has taken a lot longer than we had hoped.

14 Accounts receivable for the month of December is as  
15 follows: water \$12,570; sewer, 12,264; water and sewer  
16 miscellaneous, \$5,765; landfill \$18,549; ambulance, \$850, for a  
17 total accounts receivable collections of five hundred -- or  
18 sorry -- accounts receivable at collections is \$515, for a total  
19 accounts receivable of \$50,513.

20 Budget packets were sent out before Christmas with budgets  
21 being due by Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 o'clock.

22 Just a reminder that all the departments need to give Joe  
23 any maintenance issues for any of the buildings by mid-January.

24 We will be holding our yearly budget workshop on Wednesday,  
25 March 12<sup>th</sup>.

26 Just to give you a heads up, a memo was sent out to all  
27 elected officials and department heads on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December  
28 regarding deadlines for payroll submissions. For as long as I  
29 can remember, everyone knows payroll is due to the Finance  
30 Department by 10:00 a.m. every Monday prior to Friday's payday.  
31 For some time now, we have had to follow-up on time sheets not  
32 being submitted by the cutoff. We are on a timeline for getting  
33 payroll processed and to the bank for direct deposits. On the  
34 memo, it clearly stated that if time sheets were not submitted  
35 by Monday at 10:00 o'clock, they would not be included in the  
36 regular payroll run. Tomorrow is payday for all employees other  
37 than the elected officials. And there will be a few employees  
38 not receiving their two-week pay. I know this is going to cause  
39 a hardship on a few. But it is the responsibility of the  
40 department head or elected official to make sure that time

1 sheets are submitted by the deadline. As soon as we are in  
2 receipt of the approved missing time sheets, we will process a  
3 special payroll.

4 Our quarterly economic report has been submitted to the  
5 state. And we will also be doing a budget augment for the next  
6 commission meeting.

7 Any questions?

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Rogene, yes. Would you clarify that  
9 for me?

10 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You did receive the time sheets late?  
12 Or you still have not received them?

13 ROGENE HILL: We still have not received the time sheets.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes. Okay.

15 ROGENE HILL: And we've been having issues with time sheets  
16 not being submitted until Tuesday afternoon and as late as  
17 Wednesday morning. It just -- we can't do the payroll in a  
18 timely manner that way. So it's time we -- we've just got to  
19 put our foot down and -- sad as it is. So -- thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks, Rogene.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

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25 **BUILDING**

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27 3) **Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**  
28 **projects for the Building Department and other matters**  
29 **properly related thereto.**  
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31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. We'll go to Item Number 3,  
32 ~~discussion for possible action regarding operations and projects~~  
33 ~~for the Building Department and other matters properly related~~  
34 ~~thereto.~~

35 ANNA PENOLA: Good morning.

36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Good morning, Anna.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

38 ANNA PENOLA: For the month of December, we had 12 permits  
39 issued and one -- not one -- one not permitable inspection.

40 Our on-going projects is the Newmont lab, which is very,

1 very close to completion. Just waiting to hear back from the  
2 contractors for a final.

3 We have AT&T mobility that wants to put up new antennas and  
4 upgrade their system at Stony Point, Antelope Valley, and  
5 Cortez.

6 We have AT&T that wants to do the same at Stony Point and  
7 Austin.

8 In the south, we still have projects with Verizon tower in  
9 Austin. Presently, there's 11 open construction building  
10 permits in the south.

11 We just installed new electrical circuit in the hallway at  
12 the courthouse -- Austin Courthouse.

13 Ormat will be submitting plans for Phase 2 of the  
14 geothermal plant in Grass Valley in the near future. Presently  
15 designing fire suppression system.

16 Kingston Clinic proposed. Joe met with Phil Hanna, Robert  
17 Johns and Ann and John Miles on January 3rd of '14 for the  
18 preconstruction meeting. And that's getting on its way.

19 Just a note, Nevada Rate Gold, Black Rock Canyon Mine,  
20 located near Lander County and Crescent Valley is being closed.  
21 They have issued a reclamation permit by the Nevada Department  
22 of Environmental Protection Bureau of Mining Regulation and  
23 Reclamation for reclam --

24 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Reclamation.

25 ANNA PENOLA: reclamation -- thank you -- of the mine site  
26 as well as the mill site area. Nevada Rate Gold has requested  
27 NDEP/BMRR to amend the permit to allow them to utilize the  
28 fenced area, including the mill building so the property may be  
29 utilized for commercial and industrial use for the future. NDEP  
30 and BMRR is requesting an approval letter to be granted by the  
31 Building and Planning Department to allow this request. On  
32 December 31<sup>st</sup>, a letter was e-mailed to Mitch Geisler,  
33 G-E-I-S-L-E-R, with Nevada Rate Gold explaining the process and  
34 requirements, which would have -- which would have submitted  
35 prior to approval of the letter being granted for future  
36 industrial use. And we will keep you guys apprised of -- as  
37 things go on.

38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Thanks, Anna.

39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thanks, Anna.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Anna, I want to be sure that you still

1 have our town hall on your list --  
2 ANNA PENOLA: Absolutely.  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- for the electrical system.  
4 ANNA PENOLA: Absolutely.  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. We thought maybe when he did  
6 the courthouse, he might have been whipped over there.  
7 ANNA PENOLA: He whipped over to the airport.  
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh. Okay.  
9 ANNA PENOLA: So it's -- it's on-going.  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
11 ANNA PENOLA: So you're not forgotten.  
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
13 ANNA PENOLA: Promise.  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.  
15 ANNA PENOLA: Okay. Thank you, guys.  
16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.  
17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thanks.  
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.  
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21 **ENGINEER**

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23 4) **Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**  
24 **projects of the Lander County Engineer and other matters**  
25 **properly related thereto.**  
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27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 4, discussion for possible  
28 action regarding operations and projects of the Lander County  
29 Engineer and other matters properly related thereto.

30 MARK BRETHAUER: Good morning, everybody. Mark Brethauer  
31 for the record there.

32 How's everybody this morning?

33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Good.

34 MARK BRETHAUER: Good. All righty. We'll go down the list  
35 again as usual.

36 And I'm hoping everybody got their colored spread sheet  
37 there in the file. Good.

38 First project on the top of the list there, the Fifth  
39 Street Alley is the status quo. We're still waiting for fog  
40 sealing. We've got to wait for temperatures to come up for

1 that. So we're still holding retention on that as usual, and  
2 they won't be paid until that work is done.

3 On the Well 9 project, drilling and re-equipping. The  
4 plans for the new building and associated pipeline are out to  
5 bid at this time with bids due by February 5<sup>th</sup>. The engineer's  
6 estimate is approximately \$1.9 million on this project.

7 Two bids were received yesterday for the new pump and motor  
8 and the apparent low bidder was received -- low bid was received  
9 from C. H. Spencer & Company at a cost of \$122,000. We are  
10 reviewing those quotes right now just to make sure everything  
11 meets our specifications, and we've got our staff working on  
12 that. Second bid was provided by Carson Pump at \$165,000.

13 All easements from New Nevada Lands and Lander County to NV  
14 Energy have been recorded, including the 60-foot wide easement  
15 from New Nevada Lands to Lander County. All moneys for the  
16 purchase of the 20-acre parcel have been transferred except  
17 approximately \$400 in closing costs. And I'm working with  
18 Rogene on that. The grant deed is being processed right now and  
19 will be forwarded on to me once New Nevada Lands has signed  
20 their portion of the document. And the design approval  
21 agreement was received by NV Energy -- from NV Energy, signed  
22 and returned so that work can proceed. Portions of the design  
23 will end up going into the contract so that the contractor can  
24 take care of certain aspects of the design, so the power will be  
25 there.

26 On the 2013/2014 Water Sewer Replacement Project, we had a  
27 preconstruction meeting for this project last week. And bids  
28 have to be received by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The engineer's  
29 estimate is approximately \$1.4 million. The project consists of  
30 the installation of approximately 4,000 feet of new water line  
31 and about 6600 feet of new sewer main. Because we didn't yet  
32 have the software or training to set up a permit for this type  
33 of work, I prepared an inspection spreadsheet that will be utilized  
34 by myself and our Building Department inspectors as well as the  
35 contractor so we can track all of the inspections as the project  
36 goes along. The spreadsheet will be developed for each of the  
37 22 plan sheets that we have -- planned profile sheets of the  
38 project so everyone knows exactly what items are to be  
39 inspected. We also set the liquidated damage value at \$1500 per  
40 day instead of the \$200 per day that was used on previous

1 projects.

2 Mountain View Golf Course Expansion. We did receive a  
3 report back from the design consultants, which includes a list  
4 of five alternatives and their associated costs. We're planning  
5 to have a meeting with the golf course design team and our staff  
6 in the near future to discuss the final report. It may end up  
7 where the final option will be actually including a portion of  
8 the five proposed options. But once this has been all completed  
9 and reviewed, we'll present these findings back to the  
10 commissioners.

11 Cemetery fencing is still on the list there. Of course, as  
12 we discussed at the last meeting, we'll be looking at possible  
13 funding for that next year.

14 Austin Visitor Center Project. Construction is  
15 approximately 75% complete with final completion still expected  
16 near the end of January, except for the landscape work, probably  
17 won't have that done in time. But --

18 I'm keeping the Interstate Pedestrian Bridge over I-80 on  
19 the list. And as soon as I have some kind of a schedule from  
20 NDOT on that, we'll put that on the list and keep everybody  
21 updated.

22 Some of the miscellaneous projects I'm working on. Cormany  
23 has reviewed the plans for the new CXT restroom/concession stand  
24 at the racetrack, found no issues. We're still waiting for  
25 quotes to come in from the local contractors for the  
26 construction of the septic system and the other utilities we  
27 need for the building. It's -- they're just taking their time.  
28 I guess they're really busy. But we keep bugging them.

29 Cormany has provided review comments for the new fuel  
30 station at the Austin Airport. And they have been provided to  
31 the consultant for incorporation into the plan sets. And I  
32 haven't heard anything else on any additional funding for that  
33 project at this point, so I think they're still looking.

34 I just received a copy of the meeting minutes from the  
35 Technical Advisory Committee meeting that we had for the Battle  
36 Mountain Airport Master Plan that was held back in November.  
37 And I placed a copy of that in everybody's mailbox. So  
38 hopefully you guys had a chance to see that here pretty quick.  
39 As you probably recall, we're going to attempt to include the  
40 water system improvements for the airport within the FAA's

1 Master Plan for possible funding by the FAA. So we're kind of  
2 holding off to see how much we can actually include in their  
3 plan. And if it's anything, we can possibly maybe share some of  
4 the costs with them if they're able to support some of that --  
5 those improvements out there. So that's kind of been -- that  
6 will be included in the FAA Master Plan. So they may say no.  
7 It's hard to say at this point.

8 I've now updated each of the 74 CAD versions of our Orange  
9 Book Details that we'd like to adopt for Lander County. And  
10 I've provided all of our staff with copies. And they've all  
11 provided comments back to me. We're still waiting for a few. I  
12 will present all the details to the Commissioners at the  
13 January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting for review and approval and hopefully  
14 adoption by Lander County. And these will be used use for all  
15 capital improvement projects and normal development that will  
16 come into a county. The next step will be providing the details  
17 to Washoe County for inclusion and distribution into the --  
18 everybody's Orange Book Details so everybody will have them.  
19 And ultimately, we'll have them on our website so that  
20 consultants who are working in the area will know exactly what  
21 we want to have built and how we want it built and that sort of  
22 thing.

23 One thing, I met with Idonna a couple of weeks ago to  
24 discuss potential storage locations for all of my record  
25 drawings that I've been collecting. They're pretty much out of  
26 space at her facility as well. So I purchased another plan file  
27 storage cabinet. And I've begun to start collating and hanging  
28 all of those plan files. And we'll get them all categorized and  
29 laid out and indexed in that plan file so when we move to the  
30 new facility that cabinet will just come with as, and we'll have  
31 it there for references. Again there too, we have all those  
32 record drawings digitally so we can try and find a spot on our  
33 website for those as well.

34 That's all I have, unless anybody has any questions,  
35 concerns, comments?

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I have a question.

37 MARK BRETHAUER: Sure.

38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Part of it's for Jake too. What's up  
39 with the Second Street -- and for Donnie -- what's up with  
40 Second Street sewer and all that? Was that ever approved?

1 JAKE EDGAR: It's out -- you talking North Second?  
2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yep.  
3 MARK BRETHAUER: That's part of the --  
4 JAKE EDGAR: He's going out to bid on the 15<sup>th</sup> --  
5 MARK BRETHAUER: That's part of the same project.  
6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Is there something we can do with  
7 that road, Donnie, before --  
8 DONNIE NEGRO: We're patching today.  
9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It's one lane.  
10 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah. We're patching.  
11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I mean, we have truck traffic going  
12 both ways, and it's one lane. You got to stop, wait for the  
13 truck to pass, and you've got to take the other one. It's  
14 becoming a huge nuisance.  
15 DONNIE NEGRO: We're over there patching, and we sent a  
16 blade over there to sunk in the shoulders. It's --  
17 COMMISSIONER GARNER: All right.  
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Mark, would you clarify something for  
19 me --  
20 MARK BRETHAUER: Sure.  
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on Shaw Engineering, because I know  
22 some of the history. And last year when I came on, they  
23 actually decided they were going to finish our contract.  
24 MARK BRETHAUER: Right.  
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And they didn't want any more to do  
26 with us. Now, I'm noticing that we do have a lot going on with  
27 them. There was what, over a thousand dollars with just your  
28 communication with them. And I'm going what -- why are they  
29 still in this? Not the ones that they're completing.  
30 MARK BRETHAUER: That's what they're working on for us  
31 right now with us right now, plus the record drawing  
32 information.  
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And they're charging us separately for  
34 what -- I guess I'm a little confused.  
35 MARK BRETHAUER: I'd have to look at exactly what they are.  
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
37 MARK BRETHAUER: -- what you're talking about.  
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Did they come to the pre-bid  
39 conference?  
40 MARK BRETHAUER: To the pre-bid? Yes. Yes. They did --

1 they did --

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So are they interested in bidding more  
3 with this county. Is that -- is that my understanding?

4 MARK BRETHAUER: No, no, no. It's their plan sets. They  
5 put together the whole -- the entire complete 30-page plan set  
6 for us as was asked when I came on. And the pre-bid is the time  
7 you sit down with contractors who are interested --

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

9 MARK BRETHAUER: -- in bidding the job --

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

11 MARK BRETHAUER: -- and discuss the plan sets. So the  
12 representative of the plan who developed and drew the plans up  
13 has to be there to answer questions about the plans. And that's  
14 why they participate in that.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Then how long will that continue with  
16 us since --

17 MARK BRETHAUER: It's --

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we're severing our relationship  
19 with them. I don't understand.

20 MARK BRETHAUER: Right, well, there's were a bunch of  
21 projects apparently that were asked for them to come back on and  
22 help finish up. And that was one of them, from what I  
23 understand. But their time is being limited to what exactly  
24 their responsibilities are by myself.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

26 MARK BRETHAUER: So we're doing as much as we can in house  
27 --

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

29 MARK BRETHAUER: -- to limit their involvement for sure.  
30 Exactly.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Appreciate the clarification.

32 MARK BRETHAUER: -- consultant we're involved with. So  
33 definitely -- and that's part of the inspection process as well.  
34 Typically, they would probably be the ones who come out and do  
35 the inspections for us or hire a separate inspection firm. But  
36 because of my history and what I've been able to do, there's no  
37 reason why we can't have our own in-house staff be doing the  
38 inspections as well myself. So that's why I'm developing the  
39 spreadsheet so to help our staff to be able to do those  
40 inspections. That's a lot of pipeline and a lot of stuff to

1 look at out there. So to help Joe and Anna and myself and our  
2 contractor actually so he knows exactly what he's supposed to be  
3 calling in for us to inspect. That's the reason for the  
4 spreadsheet. And they will be out of the picture unless  
5 something comes up where there's an error or change in the field  
6 or something like that where we say, we have to go back to the  
7 engineers and say, hey, something's changed on the plan because  
8 they've analyzed all the flow systems and they know exactly how  
9 the plans were put together. If it's something I can't answer,  
10 then we may have to go back to them. And then at that point  
11 we'll be, you know, assessed some kind of a fee. But, you know,  
12 we're going to minimize that to quite an extent. That's the  
13 whole phasing of them out -- phasing of them out process. So --

14 COMMISSONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.

15 MARK BRETHAUER: Anything else?

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Thanks.

17 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks, Mark.

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20 **ROAD AND BRIDGE SOUTH**

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22 5) **Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**  
23 **projects for the Road and Bridge South Department and other**  
24 **matters properly related thereto.**  
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26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 5, discussion for possible  
27 action regarding operations and projects for the Road and Bridge  
28 South Department and other matters properly related thereto.

29 DONNIE NEGRO: I'm Burt today.

30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

31 DONNIE NEGRO: Road and Bridge south, what we -- there were  
32 -- business is normal. And we have submitted plans for the new  
33 map. Donna got hers done. And we've got her -- ours done. I'm  
34 talking both. And so they're submitted to Summit Engineering.

35 So hopefully, all they were lacking was a number, the road  
36 numbers. So we went through and numbered them all. It took us  
37 longer than we figured because there was a lot of roads. So on  
38 Burt's part.

39 And Burt's working with Ormat on his -- the Grass Valley  
40 Road is what we he told me last night. So it's pretty much

1 normal. I think they -- did you get snow there?  
2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Wasn't Ormat under contract to take  
3 care of that?  
4 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah.  
5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And it wasn't getting taken care of?  
6 DONNIE NEGRO: It wasn't getting taken care of. So we went  
7 through and talked to them. And things are working a little  
8 better now. But now, they'll be putting in Phase 2, so we're  
9 going to have to go -- or he's going to have to go with  
10 something else. But what we'd like to see them go through and  
11 help pave it, you know, because of the impact that's going in on  
12 it out there.  
13 COMMISSIONER MASON: Didn't they contract to maintain the  
14 road while they were building?  
15 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah.  
16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Does that go over to Phase 2?  
17 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah. It's supposed to. It's supposed to  
18 be an on-going deal, but they weren't holding their part of the  
19 deal.  
20 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is there a penalty or what?  
21 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah. Shut down the road. No -- it's just  
22 a written deal that they were supposed to do it. But it wasn't  
23 getting taken care of, so he had a meeting, and we worked it out  
24 a lot better.  
25 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.  
26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Anything else?  
27 (No comment.)  
28 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, we'll go on to Item --  
29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thanks, Burt.  
30 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah.  
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33 **ROAD AND BRIDGE NORTH**

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35 6) **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 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 6, discussion for possible  
40 action regarding operations and projects for the Road and Bridge

1 North Department and other matters properly related thereto.

2 DONNIE NEGRO: What's going on with Road and Bridge North  
3 is we geared to plow the snow. And the snow didn't come. So  
4 what we're doing is sweeping all the roads. And we got ran into  
5 the ice around December, so we sanded heavy trying to get the  
6 ice to break up. Now we're sweeping it up. And today was such  
7 a nice day that we're out patching today. And we've got the  
8 patch machine running.

9 The landfill. We're taking delivery our last budgeted --  
10 it's a D8. It should be there today. And we pretty well got  
11 our budget. What we budgeted for last year is pretty well taken  
12 care of. All out of equipment is here. And getting ready for  
13 our next year's budget, sitting down. And Tammy's pulling her  
14 hair out trying to put up with us. So --

15 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

16 COMMISSONER STIENMETZ: Thank you, Donnie.

17 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks, Donnie.

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thanks, Donnie.

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21 **PUBLIC WORKS**

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23 7) **Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**  
24 **projects for the Public Works Department and other matters**  
25 **properly related thereto.**  
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27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 7, discussion for possible  
28 action regarding operations and projects for the Public Works  
29 Department and other matters properly related thereto.

30 JAKE EDGAR: Morning.

31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Good morning, Jake.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

33 JAKE EDGAR: Let's start with the sidewalks on Broad Sheet.  
34 We've been shoveling them or we started to re-- we're starting  
35 to shovel them again. And I went back and looked at the  
36 contract that we have with NDOT. And it doesn't state anything  
37 about us taking care of the sidewalk. And I'm not against us  
38 taking care of -- shoveling the sidewalk, I just don't want to  
39 accept the responsibility of, you know, if one of my guys runs a  
40 snow plow into the side of the sidewalk and we chunk it up. I

1 mean, I just need some clarification on the -- and --  
2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That was the --  
3 JAKE EDGAR: -- Joe had given me the --  
4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That was that beautification --  
5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Project. Yeah.  
6 JAKE EDGAR: In the -- in the actual document that they  
7 signed, it says that we'll take care of the shrubbery, you know,  
8 the -- but it doesn't address the sidewalk. We just assumed  
9 that. And I just want to make sure that we're not accepting  
10 something that we shouldn't be, just in case we get into some  
11 kind of legality.  
12 ROGENE HILL: I think basically where -- remember, the  
13 discussion was they -- the state would do the work, and it  
14 would -- we agreed to do the maintenance.  
15 JAKE EDGAR: Again, I'm not against the maintenance.  
16 ROGENE HILL: Yeah.  
17 JAKE EDGAR: I just don't want the --  
18 ROGENE HILL: Yeah, and then --  
19 JAKE EDGAR: -- legality part of it. So if somebody --  
20 I'll try to get ahold of somebody at NDOT, but don't -- if it  
21 snows and we don't do anything, don't panic. Let's -- I'm  
22 trying to figure it out first. Let's not talk about that  
23 anymore.  
24 I talked with Burt during budget process. I'm going to try  
25 to -- we've talked about it before. I talked with Burt to hand  
26 the parks in Austin over to him so I don't have to go down  
27 there. I haven't been there in a while. I feel bad.  
28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They look good.  
29 JAKE EDGAR: Huh?  
30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They look good.  
31 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah. It would be easier for him to handle  
32 that. And I can stay in contact with him still and, I mean,  
33 during budget session we're going to go over that.  
34 Another question for the budget session coming up is we  
35 have a bunch of flags around town that we deal with on a basis.  
36 And I was -- wanted to pick your guys' brains here real quick.  
37 If you guys would like to do one gigantic flag, kind of like  
38 Elko has, maybe out by the BM, or -- so that we're not driving  
39 around town doing flags during -- all day long deal.  
40 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Just make one central flag?

1 JAKE EDGAR: One central flag for the whole deal.  
2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: If each place wants to fly their own,  
3 they're responsible for it?  
4 JAKE EDGAR: Right.  
5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's a pretty good idea.  
6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Can't we do it on the new  
7 courthouse?  
8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We could.  
9 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah. Just whatever -- just wanted to.  
10 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: What I'm saying is that would be a  
11 better place for it --  
12 JAKE EDGAR: So --  
13 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- is if we did it there.  
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, what about the water tower?  
15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: You going to climb it?  
16 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah.  
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: You bet.  
18 JAKE EDGAR: Excuse me. Oh, wow. Anyway, just food for  
19 thought before the budget process. I was going to call Elko and  
20 see how much they actually, you know, what the maintenance on  
21 their big giant flag is. And so that's going to be --  
22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.  
23 JAKE EDGAR: -- coming up too.  
24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It might be a lot.  
25 COMMISSIONER MASON: How many flags are we talking about?  
26 JAKE EDGAR: We have about ten right now that we deal with  
27 now every day. So it's not -- it's not like it's that huge of  
28 deal, but it sure would make it nice for us to --  
29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It becomes a huge deal sometimes.  
30 JAKE EDGAR: I mean, it does, but -- and we should be more  
31 prevalent to what we're doing. But anyway, it kind of makes out  
32 hard sometimes. Just a thought. I thought we could just get  
33 away with one flag. So trying to use the --  
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, let's say we went to the larger  
35 flag, a single flag, where would you want to put it?  
36 JAKE EDGAR: That ain't my choice. That's why I said --  
37 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, but you said you had something in  
38 mind.  
39 JAKE EDGAR: I mean, by the BM mountain or at the new  
40 facility, wherever. I just -- somewhere you can see it and

1 everybody can enjoy it would be my suggestion.

2 We had the bid -- the bid get postponed. And it will be  
3 out on the 15<sup>th</sup>. A few of the contractors were nervous about  
4 the ground water situation over across on the north side of  
5 town. I'm sure it'll get handled fine. So on the 15<sup>th</sup>, we'll  
6 have that bid. I'm a little nervous with the number. Just  
7 seeing that those guys are so nervous about the ground water,  
8 I'm nervous about what their number is going to come back to do  
9 the dewatering. We don't really have any place to put the water  
10 per se. In the past, we've let them go to the sewer plant. But  
11 this being such a long trench and everything, I don't know if  
12 we'll have the capacity to accept it. We will be able to accept  
13 some, but they'll have to have their own deal through the --  
14 through the state to get rid of their water however they deem  
15 fit. So if Donald has some roads that need water, which right  
16 now doesn't seem like you need water, but maybe, they'll be  
17 talking to him. So that was part of the reason why the bid got  
18 postponed. So we'll -- on the 15<sup>th</sup>, we'll open it. And I'll  
19 be back before you guys on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, I believe, to go back  
20 over that.

21 We also have had our handheld went down. I talked to you  
22 guys about that before. We're going to have a lot issues coming  
23 up with transponders and meters and things that they were  
24 reading on the old one, and we can't get them to read on the new  
25 one. They're supposed to cross over, and they're not, which  
26 we'll get -- we'll get it handled. It's just going to take a  
27 long process. Maybe at the budget meeting that might be another  
28 thing you might see is to change every meter pit that we haven't  
29 changed yet, will probably be one project you'll be looking at.  
30 And that will include a new meter at the pit and the  
31 transponder. So --

32 And then talking with Max and those guys, if you guys want  
33 me to wait to talk about that until Number 16, we can do that  
34 because that would be better off.

35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, let's wait.

36 JAKE EDGAR: Question for you guys, the aquatic center,  
37 where are we at. The budget process is coming up. And I'd had  
38 a phone call from Brian asking me where the pool cover was at.  
39 I'm not going to spend any money on the pool until we figure  
40 out -- I don't know if it's -- I shouldn't say it's pointless,

1 but I don't want to jam money into something we really don't  
2 need to. So --

3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So basically we just basically got the  
4 architect signed off.

5 JAKE EDGAR: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And then we'll go through with the --

7 JAKE EDGAR: So as long as it's --

8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- getting the CMAR together. I mean  
9 you're not going have a pool this year or a rec center.

10 JAKE EDGAR: So as long as it's not a super safety, you  
11 know, violation or something, should I hold -- I guess -- I'm  
12 kind of asking for direction. Should I hold off or should I not  
13 or --

14 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We still got to, at this point, take  
15 care of what we have.

16 JAKE EDGAR: Okay. That's perfect what I needed to hear.

17 COMMISSIONER GARNER: If there's safety issues, take care  
18 of it.

19 JAKE EDGAR: Well, I --

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Anything. I mean, you've got to  
21 -- just as if the pool --

22 JAKE EDGAR: Well, I know --

23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Still has to operate this next  
24 summer.

25 JAKE EDGAR: We don't have a huge budget to operate on.  
26 So --

27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

28 JAKE EDGAR: The more we don't do -- yeah, I mean, I'm not  
29 saying that in a bad term --

30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

31 JAKE EDGAR: -- but you know, if we can get away with  
32 something a little bit cheaper then we should probably try that.  
33 But I will take that into consideration and follow through with  
34 what you're saying.

35 Also, I haven't heard anything back from JUB on the master  
36 plan at the airport. I'm kind of pinned against the wall with  
37 our project out there until they actually decide what they're  
38 doing with the master plan. If anybody has an update from JUB  
39 or --

40 MARK BRETHAUER: That's the part I just mentioned earlier.

1 JAKE EDGAR: I wasn't here.

2 MARK BRETHAUER: Oh. What we're doing right now, we have a  
3 master plan kickoff and trying to incorporate those water line  
4 improvements that we've been talking about into that master plan  
5 to see if the FAA can cough up some money to help pay for those.  
6 They -- there's a possibility they can -- they'll fund some of  
7 that and then the rest of it may be shared by us. So we're  
8 trying to see how much money we can get out of them first before  
9 we jump in full board with our money.

10 JAKE EDGAR: In the future, just kind of a -- keep me in  
11 the loop, so that I -- I'm going to have to talk to her. July  
12 is coming fast.

13 MARK BRETHAUER: Well, I think we have another TAC meeting  
14 coming up. We'll invite you to that one.

15 JAKE EDGAR: Okay. All -- my whole part is just for her.  
16 The rest of it, you know, it's a project is a project, but come  
17 July --

18 MARK BRETHAUER: It's the end of February. I'll let you  
19 know what the date is for that.

20 JAKE EDGAR: So we're probably not going to have anything  
21 done for July?

22 MARK BRETHAUER: It all depends. I'm not sure how fast the  
23 FAA works on these kind of projects.

24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We weren't --

25 JAKE EDGAR: Well, --

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We weren't requiring FAA money. This  
27 was our project.

28 JAKE EDGAR: Right, but --

29 MARK BRETHAUER: Right.

30 JAKE EDGAR: If -- the last time I was here, Mark mentioned  
31 if they're going to do the master plan, we don't want to overlap  
32 anything.

33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.

34 JAKE EDGAR: So I just need to know what they're going to  
35 do, so that we're not --

36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Duplicating.

37 JAKE EDGAR: -- doing the same thing. So --

38 MARK BRETHAUER: We're working on it.

39 JAKE EDGAR: -- if you want -- I'll say it right now -- if  
40 you direct me to get a project out, I can do that and give them

1 what we want prior --

2 MARK BRETHAUER: I'll be working with them on that. I'm  
3 the lead on that, so I'll have to worry about that.

4 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I guess I'm confused. I thought we  
5 already budgeted for it.

6 JAKE EDGAR: We did.

7 MARK BRETHAUER: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We budgeted, and we had a plan.

9 JAKE EDGAR: We did.

10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So --

11 MARK BRETHAUER: But we don't want -- we don't want to be  
12 in conflict with what the FAA may actually be helping us out  
13 with out there because they do have a master plan. And we're  
14 hoping maybe with can do something --

15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, last year the FAA was broke.

16 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.

17 MARK BRETHAUER: I guess ever once in a while they've got  
18 to do a -- every five years they've got to do a master plan out  
19 there. And this is the year it comes up. So what from what  
20 JUB's telling me, there's a possibility that we could get some  
21 money from them for this.

22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: What's their hold up?

23 MARK BRETHAUER: It's just that the time frames they  
24 usually have to comply with to get -- we already had the kick  
25 off meeting in November. And then they start putting everything  
26 together based on what are needs are. And that's what our needs  
27 were. If you guys look at your minutes on that, it was  
28 discussed on that. And then they have a follow-up meeting in  
29 February, the end of the February. And that's when -- it should  
30 be done by, I think, by mid-spring. And then they present to  
31 the FAA, and then they decide whether or not they can help fund  
32 this project for us or not. So it's like, well, if you've got  
33 free money coming in, utilize part of that. And we only have to  
34 use part of what we have funded to fill in the blanks where they  
35 won't fund.

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We're up against -- we can't wait for  
37 free money either. We're not just going to wait around for free  
38 money. We need to get this project on going. We need to get  
39 her done. This is the problems we've had out there for the last  
40 several years. We're having this problem with water. That's

1 our whole --

2 MARK BRETHAUER: Oh, yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- intention is to get this --

4 MARK BRETHAUER: It's been going on a lot of years.

5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- going.

6 MARK BRETHAUER: And you've got problems with your fuel  
7 systems out there and a whole bunch of problems too. I realize  
8 that.

9 JAKE EDGAR: I think on my behalf, what I was trying to get  
10 at is if I could get something designed. I don't know what the  
11 legalities are of it, but I think JUB is our airport engineer.  
12 I don't want to like --

13 MARK BRETHAUER: We don't have to use them for that kind of  
14 design. We can use anybody we want for design of a water  
15 system. Their primary focus is runways and pretty much just  
16 runways. But if they -- if they can help us with the  
17 infrastructure we need to support the airport facility itself  
18 then that could be incorporated into their master plan. And  
19 that's what we're hoping for. So we'd know by this spring. If  
20 the money's still there, I mean, it's not going to go away.  
21 That's my understanding.

22 So it's your decision. If you guys just want to jump in  
23 and do a design and get it done, that's fine. If you want to  
24 wait and see what the FAA is going to cough up, we can wait a  
25 few months and see what they can incorporate as well.

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, the FAA -- they're broke. So  
27 --

28 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They're broke. Our -- what we're  
30 designing is from -- basically from the airport out. It's  
31 going supply the airport also, correct, but it's not --

32 MARK BRETHAUER: Right.

33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- going to be anything to do with --

34 MARK BRETHAUER: And that's our justification for it to  
35 help support the airport then there's justification for them  
36 providing some funding for it. We're hoping. And this is what  
37 I'm hearing from the airport engineers.

38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: But they may not decide to do it  
39 for another three years.

40 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I know. And then we're out.

1 MARK BRETHAUER: If we find out in a few months they can't  
2 do it, then we can move ahead with our design. I say we've  
3 waited this long, we can wait a few more months and see what  
4 they come up with. If they're broke, they're broke. If they've  
5 got some money --

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do we still have additional funds in  
7 the budget for this fiscal year?

8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: This has already been funded a year  
9 ago.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's what I thought. So it's  
11 sitting there, right?

12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It has been sitting there waiting and  
13 waiting. Jake --

14 MARK BRETHAUER: Last I -- when I first came on six, seven  
15 months ago that was the -- I brought up a proposal to the Board  
16 for a study so we could get the design going for a master plan  
17 at the airport. And that's when it got shot down when JUB was  
18 here. And they said they weren't ready for it or something was  
19 going on. I'm not sure what it was. We had like a \$25,000  
20 contract with JUB to do -- to start doing the design for the  
21 system out there. And it was shut down.

22 JAY FISCHER: Jay Fischer with Reese River Hydrologic.  
23 We -- we're not going to do anything with a design here. It seems  
24 like we're talking about free money here and a budget. But we  
25 budgeted for this, we should, you know, go ahead with the design  
26 work for what we want, what the county wants here to serve the  
27 racetrack and the facilities that we're really interested in  
28 here. And --

29 MARK BRETHAUER: But the two work for one another here.  
30 They both feed one another.

31 JAY FISCHER: Well, kind of --

32 MARK BRETHAUER: ~~The system is not just for the racetrack.~~  
33 It's also for the airport facility.

34 JAY FISCHER: Kind of. I mean, there's two water systems  
35 out there. There's one large system to provide the water for  
36 the BLM and the air tankers and the mixing. And then there's a  
37 smaller drinking water system that serves the buildings around  
38 there that we also really need for these new facilities at the  
39 racetrack.

40 MARK BRETHAUER: Yeah. It's a mess out there. There's a

1 spider web of main lines going everywhere. And from what I'm  
2 hearing from Carla and Rick, they're breaking right and left.  
3 When one person is taking a demand on the system --

4 JAKE EDGAR: So I don't see any harm with proceeding with  
5 the design for --

6 COMMISSONER STIENMETZ: Right.

7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah, I don't -- this -- and if they  
8 want to pitch in money later. I say we go ahead with the  
9 design. This is -- it's such a simple design. I mean, it's one  
10 trunk line with a couple kickoffs, and a holding tank or  
11 whatever needs to be designed.

12 JAKE EDGAR: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's all.

14 COMMISSONER STIENMETZ: Right.

15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I mean, we can tie in. We can stub.

16 JAKE EDGAR: The only thing I can --

17 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We can still -- we can -- if there's  
18 a master plan that comes out that we need to add a stub or  
19 something, great. But it's the most simple design in the world.  
20 It's one line.

21 JAKE EDGAR: What I didn't want to do, Brian, and I'm  
22 not -- is say the master plan says, oh, this is how much water  
23 that we can see in the future that we're going to need or  
24 whatever --

25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.

26 JAKE EDGAR: And they want to drill a new well or  
27 refurbish, I -- there's enough water there. I just didn't want  
28 to get into the conflict of, yeah, I know the design is easy.  
29 But, you know, if they present something to us and you guys  
30 accept it, I didn't want to have conflict, you know, in that  
31 sense also. So if you guys -- if you guys want me to go  
32 forward, and --

33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, and the master plan out there  
34 hasn't changed in how many years?

35 JAKE EDGAR: Well, that's what I'm getting at.

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It's --

37 MARK BRETHAUER: I don't think there is a master plan for  
38 out there.

39 JAKE EDGAR: Well, yeah. Anyways.

40 MARK BRETHAUER: Not for the water system.

1 JAKE EDGAR: All I need is for whatever, whoever --  
2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion we go ahead with a  
3 design.  
4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.  
5 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?  
6 (No comment.)  
7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All those in favor?  
8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.  
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Those opposed?  
10 (None opposed.)  
11 JAKE EDGAR: I will presenting a packet to you guys on the  
12 golf course. You'll probably get it maybe Tuesday. We have  
13 received some options from the architect and the engineer.  
14 Seems way out of scope. But you'll get to see all that. And  
15 there's some good options that we've also dealt with. So I'll  
16 be presenting the packet to you. So before the meeting, you'll  
17 have time to have some food for thought. And hopefully, we can  
18 come to some sort of agreement or whatever.  
19 Other than that, that's pretty much it. Lots of water  
20 leaks.  
21 MARK BRETHAUER: I got one question. If we can back up  
22 with Jake's deal with the water system out there. Can any of  
23 that money be utilized for the fuel system out there? If  
24 they're having a hard time --  
25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Uh-uh.  
26 MARK BRETHAUER: It can't? It has to be strictly for the  
27 water system alone and that's it?  
28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It's the water system.  
29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you, Jake.  
30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks.  
31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Appreciate it.  
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34 **COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE**

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36 8) **Discussion for possible action regarding update by the**  
37 **Community Health Nurse on the flue clinics held recently in**  
38 **Battle Mountain and other matters properly related thereto.**  
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40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Item Number 8, discussion for

1 possible action regarding update by the Community Health Nurse  
2 on the flu clinics held recently in Battle Mountain and other  
3 matters properly related thereto.

4 RITA NEWGARD: Good morning.

5 BRENDA KELLER: Good morning. Brenda Keller, from the  
6 Community Health Office.

7 RITA NEWGARD: And Rita Newgard, from the Lander County  
8 Community Health.

9 BRENDA KELLER: I think most of the Commissioners are aware  
10 that on Wednesday, December the 18<sup>th</sup>, the medical community in  
11 Lander County recognized collectively that we needed to get some  
12 more flu vaccine into the community. Typically, our season  
13 ends. I was here on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November and expressed that to  
14 you all. Not that we don't stop giving vaccine, but by then we  
15 typically have given the majority of our vaccine.

16 On December 18<sup>th</sup>, because of what was going on locally,  
17 state, and nationally, we recognized that we needed to bring  
18 some more vaccine into the community. Fortunately, we have  
19 medical community in this community that are very well  
20 connected. We quickly immobilized a plan, started to put that  
21 plan in place. Public health was contacted in the State of  
22 Nevada through the immunization program to see how much vaccine  
23 we could get and how quickly we could get it. The hospital  
24 generously offered to also place a vaccine order through their  
25 purchasing people through their pharmacies to see how much they  
26 could get. Sometimes it can take two to three weeks to get  
27 vaccine, other times it takes us 24 hours. Fortunately, we were  
28 able to get vaccine in a 24-hour period.

29 Rita was on leave which left me alone in the office. The  
30 hospital generously offered some administrative support to me.  
31 Our phones were kind of ringing off the hook. People were  
32 asking questions. People wanted vaccine. I did have a small  
33 amount, less than a hundred doses, in the clinic. So EMS also  
34 stepped up to the plate, offering assistance to me administering  
35 the vaccine I had.

36 That allowed me to put together another P.O.D. event, such  
37 as we put together and administered during the health fair.  
38 Typically, that event takes us couple -- three months to plan.  
39 I can be a very authoritative person and delegated a lot of  
40 duties to a lot of people who stepped up to the plate to help me

1 With the help of the hospital, Keith, the Sheriff's Department,  
2 we organized that event in about a 30-hour period of time, start  
3 to finish, from the time we started planning till the first  
4 time -- until we started administering vaccine.

5 So on Wednesday -- of course, I think as a nurse -- and so  
6 for me, it was getting the vaccine. How was the vaccine coming?  
7 Did we have the tools necessary to administer that vaccine?  
8 Would we need syringes? Would we need needles? You know.

9 I can say the hospital stepped up to the plate, offered me  
10 everything they had. Phil Hanna presented to the back of my  
11 office and said, whatever you need, whatever we have is yours to  
12 have.

13 They printed posters for me. EMS distributed them  
14 throughout the community. It was placed on the reader board.  
15 Busy organizing things. EMS contacted the SO. The sheriff, Ron  
16 Unger, made arrangements to have road closures done. Contacted  
17 Donnie Negro to get us the cones and blocking street tools,  
18 barriers that we needed to get that done.

19 I was very thankful that Rita returned after a leave of  
20 absence. On Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, she got what we call  
21 just-in-time training. It took me about 20 minutes to tell her  
22 what was going on and what her duties were going to be. Rita  
23 immediately mobilized food for the event, got us tables so that  
24 we'd have them to administer vaccine.

25 I presented it to Rogene and Nan's office saying, I need  
26 food to feed these people that are going to help us get this  
27 event in place. Same thing, Rogene stepped to the plate and  
28 said, whatever you need is yours.

29 I then placed calls to SMD, Atlas Towing and Recovery, John  
30 Davis and Frank Sullivan.

31 We knew this event because we knew that we weren't going to  
32 get the vaccine until late on Thursday afternoon. It was  
33 ordered Wednesday morning. We knew our delivery confirmation  
34 time was Thursday at 5:00 o'clock. So we knew that we couldn't  
35 do the event before then.

36 Having to plan this event for the first time, we had some  
37 challenges we'd never faced. Number one, it would be dark.  
38 Number two, it was cold. Temperatures were expected to be  
39 around zero. Part of the reason we wanted to hold the event  
40 outside was we did not want people congregating and spreading

1 germs, so reducing, you know, increasing the risk to those  
2 people that would be administering vaccine and also to the  
3 general public. So thinking about all these risks and  
4 mitigating them to the least expected amount, collectively, the  
5 hospital, myself, and the clinic decided outdoors was the best  
6 place to do this.

7 We were very thankful when SMD, Atlas Towing, John Davis  
8 Trucking, Frank Sullivan, when I called them 6:30 Thursday  
9 morning and said, I need lights and heat, they generously  
10 provided that to us. We had portable heating devices. They all  
11 said, we'll come set up. We'll help you, whatever you need.  
12 When do you need us there? I said, if we could have equipment  
13 by 3:00 today, it would be awesome. Three o'clock, equipment  
14 started to arrive.

15 It was probably 10:00 o'clock in the morning when the  
16 strike team and the medical staff commenced again. And we  
17 feared that we would not have enough vaccine on Wednesday, so  
18 Phil Hanna -- I had ordered all that the state had on hand --  
19 Phil Hanna generously offered to place a second order. So he  
20 essentially doubled what he ordered. Still again, that vaccine  
21 was guaranteed by Thursday at 5:00 o'clock.

22 So -- so Thursday about 3:00 o'clock the equipment started  
23 to arrive. By 4:00 o'clock, we ordered that the hospital clear  
24 all their employees' parking spaces and move their vehicles.  
25 They did. By 4:30 in the afternoon, Keith Westengard, Brian  
26 Garner, Ron Unger -- Sheriff Ron Unger -- were all there  
27 starting to set up. I remember at one point Keith came in and  
28 asked me, can I set the tables this direction? Can we do this?  
29 We have some safety concerns. And I looked at him and said  
30 you're in charge. You take care of the outside. I'll take care  
31 of the inside. I've got some issues about freezing vaccine  
32 while we're outside and other things I'll deal with. So you  
33 deal with the outside. I'll deal with the medical side of it.

34 And I have to say, your employees stepped up to the plate.  
35 Our community stepped up to the plate.

36 Ninety minutes after we started, they devised a plan.  
37 About 4:30, 90 minutes later we are administering the first  
38 vaccine into arms.

39 We administered 745 vaccines in a three-hour period of  
40 time.

1           So -- the work doesn't end there, however. On Friday,  
2 after the event, our phones continuously rang off the hook.  
3 Phil Hanna, again, generously offered us some administrative  
4 support in the office. Fearing again that we weren't going to  
5 have enough vaccine, Phil put in a third vaccine order and got  
6 us more vaccine because we knew that Monday was coming and more  
7 people would want the vaccine.

8           Throughout the weekend, my phones continued to ring off the  
9 hook. Rita and Karissa from the hospital were entering the --  
10 all -- everybody has to fill out a form. All of that  
11 information has to be entered into a database. It took them  
12 about 35 hours to input all of that data because everybody's  
13 address, phone number, age, date of birth, all go into that  
14 database. So it took them about 35 hours to enter all of those  
15 vaccines in.

16           Sunday night rolls -- Sunday afternoon rolls around.  
17 Really the community was still wanting vaccine. Because of Phil  
18 Hannah's efforts, we had vaccine to administer. It was decided  
19 that, again, the best way to administer that vaccine, to get it  
20 into the most peoples' arms as quickly as possible would be to  
21 mobilize another clinic.

22           We contacted the civic center who generously offered us  
23 space. We contacted staff to help us with that, ordered food  
24 up, and printed posters. EMS, again, distributed those posters  
25 for us on Sunday afternoon.

26           We opened up the doors at 9:00 o'clock Monday morning and ran  
27 it until 7:00 o'clock at night and administered another 525 doses  
28 of vaccine.

29           In a two-day period of time, in two clinics, about 70  
30 people and 25 businesses assisted us in two clinics that  
31 administered a total of 1300 vaccines. That's double what we  
32 typically administer in an entire flu season.

33           On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we reported to this committee -- this  
34 committee -- commissioners that we had administered about 1200  
35 doses of vaccine.

36           To date, we estimate that we have administered -- or about  
37 3200 people within our community have been vaccinated for this  
38 year's flu strain. We vaccinated people from Austin, Round  
39 Mountain, Winnemucca, Elko, Idaho, Colorado, Washington. We  
40 turned nobody away who presented to our clinics.

1 This vaccine was offered free of charge.

2 Public Health and the clinic continue to have vaccine  
3 available. We estimate there's 250 doses available, but I want  
4 you to know that our work is not done yet.

5 In order to justify using public funds and taxpayer funds  
6 to purchase the vaccine, the needles, the alcohol, other things,  
7 an after-action report has to be done. It takes about five  
8 hours to complete each of those reports. We have to complete  
9 one for each event that we did. So for -- another ten hours of  
10 work goes into that.

11 Again, this is a joint project. The project -- Rita and  
12 the hospital and Keith Westengard, Safety from Lander County,  
13 will also be assisting in completing that project. Rita does  
14 about 80% of that work. So the three-hour event, Rita has about  
15 70 hours of data entry. By December 29<sup>th</sup>, every dose of  
16 vaccine that was given at those two clinics, all 1300 doses were  
17 already into our data system. That's an incredible amount of  
18 work in a very short period of time.

19 Not to mention that I continue to see patients. I continue  
20 to do the regular business of the Community Health Office.

21 It's my estimate that the two clinics cost about \$150,000.  
22 That was all given to this community for free.

23 Planning and training made this a success. Our emergency  
24 operation plan was used. It was successful. And I'm very happy  
25 to report that we have set the bar very high for others to  
26 follow.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Brenda, that was a very thorough  
28 report. Thank you. Most enlightening. Kudos to you, your  
29 staff, and of course, the community that rallied.

30 And my concern then would be, what happened to the south  
31 end of the county?

32 BRENDA KELLER: We felt -- we called up to the south end of  
33 the county and asked if they wanted us to come up there, and  
34 nobody responded to our request.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Who did you call?

36 BRENDA KELLER: We are going the end of this month.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Who did you call?

38 BRENDA KELLER: Well, also --

39 RAY WILLIAMS: They're talking about Austin right now.

40 BRENDA KELLER: -- was checking into that. I'm sorry.

1 RAY WILLIAMS: That was Patsy that was asking about that.  
2 BRENDA KELLER: I spoke with -- I'm sorry, what was the  
3 question?  
4 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: He was just letting the other  
5 people know --  
6 BRENDA KELLER: Okay.  
7 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- who was speaking.  
8 BRENDA KELLER: I called up to the schools. And I -- I  
9 don't have the information with me who I spoke to at the  
10 schools. I also -- spoke with Kingston Fire --  
11 RITA NEWGARD: Oh, what's his name? Let me think.  
12 BRENDA KELLER: Keith. Who is it?  
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: Brad.  
14 BRENDA KELLER: Brad.  
15 RITA NEWGARD: Brad Ward.  
16 BRENDA KELLER: But we had been up in Austin a couple of  
17 times. And we -- from the consents, we had a ton of conse--  
18 more consents than we expected to see from Austin and Round  
19 Mountain in the consents that we put in the computer. And I've  
20 had no requests from Austin. Nobody's called my office and  
21 asked.  
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I did have a couple of comments.  
23 BRENDA KELLER: Oh, okay.  
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: How come Battle Mountain is rising to  
25 the occasion and Austin wasn't asked. And I truly think we need  
26 to get you some connections and some --  
27 BRENDA KELLER: Okay.  
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- some people --  
29 BRENDA KELLER: Certainly.  
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to contact.  
31 BRENDA KELLER: Certainly.  
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Austin's on the phone.  
33 Did you any information on that that somebody requested  
34 anything?  
35 BRENDA KELLER: I guess my question would be: Did anybody  
36 call and request? I mean, all of the calls I've gotten in my  
37 office, nobody was from Austin.  
38 RITA NEWGARD: Uh-uh.  
39 BRENDA KELLER: None.  
40 RAY WILLIAMS: Can we make a public comment?

1 BRENDA KELLER: Sure.  
2 RAY WILLIAMS: Yeah. This is Ray Williams.  
3 The last time you were up here, I guess, the only people  
4 that really knew about it was the senior center. And  
5 afterwards, there were a lot of questions about, well, when's  
6 the health nurse going to come give the flu shots.  
7 If there's some kind of communication -- if you'd put out  
8 some kind of a poster when you're coming up here, I'm sure you'd  
9 have a lot of our elderly representatives show up to get their  
10 flu shot.  
11 BRENDA KELLER: Um, it was advertised. Am I not correct,  
12 Rita?  
13 RITA NEWGARD: Yeah, it was.  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Advertised where?  
15 BRENDA KELLER: At the senior -- well, we send a poster up  
16 to the senior center. And we send a poster to the school every  
17 time we come. And we've done that for ten years.  
18 RITA NEWGARD: Mm-hm.  
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But that's a small part of our  
20 population that actually are in school that take that home and  
21 the senior center. So we need to work on your contacts so that  
22 we definitely can get those passed.  
23 BRENDA KELLER: Certainly, who would work on that with me.  
24 I'd be glad to partner with whoever wants to do that.  
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll work you, Brenda.  
26 BRENDA KELLER: Okay.  
27 RAY WILLIAMS: A notice in the post office would suffice.  
28 A lot of people don't go to the senior center. And most of us  
29 don't go to the school unless there's an activity.  
30 BRENDA KELLER: Okay. Okay. Like I said, we've done it  
31 that way. And I just assumed that when I faxed it up there  
32 that, you know, because it was put on there, please distribute  
33 throughout your community. So, you know, I'd be glad if  
34 somebody could give me a fax number to the post office. I'd be  
35 glad to fax -- also include that in the fax list when we do  
36 that.  
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, your fax number would be the  
38 courthouse to start. And yes, I will work with you on that to  
39 be sure it's advertised.  
40 JOY BRANDT: This is Joy Brandt in Austin. If you'd fax it

1 to this office, I can get it out.

2 BRENDA KELLER: Okay. So who -- I'm sorry. I don't know  
3 who I'm speaking to.

4 JOY BRANDT: I work at the County Commissioner's Office in  
5 Austin.

6 Okay. We'll put that in the list to fax all of our notices  
7 when we're coming to you.

8 JOY BRANDT: Okay.

9 BRENDA KELLER: Thank you, Joy.

10 JOY BRANDT: (Indiscernible.)

11 BRENDA KELLER: And our next date for Austin is --

12 RITA NEWGARD: January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

13 BRENDA KELLER: -- January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Did you hear that, Joy?

15 JOY BRANDT: Yes, I did. Thank you.

16 BRENDA KELLER: Are there any other questions or concerns?

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Job well done. Thank you.

18 BRENDA KELLER: Thanks.

19 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks.

20 RAY WILLIAMS: That's January 22<sup>nd</sup>, it will be at the  
21 senior center; is that correct?

22 BRENDA KELLER: Correct.

23 RAY WILLIAMS: Thank you.

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26 **COMMISSIONERS**

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- 28 9) **Discussion for possible action regarding public land issues**  
29 **update by Ken Brown, Western Counties Alliance (WCA) and**  
30 **continued support for the WCA concept; and other matters**  
31 **properly related thereto.**  
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33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, let's go on to Item Number 9,  
34 discussion for possible action regarding public land issues  
35 update by Ken Brown, Western Counties Alliance (WCA) and  
36 continued support for the WCA concept; and other matters  
37 properly related thereto.

38 Come on up, Ken.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning, Ken.

40 KEN BROWN: Well, good morning, Commissioners. Good to be

1 here today. Appreciate time on the agenda.

2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: State your name --

3 KEN BROWN: I just want to thank --

4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- for the recorder.

5 KEN BROWN: Ken Brown, Western Counties Alliance. Sorry  
6 about that. Thank you, Commissioner.

7 I had the opportunity to attend the meeting on Monday  
8 night. So hello, Ray and Joy. Maybe they're not on.

9 JOY BRANDT: Good morning.

10 RAY WILLIAMS: Good morning. Phillip's here also.

11 KEN BROWN: Well, you'll be bored because the information's  
12 about the same as it was Monday night.

13 RAY WILLIAMS: No problem. We'll just listen.

14 KEN BROWN: Okay. Always appreciate Donna for her  
15 assistance, things that I need in Lander County. She's been  
16 very good to assist me with my needs.

17 You've received a packet of information, packet of  
18 material, charts, agenda. So we'll just move through that  
19 agenda and have a little discussion about each one of the  
20 issues.

21 Number one, PILT. It appears at the moment that PILT is  
22 going to be extended for 2014 payments. And that's good news.

23 The level of funding is still up in the air, because  
24 there's still the budget wrangle going on back in DC as you're  
25 well aware of. But I asked the Interior Budget Office if they  
26 could give me an approximate figure that they thought total  
27 gross amount that PILT would be funded at. And they indicated  
28 425 million. And so that's about what it was last year. And so  
29 if that -- if they can follow through with that, that will be  
30 great.

31 I also asked the question about the 5.1% sequester process  
32 that was implemented last year, if that was going to be  
33 implemented for 2014. They didn't think so. But what does that  
34 mean? You know, so I just hope that the sequester is kind of  
35 put in the corner and left there. But I don't know, at the  
36 moment, exactly where that sequester process is at.

37 Interior indicated to me that I always have -- seem to have  
38 quite a lot to say about PILT. They says, why don't you come up  
39 with some offsets to pay for PILT. And I says, okay, I can do  
40 that right now. And I can give you three, what I consider, good

1 areas to fund PILT. The first one, Land and Water Conservation  
2 Fund. As you know, that's -- I don't know -- somewhere around  
3 the 800 million area. It was last year. And they use revenue  
4 in that budget to buy private land. And I just told Interior, I  
5 says, I am adamantly opposed to the federal taxpayer buying  
6 private land, taking it off the local tax roll, therefore,  
7 creating more impact for county government. So I said, why  
8 don't we just discontinue doing that and put the money towards  
9 paying for PILT? Now, conservation easements are in that area.  
10 There's some of that that takes place. But the bottom line is:  
11 What can the tax payer sustain? That's the real bottom line.  
12 So I said you can fund PILT, the net 400 million, out of that  
13 fund with no problem.

14 The second one, mineral royalty. I think right now  
15 nationally there's about 14 billion dollars in that fund. You  
16 could easy fund PILT out of mineral royalty. And then they say,  
17 we'll be taking it from somebody else.

18 Well, how important is PILT? PILT is very important.  
19 Because counties continue to provide and pay for expensive,  
20 valuable services on public land. They cannot do that without  
21 some assistance through the PILT program.

22 And so they can fund out of that mineral royalty.

23 And the third one I gave them was foreign aid. You can  
24 take 400 million out of foreign aid, and there wouldn't even be  
25 a scratch with that dollar figure that's in that area. So I  
26 says, there's three offsets. And any of the three can fund  
27 PILT. You just need to do it.

28 So anyway, that's where we're at. You've seen the charts  
29 that I sent out. Lander County down about 18,000, a little over  
30 18,000 from between 2012 and 2013. And that's primarily due to  
31 the sequester situation. So we just continue to try to move  
32 forward with PILT being funded.

33 Now, the last thing there is we're going to have a special  
34 meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> in DC and are going to propose putting  
35 PILT full funding on a permanent basis. They have to do  
36 legislation to do that. Well, they're not going to be overly  
37 enthused about doing that. But it needs to be done. This  
38 program needs to stay intact and the only way it can do that is  
39 to be a permanent basis with the full-funding phase. Because if  
40 full funding went away, your revenue would go down about 32%.

1 Because PILT was being funded at 62% of full funding when full  
2 funding kicked in '08. So that would be devastating to lose  
3 PILT full funding.

4 There are those in the Congress who continue to indicate  
5 that PILT is nothing more than a western welfare program.  
6 False. And tried to do a little educating in some of those  
7 areas as to the value of PILT and the good that it does.

8 Okay. Geothermal. As you notice from the chart, Lander  
9 County had a substantial increase, about a little over -- well,  
10 just under \$63,000 between 2012 and 2013 from the leasing  
11 process with that program. So there must have been some new  
12 facilities or expanded facilities in the geothermal area.

13 COMMISSIONER MASON: Both.

14 KEN BROWN: Both? That's good.

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Ormat. The original Ormat plant went  
16 in. And then they expanded already. They're planning another  
17 expansion.

18 KEN BROWN: Well, that's good to have that increased.  
19 That's a good, clean source of energy. And it's a big item for  
20 the State of Nevada, counties in Nevada. So that's where we're  
21 at with the geothermal program.

22 There, again, we'd like to do legislation to have  
23 geothermal put on a permanent basis. Because you remember back  
24 in '09 when the feds kept all the money. And then they did  
25 their best, I guess, I can say, to reinstate some of that lost  
26 revenue in 2010 and '11. So -- but if we can do legislation to  
27 have it put on a permanent basis and then have the revenue flow  
28 directly to the county on a formula basis, that would be a good  
29 thing to do. Because states have a tendency to want to tap  
30 county's money. And you know all about that situation.

31 Okay, public land transfer. American Land's counsel  
32 continues to work with that issue. I don't know exactly where  
33 it's at. I've been asked the question several times: When the  
34 time comes, will they try do that legislatively or through the  
35 courts? So it would probably be the number one priority, I  
36 think, is legislatively. It would be difficult because you know  
37 how we stand in the west with respect to legislation going  
38 through the Congress.

39 WCA continues to be in full support of transferring the  
40 land. The land needs to be put into production. That's a big

1 part of America's problem. You know, we're facing that 17 and a  
2 half trillion dollar financial embarrassment is the way I put  
3 it. And that's the reason is we just are not productive. We  
4 have plenty of resource out there to be self-sustaining in  
5 America. And we need do what needs to be done.

6 Wild horse burro continues to be challenge. Numbers in  
7 areas far exceed what the land can sustain. We always support  
8 the board with the gathers. The holding areas are bulging at  
9 the seams. The budget last year was 77 million. I asked what  
10 that budget was for this year, and I didn't get an answer. They  
11 said they didn't have it ready -- the number ready yet, until  
12 they get through with the budget wrangle.

13 Now, the big item there is the slaughter program. And we  
14 have fully supported doing that. There was three permits  
15 issued -- one in New Mexico, one in Iowa, and one in Missouri.  
16 And the plant in Roswell, New Mexico is prepared to open and  
17 begin the slaughter process; however, the legal challenges for  
18 them have been large. And initially, the Humane Society filed  
19 that injunction in federal court. Federal judge lifted that  
20 injunction. Then the Humane Society immediately appealed to the  
21 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. And they lifted the ban and  
22 authorized them to move forward. Now the latest one, and I'm  
23 sure you know this, the New Mexico Attorney General is  
24 threatening to file suit and maybe has -- I don't know for  
25 sure -- in opposition to Valley Meat in Roswell, New Mexico.  
26 And so they was going to open for business on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and  
27 that's been set back a couple of weeks. We hope it's just a  
28 couple of weeks. My concern is how long can they go without  
29 business? You know, they've been waiting and waiting, these  
30 legal -- legal wrangles. And there needs to be those  
31 facilities. They need to be in operation. The -- the wild  
32 animals as well as domestic animals, we need a place in America  
33 to take care -- care of those animals.

34 So anyway, we just continue to support the horse burro  
35 program. I think Joan, who is the division chief, does a very  
36 good job of administrating as well as the board. I go to each  
37 of those board meetings. They ask me to be a presenter. And I  
38 get booed at all the meetings I go to because I talk about  
39 slaughter and choppers -- using choppers to gather the  
40 animals on -- up the wild animals. And they don't like that,

1 but so be it.

2 Sage grouse, as you know, that continues to be a challenge.  
3 States have submitted plans. Comments are due January 29<sup>th</sup>.  
4 And --

5 Well, let me back up to wild horse. I understand that  
6 Nevada NACO has filed suit against the BLM; is that correct?

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It is correct. And you can go on  
8 their website and get the number.

9 KEN BROWN: Okay, I'd -- I'll get a copy of that and go  
10 through it. I think that's a good thing. Good way to spend  
11 some taxpayer money is to try to do something else to help get  
12 that program online.

13 Okay, back to the sage grouse issue. We just try to do all  
14 we can do avoid the listing. Another area that I talk about --  
15 I go to a lot of sage grouse meetings. And I talk about what I  
16 think is the biggest problem, and that is no predator control.  
17 Those birds, young birds, before they're mature to fly to  
18 protect themselves, they can't survive. And the nests and so  
19 forth, they just -- and they don't want the listen. They --  
20 they never have an answer for me, but I'll continue to ask the  
21 question anyway.

22 Secure Rural Schools. It appears that that program is  
23 going to be reintroduced for one more year. Funding level still  
24 up in the air like other areas. Lander County went down about a  
25 little over \$27,000 between '11 and '12. So I work with the  
26 National Education Association, part of their coalition. And I  
27 just said, can you just give me a fairly decent approximate of  
28 what you think it will be reauthorized at? They said if it gets  
29 reauthorized, it will be down at least 10%. So I assume if it  
30 only goes down 10%, that will be all right, because it could be  
31 15 or 20. Who knows? But nevertheless, we work close with them  
32 and have them on our conference calls. And so we'll just  
33 continue to move forward.

34 Congressmen Hastings, who is Chairman of the House  
35 Committee on National Resource Public Lands, introduced  
36 legislation, HR 1526, which passed the House. And that has SRS  
37 included in that bill. There is no Senate companion bill at the  
38 moment. They expect Senator Wyden from Oregon to put together  
39 legislation as a companion bill for what Hastings is trying do.  
40 One of the big things he's trying to do is get some timber

1 harvest reintroduced. And you know the challenge there. But we  
2 -- I sent him an e-mail thanking him for his efforts. And so we  
3 just continue to support.

4 Just in other issues. At least we have one good area -- or  
5 one good news area. Five Arizona counties took formal action to  
6 join Western Counties. And Eastern Arizona Association of  
7 Counties, those five counties, are -- have themselves organized  
8 in an association-of-governments type of process. And they have  
9 paid their dues. And that's -- not only gives us the extra  
10 counties, but another state with our organization. And they --  
11 I got an e-mail saying, when are you coming down so everyone can  
12 get personally acquainted. And I says, as soon as it looks like  
13 it looks like it's going to be 15 or 20 degrees below zero in  
14 Randolph where I live, I'll catch the next flight to Phoenix.

15 The grazing proposal -- Obama's proposal, the dollar per  
16 AUM grazing fee increase appears to be on the back burner at the  
17 moment. Word was that he proposed that. If there wasn't very  
18 much opposition, he would implement it. But the -- the  
19 opposition has been big. And so indication is that he's put  
20 that on the back burner. That doesn't mean he won't bring it  
21 back up some -- at another time, but at the moment anyway, the  
22 initial proposal's on the back burner. So that's good news.

23 Okay. Commissioners, that's -- I bent your ear long  
24 enough. And if there's anything I can do additionally.

25 I appreciate Lander County, it's been one of over stalwart  
26 counties.

27 I appreciate Ray Williams being a board member for WCA.

28 So as you work on your budgets, before the -- you wear out  
29 the bristles on the money broom, why, if you could just sweep a  
30 little WAC's way, why, we'd appreciate that.

31 And we will continue to move forward with these issues and  
32 do our best. And thanks again for your support and good work.

33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Are you going to give us a recommended  
34 amount here or --

35 KEN BROWN: What was the last year's?

36 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's why I was asking. I don't know.

37 KEN BROWN: I think it was 3500?

38 ROGENE HILL: Yeah. It was. Last year.

39 KEN BROWN: Is that correct? That would be fine.

40 However, as these new counties come on, Commissioners --

1 let me put it this way, let's look at 3500. But with additional  
2 revenue flowing in, we may be able to cut that to three. And I  
3 don't want to disappoint you by giving you a lower figure or --

4 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No, we appreciate it.

5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yep. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks for all you do.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Ken.

8 KEN BROWN: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We'll go ahead and take a ten-minute  
10 recess.

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12 [Break from 10:32 a.m. to 10:42 a.m.]

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14 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, we'll go ahead and call the  
15 meeting back to order.

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17 10) Discussion for possible action regarding updated by Phil  
18 Hanna, Battle Mountain General Hospital CEO, on the emergency  
19 medical services in Lander County, under administration by  
20 the Lander County Hospital District (LCHD), and other matters  
21 properly related thereto.  
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23 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. We'll go to Item Number 10,  
24 discussion for possible action regarding updated by Phil Hanna,  
25 Battle Mountain General Hospital CEO, on the emergency medical  
26 services in Lander County, under administration by the Lander  
27 County Hospital District (LCHD), and other matters properly  
28 related thereto.

29 PHIL HANNA: Okay. Good morning. I'm Phil Hanna from  
30 Battle Mountain General Hospital.

31 And I have a couple of things I want to go over with you  
32 today. The first one being the packet of information that I  
33 gave you is on the purchase of an additional ambulance. And I  
34 have included a cover memo on that in getting some information  
35 we contacted seven ambulance emergency vehicle companies around  
36 the company and one in Canada actually. And we received three  
37 complete quotes. And I have included those just for your  
38 information.

39 And like I say, as we were looking at -- at the vehicle, as  
40 I say, we took particular note in looking at the overall, or the

1 general reputation based on contacts we have within the EMS  
2 world of the patient compartment and then also the whole issue  
3 of maintenance and warrantee repairs for the chassis.

4 And like I say, based on that, the lowest and best of these  
5 quotes, in our opinion, was from Leader Emergency Vehicles that  
6 would be a new patient compartment on a four chassis. And like  
7 I say, and the factor there is we can have warrantee or repair  
8 work beyond the capabilities of our community right now done in  
9 Winnemucca versus, say, take Excellence Emergency Vehicles, a  
10 very good vehicle -- a very good patient compartment. It's  
11 remounted, which means it's remanufactured with a complete  
12 warrantee, but it's on an international chassis. And the  
13 international chassis has an excellent reputation, but the only  
14 place we can get it worked on really is Reno or Salt Lake.

15 So like I say, based on, like I say, the criteria that we  
16 used in making a recommendation to you, that, like I say, we  
17 feel that the Leader Emergency Vehicle's proposal is the best  
18 and the lowest of the proposals.

19 And it is a known -- in their name -- as far as the patient  
20 compartment or the company that completes the work on it is a  
21 Horton vehicle. And it would be two-wheel drive. It could be  
22 the backup vehicle for Battle Mountain and could be used for  
23 transfers.

24 One of the issues has been four-wheel drive vehicles being  
25 used for highway mileage, for transfers, it's very hard on the  
26 vehicle. So that's why we didn't -- why we're not recommending  
27 a four-wheel drive vehicle for something that would be our  
28 backup squad and the squad that would be doing the  
29 inter-hospital transfers. And one of the other reasons that I  
30 really want to see more inter-hospital transfers that are  
31 appropriate for ground transfer done that way is that there's  
32 obviously a financial benefit for the EMS service. The other  
33 thing is that an individual being moved by rotary wing, by a  
34 helicopter, which in some cases that is necessary and absolutely  
35 appropriate for the benefit of the patient. But that's also  
36 about a \$30,000 cost. And insurance does not pay all of that.  
37 And so an individual can be left with a very significant bill  
38 for a transfer if it's via a helicopter.

39 So like I say, those were the factors behind making the  
40 recommendation.

1           And then like I said, I was absolutely horrified when I was  
2 putting this together that I don't know that I adhered to the  
3 county requirements for a formal bid process. And so I need  
4 some direction in terms of does this need to be advertised  
5 formally?

6           CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I would think it does, but --

7           ROGENE HILL: Yes, it does.

8           COMMISSIONER WAITS: First of all, would you clarify for  
9 me, Phil, the -- your inventory right now, you have how many  
10 ambulances in Battle Mountain?

11          PHIL HANNA: There are two four-wheel drive ambulances.  
12 And I'm not sure -- the third ambulance that we had  
13 re-purposed -- I'm not sure if that's up here or if that's  
14 already down in Austin.

15          COMMISSIONER WAITS: I don't believe so.

16          PHIL HANNA: Okay, then we have three.

17          COMMISSIONER WAITS: But your inventory includes the  
18 two-wheel drive and two four-wheel drives, right?

19          PHIL HANNA: That's correct.

20          COMMISSIONER WAITS: And one of those is designated for  
21 Austin; --

22          PHIL HANNA: Yes, ma'am.

23          COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- is that correct?

24          PHIL HANNA: Yes.

25          COMMISSIONER WAITS: That would be the four-wheel drive?

26          PHIL HANNA: Yes.

27          COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

28          PHIL HANNA: Because a two-wheel drive as the primary  
29 vehicle down there, as you know, would not be --

30          COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.

31          PHIL HANNA: -- appropriate for anything.

32          COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know where we go in Austin. Right.  
33 And then you have a fly car up here? That's your basic  
34 inventory.

35          PHIL HANNA: Yes.

36          COMMISSIONER WAITS: Now, you're saying you need another  
37 ambulance?

38          PHIL HANNA: That's --

39          COMMISSIONER WAITS: Another transport vehicle.

40          PHIL HANNA: In terms of the age of the vehicles and so

1     forth, that that would be -- .  
2     COMMISSIONER GARNER: Patsy, the two --  
3     PHIL HANNA: -- nice for the service.  
4     COMMISSIONER MASON: Are you retiring an ambulance?  
5     COMMISSIONER GARNER: Not --  
6     PHIL HANNA: Well, I -- when we -- when you come to a final  
7     decision what you want to do, then, you know, then we'll make  
8     recommendations as far as retiring. But I do not want to keep  
9     any vehicles that we don't have a reasonable option to use,  
10    because that's just additional expense.  
11    COMMISSIONER GARNER: The two-wheel -- the two-wheel drive  
12    is borderline inoperative. And it's borderline -- it's strictly  
13    backup. It's the old Austin ambulance, which has had major  
14    transmission problems. That's why this ambulance was budgeted  
15    two years ago, Rogene?  
16    ROGENE HILL: For Austin.  
17    COMMISSIONER GARNER: For Austin.  
18    ROGENE HILL: Yes. We've had an Austin --  
19    COMMISSIONER GARNER: And that's why. Because of the  
20    issues of the high speed or the high turnarounds with the  
21    four-wheel drives, --  
22    COMMISSIONER WAITS: Mm-hm.  
23    COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- putting a four-wheel drive in  
24    Austin, taking the old two-wheel drive out of service, and  
25    putting the -- a new two-wheel drive for transfers in Battle  
26    Mountain. That would give Austin -- because you wouldn't get --  
27    for what was budgeted, you're not going to get a four-wheel  
28    drive brand new. See.  
29    COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right, we're going to get one of  
30    yours. But it was designated -- I remember when --  
31    COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.  
32    COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- when we did that. So this one  
33    right here that you're replacing is the two-wheel drive  
34    basically.  
35    PHIL HANNA: Yes.  
36    COMMISSIONER GARNER: Which is --  
37    COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.  
38    COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah, which is not --  
39    PHIL HANNA: Yeah, that's --  
40    COMMISSIONER WAITS: And it's in the budget already?

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Has been --

2 PHIL HANNA: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- for two years, three years.

4 ROGENE HILL: 150,000.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Now, he just wants to know if he has  
6 to go out to bid and he does. Right?

7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Thank you.

9 PHIL HANNA: And then, another item that I wanted to  
10 discuss for -- it's the other memorandum that I gave you. It's  
11 the July/September 2013 operations for Lander County EMS. And  
12 like I said, our requests for service increased 24.8% from 179  
13 requests for service to 238. And I guess, it is certainly not a  
14 side light, but something I consider to be very significant that  
15 in the past it was not uncommon for severely individuals to be  
16 brought via private vehicle into the Emergency Department. And  
17 in terms of exposure to sources of infection and also delayed  
18 recovery -- longer recovery times, it was certainly not in the  
19 best interest of the patients. And like I say, the one thing I  
20 am exceedingly pleased about is that hardly ever occurs anymore.  
21 And it used to be a weekly occurrence, somebody being brought to  
22 the hospital like that. Like I say, that for the community,  
23 just very simply is very, very significant. Because I know I  
24 was in the Emergency Department one evening when an individual  
25 was brought in. He was laid in the back of a pickup truck and  
26 brought in. And he had open lacerations and a compound  
27 fracture. And there were additional infections and his recovery  
28 time was much longer and much more expensive and much harder on  
29 that individual and their family. And like I said -- so I say,  
30 to talk about the medical side of it that it has been a  
31 significant benefit to this community. And that the continued  
32 increase in calls is just very simply a matter that, yes, you  
33 know, we're calling 911 and there's enough people. And we know  
34 that if we request the ambulance, the ambulance is going to be  
35 there promptly. And like I say, the service to the community  
36 and the medical side of it is something that I'm very pleased  
37 about.

38 Now, in looking at this quarterly update, that one of the  
39 things that the hospital as a -- as a part of the National  
40 Health Care Reform requirements that have been coming down, that

1 we're implementing a new hospital information system. And in  
2 terms of setting priorities for what would be done first and  
3 most complete fashion, that we have obviously been looking at  
4 patient information is our first priority, accurate expense  
5 information that I established as a second priority. And so  
6 we're still building all the revenue information. So the  
7 revenue information, the charges of -- if you'll go to page one,  
8 the charges for the quarter that we have right now were 150,000.  
9 And like I said, I don't believe that that is a complete number,  
10 that those charges will -- will be going up. And --

11 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah. That was my concern. There was  
12 32 more transports, and yet, we only went up \$3,000. So I --

13 PHIL HANNA: That's exactly right.

14 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So I don't get the figure there.

15 PHIL HANNA: And the charge per run, I'm not surprised that  
16 it would be going down a little bit because as people -- like I  
17 say, for the most severe incidents, you know, those calls were  
18 being made immediately. Some of the calls now that are being  
19 made are people that, like I say, might not have used the  
20 service before. But the significant thing is that as we look at  
21 the use of the ambulance that the calls that we're getting are  
22 still appropriate. The ones that we're responding to and not  
23 charging for -- in some cases, a third party is calling the  
24 ambulance because they see something that they think, oh, wait a  
25 minute, we need the squad. And we'll arrive and determine the  
26 squad's not needed. And our protocol is we don't charge if we  
27 don't transport.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Or they refuse transport.

29 PHIL HANNA: Or they refuse transport. And then, you know,  
30 there's forms that they sign saying they refuse transport.

31 But, no, Commissioner. You're correct that -- that revenue  
32 figure is not complete. And then as I indicated, the budget --  
33 comparing the first three months of operation -- and this is on  
34 page 2, the expense information, -- that looking at July,  
35 September 2013, comparing it to the July, September 2012 period,  
36 the overall budget has declined 10.2%. Personnel costs went up.

37 And here again, that's part of getting the new information  
38 system fully programmed and implemented so we can come back.  
39 Because the objective of using EMS personnel to support more  
40 hospital activities is being accomplished. And so those

1 expenses will be coming out of this particular report as we  
2 progress through the year. And like I said, this quarter will  
3 be adjusted.

4 So, like I say, I'm pleased in terms of where we are  
5 budgetarily.

6 And we're very excited, very simply, that we have two of  
7 our local EMTs that are starting paramedic training this week.  
8 They've been accepted into a program. Like I say, they're  
9 starting their paramedic training. And then that is really  
10 going to allow us when they get done, we can change our whole  
11 scheduling mechanism.

12 And then we will really be able to achieve the reduction in  
13 overtime that has been a thorn in my side ever since we started  
14 because of the way the state insists that we keep track of  
15 things.

16 So then looking at page 3, the summary, if you will,  
17 looking at our expenses of \$243,463. And based on, like I say,  
18 the charge information, looking at a 70% collection rate. And  
19 that rate, I still haven't gotten the approved final cost  
20 report. And that, like I say, I anticipate that that rate --  
21 that collection rate is going to be changing. And the stipend for  
22 the quarter of 75,000. And then the last element of that, the  
23 additional 30% of financial recovery that we can achieve through  
24 the cost report, that the -- at the present time -- like I said,  
25 on the interim basis, the loss was \$44,000 for the quarter, more  
26 than -- more than I wanted it to be. But like I say, when we  
27 get the accurate charge and personnel expenses, like I say,  
28 we'll be, I believe, right where we want to be, maybe a little  
29 bit below the budget that I prepared for this fiscal year.

30 COMMISSIONER MASON: If you break that down by month, it's  
31 about 13,000 then? Hard cost.

32 PHIL HANNA: Yes.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Phil, I know this original contract  
34 was done actually the year before I came on board, so help me  
35 with this. When you were actually contracted -- the hospital --  
36 to take over this, was there any funding included for Austin or  
37 is that something we need to add to it if we actually become up  
38 and viable?

39 PHIL HANNA: The --

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: My understanding originally was this

1 amount of money you folks discussed was covering southern Lander  
2 County.

3 PHIL HANNA: It was based on the budget that I had put  
4 together. And it was primarily for northern Lander County.  
5 Like I say, it's what I had put together. That I'm going  
6 through this process, and I want to be able to use some of those  
7 dollars for southern Lander County also. And that has been  
8 the -- the objective and the frustration of trying to get  
9 personnel experiences reduced as soon as I can.

10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But the original contract was for  
11 both.

12 PHIL HANNA: It was --

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It included Austin.

14 PHIL HANNA: It's stated for Lander County.

15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But it was -- it was broke. I don't  
16 remember how it was broke up, but it was broke up as a certain  
17 percentage of it was to be for Austin.

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's what I thought.

19 PHIL HANNA: I'll have to go back and specifically check on  
20 that. Because, like I said, I have -- I have just been looking  
21 at it as a Lander County activity if you will.

22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I think it was -- Rogene.

23 ROGENE HILL: We budgeted 72,000 for the year, which we pay  
24 on a monthly basis for Austin and 240,000 for Battle Mountain.

25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah. It was --

26 ROGENE HILL: So we're paying a total of --

27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: 312--.

28 ROGENE HILL: -- 312,000 --

29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah, it was 312--. It was 70.

30 ROGENE HILL: -- per year.

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So 70,000 of that was just for  
32 Austin.

33 ROGENE HILL: Yes. 72,000.

34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And the other portion of it was for  
35 northern.

36 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

37 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And that's how it was in the  
38 contract.

39 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'd like to add a footnote to that.

1 Since then the requirements -- state requirements have upgraded.  
2 And we -- and we can't just have a driver and an EMT. We have  
3 to have two EMTs in the ambulance.

4 PHIL HANNA: Yeah. Um. Yeah. The -- the regulations at  
5 the state continue to be a moving target. And I'm looking right  
6 now that there's a possibility that we can do it with an EMT and  
7 a first responder driver. But then there's a special  
8 designation that you need on the license. And I know that's an  
9 issue in terms of people getting that done. So, yeah, like I  
10 said, it's just what the state requires of us as a moving  
11 target.

12 And I know one of the things that has been a frustration  
13 for everyone has been the conversation, oh, well, there's quote,  
14 unquote a lot of volunteers that are ready to do this. And the  
15 unfortunate reality, there isn't. Because, like I say, the  
16 regulations to maintain that training are getting more and more  
17 significant all time. And the state's just gone through a whole  
18 process of increasing those training requirements.

19 And it's, like I said, it becomes a real burden for a  
20 volunteer in this environment to, you know, to maintain their  
21 job and family responsibilities and then have enough volunteer  
22 time to just even maintain training. So like I say, that's --  
23 that's just a reality that we deal with that's frustrating. But  
24 personally, if we want to have a service that can stay open and  
25 run, we have to meet those regulations. So --

26 COMMISSIONER MASON: So right now, if -- let me ask you a  
27 question and you give me a rundown on how this works. You get a  
28 911 call from Austin or somewhere out on Highway 50, and -- how  
29 does that work?

30 PHIL HANNA: That -- if our ambulance is requested to  
31 respond to southern Lander County, we do. Now, we haven't had a  
32 significant number, but there's -- you know, there's not a  
33 significant number of calls when you look at averages and so  
34 forth, which is something that we do on one hand and then on the  
35 other hand that we can't maintain that as our only  
36 consideration. But like I said, if we're requested to respond  
37 to southern Lander County, we will go down there. And we have  
38 on multiple occasions. And then if there is inclement weather  
39 down there as far as a snow storm, then we physically locate an  
40 ambulance in Austin during that snow emergency.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: So -- and a two-man crew --  
2 PHIL HANNA: Yes.  
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- sit there during that storm?  
4 PHIL HANNA: That's correct.  
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay. So on a regular 911, let's say  
6 you respond -- the hospital here responds. An ambulance was  
7 requested. Is that what you're responding to?  
8 PHIL HANNA: Yes.  
9 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay. And we send it down to Austin  
10 or south. Two guys have to go. What happens then?  
11 PHIL HANNA: Well, we have a backup crew so that Battle  
12 Mountain is still covered. So --  
13 COMMISSIONER MASON: These two guys that are going on this  
14 journey or on this response, they're going to find the wreck or  
15 whatever it is, locate it, pick up the patient, take them back  
16 to Battle Mountain?  
17 PHIL HANNA: That -- that is a decision that is made on the  
18 scene based on the needs of the patient.  
19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.  
20 PHIL HANNA: And that's something I've always been clear  
21 about, that a patient does not have to be taken to Battle  
22 Mountain General Hospital. It's a decision that's made on the  
23 scene and made through, you know, any medical control.  
24 COMMISSIONER MASON: So if our ambulance responds a hundred  
25 miles and then the patient says, I don't want the ambulance. I  
26 don't want the bill that goes with it or whatever he says, then  
27 that's just a waste of time, huh?  
28 PHIL HANNA: Then we turn around and return to the base.  
29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.  
30 PHIL HANNA: Like I say, that's just the --  
31 COMMISSIONER MASON: How many calls like that do you get?  
32 Is there an average?  
33 PHIL HANNA: Um, right now, which -- like I say, it's not a  
34 perfect indicator, but right now there's maybe one request per  
35 week for an ambulance in southern Lander County.  
36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay. So it's -- it's still a -- it's  
37 just a budget issue.  
38 PHIL HANNA: It is. And as we look and talk about  
39 possibilities down there, I know, I personally think it would  
40 really be nice if we could have a configuration, say, to have an

1 ambulance based in Austin and in Kingston to have them trained  
2 as first responders. So then if there's an incident in Austin  
3 or Kingston, and like I say, let's take Kingston in this  
4 situation, that the first responders could get to the scene and  
5 open the airway and control bleeding and do some of the very  
6 basic things that make the biggest difference a lot of times as  
7 far as survival. And then the ambulance could be dispatched on  
8 a more leisurely basis, if you will, from Austin, could come to  
9 Kingston, pick up the patient, and the patient would be going  
10 from first responders, they have to go to a higher level of  
11 care, at least or same or higher level of care. So they would  
12 be going from first responders to EMTs. And then the EMTs  
13 could, driving the -- driving the ambulance, could begin to take  
14 the patient to the hospital. And if they come to Battle  
15 Mountain, then we could dispatch one of our ambulances so they  
16 could meet about halfway up here. And then it would be going  
17 from a basic EMT service to an advanced life support service  
18 coming to the hospital. So we -- here again, we meet state  
19 requirements and regulations for that.

20 And one of the reasons I'm an advocate of that particular  
21 configuration is that as we look at trying to develop a  
22 volunteer interest in southern Lander County, that right now,  
23 like I said, if someone says, yes, I'm going respond to a run,  
24 they might be obligating themselves to seven or eight hours,  
25 which is exceedingly difficult. Like I say, we can cut that  
26 time in half if they only have to transport half the distance to  
27 the hospital.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah.

29 PHIL HANNA: So that's the basic configuration of what I  
30 feel would be a workable solution down there. And now, I think  
31 it's just a matter of getting the right mix of people together  
32 to see if we can move, you know, or what we can move forward to  
33 so we can have more EMS services down there.

34 And another piece of this as far as overall cost is then  
35 the development of a community paramedicine program, which is --  
36 and this gets into another healthcare conversation -- is going  
37 be more and more important for rural communities. And like I  
38 say, the community paramedicine program in the Austin, Kingston  
39 area could tie very naturally into the EMS service. And we have  
40 a medical clinic in Austin and the medical clinic that the

1 hospital is putting in Kingston with -- based on the meeting  
2 that Anna mentioned, the preconstruction meeting in early  
3 January that we're now on schedule to break ground the first of  
4 April and be ready to accept patients or see patients down there  
5 the first of June. And like I say, my -- my orientation is  
6 that, you know, everything's related to everything. And we can  
7 fit all these pieces together so it becomes more financially  
8 possible --

9 COMMISSIONER MASON: In relation --

10 PHIL HANNA: -- to get service down there.

11 COMMISSIONER MASON: Phil, in relation to the current  
12 budget, you know, that you have, 70,000 for south Austin -- for  
13 south county. If you would, on your next report, break us out a  
14 figure, how many calls -- actual calls are made to south county,  
15 we can relate that to the 70,000 that's supposed to be helping  
16 that out.

17 PHIL HANNA: I will do that.

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: I mean. I think we could understand a  
19 little bit better how that 70,000 is working into the existing  
20 situation. I think in time -- time's on our side here as far as  
21 getting this whole program working full county. It will  
22 probably work itself out. But it's -- it's money that -- you  
23 know -- we've got to look at the money. And then we've got to  
24 look at this big county that we have, and then the volunteers.  
25 I think you're doing a good job. I'm not -- I'm just saying, I  
26 think the calls that are made to south county would be important  
27 for us to analyze on how the money's being spent.

28 PHIL HANNA: I -- I will do that. And I guess that's  
29 another question for now, or if you would like to let me know  
30 that -- is there, you know, additional information that you  
31 would like to see in the quarterly report? Like I say, I don't  
32 want to give you more information than you want, because you get  
33 more than you want in some cases. But like I say, if there's  
34 other information broken down that you would like to see, like I  
35 say, please let me know, and I will be, you know, certainly very  
36 happy to do that.

37 And that -- you know, we have the financial consideration,  
38 like I say. But then I get into medical conversations, in terms  
39 of, like I say, just providing better services to southern  
40 Lander County.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: See.

2 PHIL HANNA: And more services. Because that -- it's just  
3 something that we need to do.

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, it's an absolute must. When you  
5 talk about throwing somebody in the back of a pickup and taking  
6 them someplace. And basically, that's pretty much, you know, it  
7 isn't quite that bad. We try to make them a bit more  
8 comfortable than that. But however, that's exactly what needs  
9 to be done, unless they cannot be transported at all. And  
10 people do that in southern Lander County, as you know.

11 I am -- I am very excited about the EMS service in southern  
12 Lander County to get that on line this year. That's an absolute  
13 requirement. We just can't leave everybody out there the way  
14 it's been.

15 And one of the things I was concerned about is putting in  
16 some type of part-time coordinator -- fully-qualified,  
17 fully-trained EMT, paramedic, whatever -- and working them on  
18 staff 15 hours whatever, that we need to coordinate. And I  
19 think, our volunteers -- because we do have EMT people down  
20 there. We also have Ormat. We also have all these folks that  
21 work at the mine that are all EMTs right there in Kingston.

22 You gave the scenario with first responders and so forth.  
23 That's been our program for many years until the last few when  
24 it completely went away.

25 So I want to see that online again. I want to see if your  
26 budget has that to go a full-time coordinator so we can put our  
27 volunteer staff with them. And when that EMT or paramedic  
28 whatever that coordinator is, does the runs, he'll get the  
29 stipend the same -- or she'll get the stipend the same as  
30 anybody else.

31 PHIL HANNA: And --

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But we need the ambulance. We need  
33 your commitment of looking at that type of a program and seeing  
34 if we can get that online. And we'll try to get the people and  
35 the staff. And we've got to get moving, and I think this is the  
36 time.

37 PHIL HANNA: Like I say, yeah. I am -- I'm -- regardless  
38 of what anyone thinks, I am deeply frustrated that we haven't  
39 made more progress than we have made.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's true. But that's 2013 and

1 2012.

2 PHIL HANNA: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We've got a new year. And we're going  
4 to do it.

5 PHIL HANNA: Right. Yeah. And we can do it. And I have  
6 told you very candidly that, you know, hey, dumb luck, I'll take  
7 that any time. And the conversation that we're having with an  
8 individual paramedic that's interested in moving to southern  
9 Lander County opens up a whole range of possibilities for us  
10 that didn't exist.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And my concern was, does the budget  
12 there for Austin to do that? And you're saying, yes, it is.

13 PHIL HANNA: Yes. Are there any other questions that I can  
14 answer?

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Behind you.

16 ROGENE HILL: We're looking at next year's budget for  
17 '14/'15. Question being, we've been supplying or -- our  
18 contract has been the 312-, 314,000. Do you see that being the  
19 same? Is it going to be increased? Going into budget, we've got  
20 to have some numbers.

21 PHIL HANNA: Budget time again?

22 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

23 PHIL HANNA: Already? You just ruined my day.

24 ROGENE HILL: I know. I know.

25 PHIL HANNA: No, I'm sorry. Yes. That number is going to  
26 continue to come down. And the discussion that we've had on the  
27 ambulance, like I say, if we get into this end of the  
28 conversation, that the ambulance that we're looking at buying,  
29 we can do more transfers, which financially benefits the service  
30 and reduces that subsidy.

31 So no, I will -- I will sit down and sharpen my pencil and  
32 start getting you some numbers.

33 ROGENE HILL: Perfect. I'd appreciate that.

34 PHIL HANNA: Okay.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thanks, Phil.

36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thanks, Phil. Appreciate it.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thanks.

38 PHIL HANNA: Thank you, very much.

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1 11) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval  
2 of Resolution No. 2014-01, a resolution for the FY 2013  
3 Elections for National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments and  
4 other matters properly related thereto.  
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6 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Let's go on to Item Number 11,  
7 discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval of  
8 Resolution Number 2014-01, a resolution for the FY 2013  
9 Elections for National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments and  
10 other matters properly related thereto.

11 Go ahead, Rogene.

12 ROGENE HILL: Essentially, that is just a yearly commitment  
13 that you make for the Title 3 funding. It has to go on record.  
14 There has to be a resolution that you're in approval of that.

15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion the Commission pass and  
16 adopt Resolution Number 2014-01, a resolution for the FY 2013  
17 Elections for National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments Secure  
18 Rural Schools Act.

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?

21 (No comment.)

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

23 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

25 (None opposed.)

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah. We need to amend that.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do we need to sign this?

28 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yes. That's what we need to add to  
29 it --

30 ROGENE HILL: Yes, it needs to be signed and submitted.

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: -- is to authorize the chair to  
32 sign.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The chair and commissioners, it looks  
34 like.

35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Amend.

36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It's just the chair.

37 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Just the chair.

38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Was that amend?

39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Oh, I would like to amend that to  
40 allow the chair to sign.

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the amendment and  
2 allow the chair to sign.

3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?  
4 (No comment.)

5 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?  
8 (None opposed.)

9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Get that run over feeling.

10 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Throw you under the bus, huh?

- 11  
12 12) Discussion for possible action regarding ratification of the  
13 US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management  
14 Application for Land for Recreation or Public Purposes form,  
15 signed by Commission Chair Dean Bullock on September 16,  
16 2013, for the solid waste transfer bin disposal site located  
17 at Kingston, Nevada, and other matters properly related  
18 thereto.  
19

20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Let's go on to Item Number 12,  
21 discussion for possible action regarding ratification of the US  
22 Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management  
23 Application for Land for Recreation or Public Purposes form,  
24 signed by Commission Chair Dean Bullock on September 16, 2013,  
25 for the solid waste transfer bin disposal site located at  
26 Kingston, Nevada, and other matters properly related thereto.

27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: This is just to ratify.

28 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: This is to ratify. It has to be on  
29 public record.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I make a motion that we ratify the  
31 form that was signed by Commission Chair Dean Bullock on  
32 September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for the US Department of Interior, Bureau  
33 of Land Management for the Land for Recreation or Public  
34 Purposes form for the solid waste transfer bin disposal site  
35 located at Kingston, Nevada.

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?  
38 (No comment.)

39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

40 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?  
2 (None opposed.)  
3

4 13) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval  
5 of the Non-Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreement between  
6 Lander County and Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems  
7 (NIAS) to make the Austin Airport a designated test site, and  
8 other matters properly related thereto.  
9

10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Item Number 13, discussion for  
11 possible action regarding approval/disapproval of the  
12 Non-Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreement between Lander  
13 County and Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems (NIAS) to  
14 make the Austin Airport a designated test site, and other  
15 matters properly related thereto.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The DA's office has looked at this --

17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: They have reviewed it?

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: --is that correct?

19 NICOLE TING: Yes, correct.

20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: What is this for?

21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Just so we don't get in any  
22 trouble.

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: This is a nondisclosure.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's a confidentiality agreement for  
25 us to look at the Austin Airport for drones, actually, the  
26 autonomous system. Nevada has been approved in -- what? -- six  
27 different sites for this. The governor's office of economic --  
28 has been working on development, has been working on this for so  
29 long. And now Nevada is actually designated with six sites.  
30 And they contacted the Austin airport to look into that.  
31 Partially because of the airport, which is really good and nice  
32 and long, but also because we don't have a lot of population  
33 there. And they look at that. So that is the confidentiality  
34 agreement.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: This is a prelude to any concrete  
36 agreement that we don't share the information publically,  
37 basically; isn't it?

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Mm-hm.

39 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's the way I read it.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's the Nevada Institute for

1 Autonomous Systems. Yes.  
2 COMMISSIONER MASON: They haven't negotiated anything at  
3 this point. It's just --  
4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Just saying we won't disclose  
5 anything.  
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah. We won't disclose it.  
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that Lander County  
8 sign the confidentiality agreement for nondisclosure and  
9 confidentiality between Lander County and the Nevada Institute  
10 for Autonomous Systems.  
11 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And --  
12 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.  
13 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And --  
14 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Authorize the chair to sign.  
15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Authorize the chair to sign.  
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And authorize the chair to sign.  
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.  
18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?  
19 RAY WILLIAMS: Could we make one comment?  
20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Sure. Go ahead.  
21 RAY WILLIAMS: This is Ray Williams from Austin. I serve  
22 as the Vice Chairman of our Austin Airport Advisory Board.  
23 The form requires that the point -- make a -- designate a  
24 point person to sign this and receive the information. And I  
25 would like to recommend that Commissioner Waits be appointed  
26 because she's the one that actually attends our meeting if there  
27 is any information that you might want to pass on, we would have  
28 it.  
29 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, it states in the contract right  
30 now that everything will go to the Lander County engineer.  
31 RAY WILLIAMS: Well, that's appropriate, I guess, if that's  
32 the way you want to do it. As long as --  
33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: He's the airport administrator.  
34 RAY WILLIAMS: I just don't want to see it go into a black  
35 hole where nothing is done.  
36 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, I don't either.  
37 RAY WILLIAMS: If that's being blunt, I apologize for that.  
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good point. We'll rely on Mark to  
39 pass it on down, right?  
40 RAY WILLIAMS: Yeah.

1 MARK BRETHAUER: Yeah.

2 RAY WILLIAMS: As long as we're kept in the loop and the  
3 process moves forward. That's all we'd like to see. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any other comments?

5 (No comment.)

6 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

9 (None opposed.)

10

11 14) Discussion for possible action regarding a possible change to  
12 the current weekly work schedule for Lander County  
13 employees/office personnel and other matters properly related  
14 thereto.

15

16 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Item Number 14, discussion for  
17 possible action regarding a possible change to the current  
18 weekly work schedule for Lander County employees/office  
19 personnel and other matters properly related thereto.

20 Okay. I looked at the discussion that went on in the  
21 last commission meeting. And I also reread public comments that  
22 were made. And if you put the two together, you got the  
23 employees want their four ten-hour shifts and the public wanting  
24 eight-hour shifts.

25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Five eights.

26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's the way it comes out.

27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.

28 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's the way the public stated. And  
29 this is the way that the employees are stating. Employees are  
30 trying to hold on to the longer days for more times off, but the  
31 public's wanting better coverage five days a week. And that's  
32 just from what I read from both meetings, from what I could get  
33 from that. Okay. Go ahead.

34 ANNA PENOLA: Anna Penola, Building and Planning. I don't  
35 mean to be stupid, but what public? Weren't we all employees at  
36 that meeting, except for Steve Seldon.

37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.

38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No, there was others. We had Lana  
39 Melver for one.

40 ANNA PENOLA: Yeah. Yeah.

1 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I'm just stating some other names. That  
2 it still is the public that was there, so the public input. But  
3 all the -- all that was for to remain on the four tens was from  
4 employees. Pretty much all came from employees. And that's  
5 what I get.

6 The comments that were made in the last commission meeting  
7 that I was unable to attend, that's where we're headed.

8 So I just wanted to put that out there, this is what I  
9 read. And this is where we're at. And this is what we need to  
10 look at.

11 If there was some misconstrued in what I was trying to  
12 attempt to say in my comments in the last meeting, it's up to  
13 the elected officials. I don't want to step on their toes.  
14 It's up to them to run their offices the way they see it's best  
15 fit. I don't want to step in on it.

16 As far as department heads, we are over the department  
17 heads as commissioners. That is our responsibility. We have  
18 our responsibility to be over -- and let's go point blank to  
19 administration. This is where we have that responsibility. And  
20 because they aren't elected. We're elected by the people to  
21 make sure the peoples gets what they want. It's their tax payer  
22 money. So that's having said, what I can see is what has come  
23 about at this time. And I'm open for any other comments.

24 ANNA PENOLA: Anna Penola, again, with Building and  
25 Planning. The four ten doesn't mean shutting down for a day. I  
26 just want to reiterate that. It's -- we're open five days a  
27 week for the public, 8:00 to 5:00. Some are there from 7:00 to  
28 5:00, 5:30. We are open.

29 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. And let me reiterate this, what I  
30 made in my comments. Do we have the same coverage on Friday  
31 that we have on Mondays? Can I get a commercial inspection on  
32 Friday?

33 ANNA PENOLA: Yes, sir.

34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

35 ANNA PENOLA: Yes.

36 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Just as well as I can get two commercial  
37 inspections on Monday?

38 ANNA PENOLA: Yes, sir.

39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: See. And there's a difference though,  
40 what you're not understanding. You cannot get as much coverage

1 on Friday as you are on Monday. If you only got one person, you  
2 can't get as much inspected. It's impossible.

3 ANNA PENOLA: I do it all the time.

4 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We got two people on Monday and one  
5 person on Friday.

6 ANNA PENOLA: One person's always staying in the office  
7 when there's two. And the other is out doing inspections unless  
8 there's a south county.

9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So then you really don't have anybody  
10 in the office.

11 ANNA PENOLA: Yeah.

12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: If it's important that we have somebody  
13 in the office, then we're taking the person out of the office to  
14 do the inspection is what I'm hearing. I'm just analyzing here.

15 ANNA PENOLA: Nope. We go -- we do what has to be done.  
16 And if there's an inspection, no matter where it is, it gets  
17 done Friday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, for whoever and how  
18 many.

19 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

20 ANNA PENOLA: And if that's being staying late to get it  
21 done, then that's what I do and Joe.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just --

23 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But that means no phone calls can come  
24 in then.

25 ANNA PENOLA: There's -- Planning is there to get phone  
26 calls. There's always either Donna -- there's somebody there to  
27 take phone calls. The phone calls are not getting missed.

28 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But from what I can read from what  
29 Commissioner Garner said in the last meeting, if he wants to  
30 talk to Building, he wants to talk to Building. He doesn't  
31 want --

32 ANNA PENOLA: Well, --

33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: If he wants to talk to Human Resources,  
34 he wants to talk to Human Resources. If you want to talk to  
35 Finance, you want to talk to Finance. You don't -- somebody  
36 else taking their phone calls, leaving a message, is not the  
37 same type of response.

38 ANNA PENOLA: Our cell phones are on. And everybody has  
39 our cell phones. I answer my cell phone to anybody any time.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just a comment on that, because I

1 think Building Department is entirely different, because they  
2 are out the office so often doing their work out of the office.

3 But I always know the frustration when you call on a  
4 regular office, and they aren't right there. And that's what  
5 the public has been saying. So we don't have the staff to keep  
6 it fully covered as we do in the other departments. And I don't  
7 know how we can make it for one and not the other. I don't know  
8 how you can just exclude the Building Department and make  
9 everybody else 8:00 to 5:00. I'm not sure how we do that -- but  
10 -- or whether we even can do that. I don't know.

11 But I know the frustration has been there, and I know  
12 that's what we're leaning towards is we've got -- we've got  
13 to get Fridays back because it's frustrating to call and not be  
14 able to do the business.

15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Off public response, I'll make a  
16 motion we go to five eights.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm sorry. Go to what?

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: You want to clarify that?

19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Off of public response, from what  
20 I've taken in, I say we go to five eights. Put it all back to  
21 five days a week.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So you go to five days. That's what  
23 you said -- I thought you said Fridays.

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: Five-day work schedule.

25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Five-day work schedule.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: For --

28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And make it consistent.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Effective?

30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Besides Road and Bridge.

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And water. And Sheriff's Office,  
32 stay on their own.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we have to take off Road and  
34 Bridge.

35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah. The Road and Bridge.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Are you thinking take the Building  
37 Department off too?

38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Five eights for the whole  
39 administrative staff and everything that relies into, except for  
40 Water and Sewer.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: The entire county workforce?  
2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yes.  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
4 ROGENE HILL: You're talking just totally administration?  
5 Road and Bridge and Public Works would be excluded.  
6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Separate.  
7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right. They'd stay the way they  
8 are.  
9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Because of the rotating coverage.  
10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. We have a motion. Is there a  
11 second?  
12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I will second the motion.  
13 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Any other comments?  
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: I -- I already made my comment last  
15 meeting. I just don't know if it's that necessary. We're going  
16 to have to change anyway when we get into the new building.  
17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No. It would be the same.  
18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Anything else?  
19 (No comment.)  
20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?  
21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Aye.  
22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.  
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.  
24 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?  
25 (No comment.)  
26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.  
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: (To Commissioner Mason.) Are you  
28 voting?  
29 TIFFANY ELKINGTON: Did he vote?  
30 COMMISSIONER MASON: Uh-uh.  
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Are you abstaining?  
32 TIFFANY ELKINGTON: Was that a no vote?  
33 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah.  
34 TIFFANY ELKINGTON: Okay.  
35 COMMISSIONER MASON: I didn't vote.  
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Then you're abstaining?  
37 COMMISSIONER GARNER: (To Chairman Bullock.) Did you vote?  
38 COMMISSIONER MASON: I abstain then. You want me to say  
39 that?  
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I want you to say something.

1 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I only have to vote on ties. It's an  
2 aye.

3 LURA DUVALL: Can we ask when it's effective?  
4

5 **15) Discussion for possible action regarding appointment of the**  
6 **Lander County Commissioner(s) to the various 2014-2015**  
7 **advisory boards, categories 1, 2, 3, & 4, and other matters**  
8 **properly related thereto.**  
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10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Let's go on to Item Number 15,  
11 discussion for possible action regarding appointment of the  
12 Lander County Commissioners to the various 2014-2015 advisory  
13 boards, categories 1, 2, 3, and 4, and other matters properly  
14 related thereto.

15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I have no reason to want -- I want  
16 to keep on the same boards I'm on.

17 Do you want to switch?

18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I'm good with where I'm at.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm fine with all my boards.

20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Sadie has them here if you want  
21 to -- change anything.

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: They're right here.

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Are you good, Dean?

24 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, I'm okay.

25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mason, are you good? Everybody else  
26 is good.

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: I don't have a problem with it.

28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We do have a couple. I see some new  
29 names. Jan Morrison. Do we have to read her in?

30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's just appointed.

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Or is it appointed?

32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: What's that?

33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, there's some new names. Jan  
34 and then --

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Are you looking at the Board of  
36 Equalization?

37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah. This is just for the Commission.  
38 Somewhere it's board.

39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: We sat.

40 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Oh.

1 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: On which boards the Commission sat.

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We're just looking at our  
3 appointments.

4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Do we have to -- on those boards,  
5 though, don't we have to read them in?

6 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: They actually come up to my office  
7 and be sworn in or what have you or at another meeting at the  
8 beginning.

9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Gotcha. So that's good. After the  
10 first.

11 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we do need a motion?

13 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: No. I was just letting him know  
14 that usually what they do is they come in and swear in the  
15 office, if they're up, you know, if they've been reappointed or  
16 at the beginning of their meetings, we'll swear them in all at  
17 once, so --

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: The only one that would change is Jan  
19 would be on the LEDA Board in place of Gina, which is county  
20 provided.

21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: County personnel for the --

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

23 Otherwise -- so do we have a motion to approve?

24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion we keep the existing  
25 boards current with existing commissioners.

26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second that.

27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?

28 (No comment.)

29 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

30 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

32 (None opposed.)

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35 **COURTHOUSE/ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROJECT**

36

37 16) **Discussion for possible action regarding status of the Lander**  
38 **County Courthouse/Administration Building Project and other**  
39 **matters properly related thereto.**

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1 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Item Number 16, discussion for  
2 possible action regarding status of the Lander County  
3 Courthouse/Administration Building Project and other matters  
4 properly related thereto.

5 JUDGE BUNCH: Hi. How's the Commission today? Max Bunch  
6 for the record.

7 And the Building Committee met last night, again, with Brad  
8 and Angela, the architects and Jim Miller from CORE. There were  
9 some other people that were in the audience too during that.

10 To kind of give you an update, the architectural company  
11 brought in two people to go through the majority of the offices,  
12 to go through the furniture and fixtures and different things  
13 that are going to be needed in building. They've got -- they  
14 got a majority of the offices. I think the DA's office and the  
15 Justice Court and the Juvenile Office were -- did I say the DA's  
16 office? Okay. So they were not done. And I believe the next  
17 time they come up, they're going to get those done.

18 I did get a report back, which was after our Building  
19 Committee meeting from those people that were doing that. We  
20 had potentially an elected official who was wanting to redesign  
21 their office. I would have to bring that back to the Building  
22 Committee to go over that. My first response or thought was  
23 probably not, but let's let the Building Committee decide it.  
24 Because we were only supposed to be doing furniture, not trying  
25 to redesign offices and do things like that, because we're  
26 trying to get to the construction documents of the -- the  
27 construction documents of the building, so we can get the  
28 building started and get to GMP, guaranteed maximum pricing, for  
29 the building. So we get people locked in. So as the more time  
30 we're waiting, the more money -- it's going up.

31 The Building Committee and I -- we talked a little bit  
32 yesterday about -- we've had to reduce the building size. We  
33 were approximately almost a million dollars over budget. We've  
34 reduced the building size at that point 5,000 square feet. We  
35 found that we potentially, because of potential water issues or  
36 security of the building, we were probably about another  
37 \$400,000 over budget. So we went back in and cut another 2,000  
38 square feet off the building for a total of 7,000 square feet  
39 off the building. And so the building's getting smaller. And  
40 we're trying to stay completely within the budget that the

1 Commission gave us when we originally started that thing. So  
2 we -- so basically, those are the two things that the Building  
3 Committee dealt with yesterday.

4 We went through and worked with the Sheriff's Office on how  
5 we're getting prisoners over, the transportation, the security  
6 of the building, all that stuff.

7 The architects took a lot of notes, filled up a book  
8 almost. You know, they have these little books that they kind  
9 of carry around. And that's like the Bible. And they filled  
10 those up. And they've got some great information. They're  
11 happy with the meeting that we had last night so that we can  
12 move forward on getting to these doc -- to these construction  
13 documents so we can get to the bottom line what it's going to  
14 cost us down the road.

15 We're staying within the budget that we have.

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: So what's the new square footage?  
17 Seven -- it was 63, wasn't it?

18 JUDGE BUNCH: Fifty-six.

19 ANGELA BIGOTTI: Fifty-six thousand.

20 JUDGE BUNCH: Fifty-six. A hair over fifty-six. It would  
21 be 56,025 or something like that.

22 ANGELA BIGOTTI: Twenty-six.

23 JUDGE BUNCH: Twenty-six. Yeah.

24 LURA DUVALL: Does that include the basement?

25 COMMISSIONER MASON: And I had another question. Am I  
26 interrupting you?

27 JUDGE BUNCH: No. I think that's pretty much as far as the  
28 update. So any questions you might have, sure, we'll try to  
29 answer them.

30 COMMISSIONER MASON: I just brought it up, I don't know, a  
31 meeting or two ago about a janitorial closet. And you wrote it  
32 down. But I think that's really important that you have an  
33 adequate facility for the janitor.

34 JUDGE BUNCH: I believe there are more than one janitor  
35 closets within.

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

37 JUDGE BUNCH: I think there's at least one on each floor.  
38 There's janitor closets on each floor --

39 COMMISSIONER MASON: Great.

40 JUDGE BUNCH: -- of the building.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's super.  
2 JUDGE BUNCH: Do you guys remember on the Building  
3 Committee? Don't we have the --  
4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: (Indicating affirmative.)  
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: You sent a memo.  
6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: About the janitorial closets?  
7 JUDGE BUNCH: Yeah. And I know I wasn't here at the last  
8 meeting.  
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: We've got little rooms they can  
10 use.  
11 BRAD VAN WOERT: We've got a lot of little rooms.  
12 JUDGE BUNCH: We've got some rooms.  
13 And so one of the things brought up at the last commission  
14 meeting. And I know Lura was talking about she was potentially  
15 she was thinking about funding the basement. We don't know  
16 about that, because we're still waiting on dollars to see where  
17 we're at. You don't have that number in?  
18 LURA DUVALL: No, um, do you have a number for me?  
19 JUDGE BUNCH: Do we have number as far as the size?  
20 LURA DUVALL: What the additional amount that's going to be  
21 needed to do a partial basement? Ballpark?  
22 JUDGE BUNCH: I thought you gave us a number, and we tried  
23 to design what would be within it. You said 450. So we're at  
24 least that.  
25 LURA DUVALL: Yes. Absolutely.  
26 JUDGE BUNCH: Which would be somewhere around 32- to 3300  
27 square foot basement. So -- and it could get a little bit  
28 bigger. We don't know.  
29 LURA DUVALL: Yes. Yes.  
30 JUDGE BUNCH: So I think -- I think we have that commitment  
31 from Lura at this point:  
32 LURA DUVALL: Yes. Yes.  
33 JUDGE BUNCH: So I'll get with her and get the number so we  
34 can get that back to the Building Committee on the basement that  
35 we have, so that we know what direction we're going in for the  
36 design of the building and the construction documents, so we  
37 know where we're at. So we just want to make sure we had that  
38 number.  
39 I know at the last meeting that you had in December that  
40 number was unknown at that time. And it would be known in

1 January, but I didn't know it was earlier January or late  
2 January. So you have a number?

3 LURA DUVALL: I do. I do.

4 JUDGE BUNCH: That's good.

5 LURA DUVALL: I do.

6 JUDGE BUNCH: Well, that's great. Then that's even better  
7 news for all of us. And then -- and then we'll go from there.  
8 Is there any more questions?

9 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think we still have a fire hydrant  
10 issue at this point.

11 JUDGE BUNCH: I think -- I think that could potentially be  
12 the next agenda.

13 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Next item.

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh. Okay.

15 JUDGE BUNCH: But we're not quite there yet. So if you any  
16 more questions on the building from the Building Committee?

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, I think you're doing a heck of a  
18 job.

19 JUDGE BUNCH: Okay. Well, thank you, very much. I  
20 appreciate that. Nobody else. Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thanks, Max.

22 JUDGE BUNCH: Then I think that's it.

23 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks. Okay.

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25 **17) Discussion for possible action regarding a plan for funding**  
26 **and direction on how to proceed with the expansion of water**  
27 **and sewer for the new Lander County Courthouse/Administration**  
28 **Building and other matters properly related thereto.**  
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30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 17, discussion for possible  
31 action regarding a plan for funding and direction on how to  
32 proceed with the expansion of water and sewer for the Lander  
33 County Courthouse/Administration Building and other matters  
34 properly related thereto.

35 JUDGE BUNCH: And I have Jim Miller from Core. Here they

36 --

37 JIM McGUIRE: Good morning, Commissioners.

38 JUDGE BUNCH: -- they've done some information and done  
39 some background work for us. I'll let him take over.

40

1 JIM MILLER: Jim Miller, Core Construction. I want to  
2 approach the Commissioners and give you a handout just to talk  
3 through with me.

4 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Be careful on that Jim -- on that  
5 cord there.

6 JIM MILLER: Gotcha. Thank you. Booby trap.

7 Okay. So starting off here, what I have is I give you a  
8 handout. This is kind of a basis of design, what we anticipated  
9 at the very beginning. And what this shows is a pink outline of  
10 the existing water line at the current jail facility.

11 So our basis of design, we were anticipating tying into  
12 that loop that's there on site to provide fire water, domestic  
13 water, and irrigation to the new facility.

14 Based on some preliminary testing that we've done here  
15 recently in the past couple of months, that existing loop there  
16 that services the jail does not provide adequate water service  
17 that would support the new facility.

18 So based on that preliminary information, we went and  
19 looked at and worked with Sewer and Water Department to locate  
20 some other options possible tying into to bring more water to  
21 the site.

22 So next page. Option one, this just shows a connection  
23 across 305 on the corner of Bastian Road. That service there  
24 would provide an additional flow, which would basically -- on  
25 preliminary information that we've got right now, would  
26 basically double the flow that we have and provide to the site.

27 Option two is going out to Sheep Creek and tying into that  
28 water service out there. That's an almost 3,000 feet, which is  
29 a considerable cost impact. Both of -- all of these options  
30 that I'm presenting to you right now are additional cost options  
31 that we're looking at on the project. So option two is an  
32 additional 3,000 feet of water line to bring into the site.

33 And option three, which is proven based on discussions to  
34 be the most favorable option should we choose to consider that.  
35 That's connecting to a line that is stubbed at the corner of old  
36 8 A Highway. And right now we're determining that's either a  
37 ten- or twelve-inch water line.

38 A couple of things that I'd like to just point out from our  
39 perspective. You know, one, the service that's at the jail  
40 facility is a dead-end facility, meaning that that service comes

1 across 305. And it only services that site. And it dead ends  
2 there. It's not a loop system. So water, you know, potentially  
3 the flow of water can get -- can stay there.

4 What we're looking at is just the possibility of bringing  
5 another loop which support 8A option. Bringing that 8A option  
6 up there does create a loop in the system. Only it would  
7 improve the flow and also improve the quality of water, not to  
8 mention just economic development for the county in doing that.

9 Other long-term things that we considered that we want to  
10 bring to the Commissioner's attention. Just with the flows and  
11 the depleted flows down in that area in that part of town, you  
12 know, there's a 25,000 square foot gymnasium that we're going to  
13 do over at the Lemaire school site, you know, increase stadium  
14 facility that's going over there. We've got apartments going  
15 over in that area, the county does. So just the expansion on  
16 this side of the freeway also would support creating a loop.  
17 And just that would also help benefit that side of the 305 also.

18 So with that said, you know, these three options, certainly  
19 impact the project based on the budget that we didn't originally  
20 anticipate. So we wanted to present these three options for  
21 discussion, you know, as possible considerations to bring more  
22 water flow and water services to the site.

23 JUDGE BUNCH: And having said that, if I could, we do plan  
24 on doing testing again on Wednesday before the next Commission  
25 Meeting on the current system. I believe they're going to bring  
26 up some pressures and -- to see if we can get to that pressure  
27 at the Sheriff's Office. So that our original plan was to go  
28 right off of the Sheriff's Office area there to get that in  
29 there.

30 So we are in the works and have made contact with the  
31 people to do the flow test Wednesday -- I think it's the 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
32 The 23<sup>rd</sup>'s the next meeting. My days are mixed up, but it's  
33 somewhere in that neighborhood, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> -- or 22<sup>nd</sup> and  
34 23<sup>rd</sup>. But that Wednesday prior to the Commission Meeting, we  
35 will be doing a fire flow test. Jake has talked with us this  
36 morning about making sure that in the next two weeks his people  
37 are working to get -- open up the lines to make sure that  
38 they're all open so that we can get -- make sure we have the  
39 proper test to make sure we have the proper -- to get the proper  
40 flow on the test, because of the numbers we have look a little

1 bit low. And so it shouldn't be -- for some reason, it looks  
2 too low for the normal flow. And so I think that's concerned  
3 Jake and concerned us. And Jake has told us today that he's had  
4 a meeting and some things are going to be opened up so that that  
5 can be looked at.

6 COMMISSIONER MASON: I have a point to make here. This is  
7 city infrastructure that we're dealing with. And that -- what  
8 you're recommending -- I think you said you were recommending  
9 option number three?

10 JIM MILLER: Correct.

11 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay. And that really just would suit  
12 the new building and the courthouse and the administration and  
13 all that. But it really wouldn't take care in any other tie ins  
14 at a later date. But --

15 JIM MILLER: Well, extending that line down to the site  
16 certainly there's considerations if you want to add fire  
17 hydrants along 305. If you want to put vaults in areas where if  
18 you are having future expansion that can tie into that line that  
19 can all be considered. And we haven't even --

20 COMMISSIONER MASON: Right.

21 JIM MILLER: -- breeched in any of those kinds of  
22 conversations.

23 The other thing that that line does by extending it to the  
24 site, just based on the preliminary information we have, you  
25 know, the water lines across 305 from us, you know, just talking  
26 round numbers, let's say that the volume's at a thousand. You  
27 come over to this side of the freeway where those lines dead end  
28 at the jail and they're sitting there, the flows have decreased  
29 by almost close to two-thirds, half. So one would suggest that  
30 those flows -- and it's at the very end of the line -- that  
31 because it's not looped into a system that, you know, you're  
32 losing the capacity just being at the tail end of that service.

33 So the other part is bringing up that 30-, you know, that  
34 line up 305 from 8A is it will loop the system so you will have  
35 more of a constant pressure more of a constant flow of water  
36 there.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is that -- that line, going under the  
38 freeway, the water line, is that not parallel to a sewer line  
39 going under there at the same time?

40 I mean, when we were dealing with the sewer a year ago, --

1 JIM MILLER: Correct.

2 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- there was a stagnant line under the  
3 freeway that was never used. And that was an eight-inch line,  
4 and it was too small for a sewer impact. Are we talking the  
5 same line or another water line?

6 JIM MILLER: No, we're talking strictly water line --

7 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

8 JIM MILLER: So water service. So that water service could  
9 possibly -- and I would have to defer to Water and Sewer on  
10 that. It could possibly run -- I know there's been discussions  
11 they both parallel and stub out underneath the freeway. But  
12 that -- they all dead end, I believe, at the corner of that 8A  
13 intersection.

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: So your option number three would at  
15 least -- it would impact water on this side of the -- on the  
16 south side of the freeway?

17 JIM MILLER: Correct.

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: For other uses?

19 JIM MILLER: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MASON: As well as get this job done?

21 JIM MILLER: Correct. Correct.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: The other -- the reason I brought that  
23 up is because I believe once the courthouse is in, there's going  
24 to be immediate application to build other things along.

25 JIM MILLER: Correct. And not only will that line come up,  
26 it will also tie that line into the existing jail line that's  
27 servicing the jail right now.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

29 JIM MILLER: So if you go to the base bid, the very front.  
30 So that line comes across 305 to service the jail. So that's  
31 where by bringing up that line up 305 and tying into jail, I'll  
32 tie into the jail service so it will create the loop tying it  
33 across 305 also. So that's what will create the loop, also  
34 extending it into the site for the new courthouse and admin.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: So let's say -- I'm just -- look at  
36 number three option.

37 JIM MILLER: Right.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: To the north of the jail, --

39 JIM MILLER: Mm-hm.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- there's a big lot there --

1 JIM MILLER: Correct.  
2 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- and let's just say as, for example,  
3 that sold and somebody wanted to put in a small shopping center  
4 or whatever, --  
5 JIM MILLER: Correct.  
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- is this new red line going to be  
7 adequate to handle that?  
8 JIM MILLER: Absolutely.  
9 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.  
10 JIM MILLER: Yep.  
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: I got it.  
12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So are we looking at it for cost  
13 effectiveness to use that line or the one coming off Sheep Creek  
14 would actually be more beneficial for future construction.  
15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: He's going to look at cost.  
16 JIM MILLER: I'm looking at cost --  
17 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. So yeah, here's what I'm saying.  
18 JIM MILLER: County benefits, you know, we put these three  
19 options, certainly there's benefits of all three --  
20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I understand that.  
21 JIM MILLER: -- of these options.  
22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Do we need to take this off of the  
23 courthouse and put it back on the water and sewer because this  
24 is future expansion. And we provide the water --  
25 JIM MILLER: Correct.  
26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- and let the courthouse go as they  
27 are. We'll make sure the water gets there.  
28 JIM MILLER: Correct.  
29 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I guess is my point.  
30 JIM MILLER: Right.  
31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Then it's not part of the construction.  
32 JUDGE BUNCH: Right.  
33 JIM MILLER: That's true. And, you know, just part of  
34 bring this up --  
35 JUDGE BUNCH: It shouldn't be part of the construction, but  
36 --  
37 JIM MILLER: No. Correct.  
38 JUDGE BUNCH: -- if you want us to be part of the  
39 construction, --  
40 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, I think we're all going to lose.

1 JUDGE BUNCH: -- we have to ask you --  
2 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I understand, but eventually we've got  
3 to put a line down Sheep Creek. We have to eventually.  
4 JUDGE BUNCH: We already have one on Sheep Creek. You mean  
5 parallel down 80.  
6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Going down --  
7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That is all for sale right there.  
8 JIM MILLER: Right.  
9 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And that is within the town boundaries.  
10 We do have to provide it at some point.  
11 JIM MILLER: Correct.  
12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Jake, didn't we have a number on that  
13 at one time?  
14 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah.  
15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That was one of the proposals --  
16 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah. Well, just to reiterate what we're  
17 talking about here.  
18 We're taking a project that we have and adding facilities  
19 from my part to facilitate another county project, which to me  
20 makes some sense. But time-wise, if they're already in design  
21 phase and whatever, if it's the Commission's, you know, if  
22 that's what you guys want to do, whatever option you take, you  
23 could give me the money or whatever. But it would make more  
24 sense to actually give them the money. We wouldn't have to go  
25 through the whole rigmarole of whatever. They would already  
26 receive it. It would be involved in their project and out the  
27 door and done way quicker than just bits and pieces.  
28 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: There is no change orders in a CMAR; am  
29 I wrong?  
30 JUDGE BUNCH: There is no change orders.  
31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We got -- we have a figure we got the  
32 hold to.  
33 JAKE EDGAR: Now, okay --  
34 JUDGE BUNCH: No, no, no. You can add --  
35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: You can add.  
36 JUDGE BUNCH: -- to that. But you've indicated to me that  
37 you're not doing a penny more.  
38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.  
39 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, --  
40 JUDGE BUNCH: But if you change your mind, that's your

1 prerogative.

2 COMMISSIONER MASON: It was -- our initial effort was all  
3 inclusive, quote, unquote. But this is infrastructure for the  
4 city.

5 JIM MILLER: Correct.

6 JUDGE BUNCH: This was never planned on.

7 COMMISSIONER MASON: No.

8 JUDGE BUNCH: We thought water was there.

9 COMMISSIONER MASON: So this is something we're going to  
10 have to budget outside of this project.

11 JIM MILLER: Correct.

12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Budget it and give it to them to  
13 use?

14 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, my opinion is do you need the  
15 water pressure before July 1<sup>st</sup>? I mean.

16 JIM MILLER: Not if there's a -- I will need it after July  
17 1<sup>st</sup>; correct.

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's what I'm saying. You put it in  
19 the budget. This can come into next year's budget. We go out,  
20 bid. We get it put in.

21 JIM MILLER: Right.

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You don't need the water when we start  
23 building I guess is what my point is.

24 JIM MILLER: Right.

25 JUDGE BUNCH: That would be correct. Though we do need to  
26 know if the water -- where the water is coming into.

27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I understand that.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, you've given us three options.  
29 We've got to pick one.

30 JUDGE BUNCH: No, you don't have to pick any of them.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, I understand. I understand. But  
32 we have three options in front of us.

33 JUDGE BUNCH: We're just --

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: We could budget --

35 JUDGE BUNCH: We just did some homework for you.

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- these, any one of them.

37 JIM MILLER: So talking just budget and parameters of the  
38 budget and the project. So right now, this is carried outside  
39 of the budget for the project. We have not considered this cost  
40 inclusive of what we're accounting for the current budget. We

1 just -- the update for the project just talked about square  
2 footage that we cut out the project. That's all based on design  
3 information that we have contained within the project budget.  
4 This, we've kept outside of the budget just because of the  
5 infrastructure improvements that it does do to the county, you  
6 know, more so than it would provide to the building. And too,  
7 looking at the 8 A connection, you know, certainly the Sheep  
8 Creek discussion came up that that is certainly another benefit  
9 to the county to come down. We were looking at what is the most  
10 minimal impact --

11 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I understand.

12 JIM MILLER: -- to the county at this point. And 8A,  
13 bringing 8A up and stubbing it into the site, that would be  
14 there at a later date. Sheep Creek could come back and tie  
15 right back into that service so that now you have continuous  
16 loop on three different systems for that whole end of town.

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: The quickest and cheapest of the three  
18 options would be coming off Bastian?

19 JUDGE BUNCH: No.

20 JIM MILLER: Not necessarily.

21 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No.

22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: You got to bore the --

24 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You've got to bore underneath.

25 JIM MILLER: You've got to bore underneath 305. So the  
26 cost there with just be boring underneath the 305 makes that  
27 option --

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: But they've already bored underneath  
29 the freeway is what you're saying.

30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No.

31 JIM MILLER: At the 8A connection, yes.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Jim, would you just clarify, it's  
33 actually -- your wording on the third option. It says, the flow  
34 needed is not guaranteed for the building requirements. Now,  
35 you're saying today it's not guaranteed, but it would be if they  
36 used it?

37 JIM MILLER: Based on the preliminary information we have,  
38 --

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

40 JIM MILLER: -- it is. This is just a -- my pre-con guys

1 being cautious that we haven't actually tested any of the line  
2 there --

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, okay.

4 JIM MILLER: -- for a flow test.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But you would if we took three.

6 JIM MILLER: Right.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I wondered if you meant that or if you  
8 meant after we build the building, like, oops, we ran out of  
9 water.

10 JIM MILLER: No. No.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm thinking, --

12 JIM MILLER: The water service --

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that's a strange way to word it.

14 JIM MILLER: -- is modeled --

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Got it.

16 JIM MILLER: -- for the town and based on that information,  
17 it's adequate to service the building.

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just wanted to be sure that you were  
19 implying.

20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I guess my opinion on the whole thing is  
21 leave the building alone. And let's make it a Public Works  
22 project. And we'll get you the water one way or the other.

23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

24 JIM MILLER: And that was discussed in length also. And I  
25 think what determined that, you know, the option to maybe  
26 incorporate it into the project was one, the engineering team  
27 that we do have on staff right now is not only working to on the  
28 courthouse house but also working on the school district. You  
29 know, they are here. The economy to scale would only lend that  
30 that would be, you know, more efficient use of those services  
31 since they are here in lieu of advertising and bringing in  
32 another design firm potentially. You know. That's where it  
33 became just more of a -- seemed to be more beneficial and better  
34 use of people's time and the county's money to go that route.

35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I agree with that.

36 JAKE EDGAR: Outside of that -- outside of what we're  
37 talking about, the budget session is coming up. And  
38 priority-wise last year, we knew we were going to kind of run  
39 into like a little economic hiccup here. And we put our big  
40 list out of priorities.

1           That shuffles my priorities so that also's going to shuffle  
2 Donnie's priorities and so on and so forth. If we take this  
3 again and make it a Public Works project, that pushes something  
4 that we were planning on doing a little further back. I'm not  
5 saying that that's bad. I'm just saying be aware that that is  
6 the list. Here's the number that we gave you guys, and it --  
7 not against it, I'm just saying it is going to move the priority  
8 list around a little bit.

9           And again, Jim is right in stating that, you know, time and  
10 money-wise, it would be easier to use them. We don't have to go  
11 through the whole rigmarole.

12           MARK BRETHAUER: I would agree with Jake too.

13           JIM MILLER: And the resources too -- allocating the  
14 resources.

15           MARK BRETHAUER: -- on that because we've seen this a  
16 hundred times before. It really should go with their contract.  
17 You've already got it place. You can adjust their contract to  
18 reflect that.

19           COMMISSIONER MASON: Makes sense.

20           JAKE EDGAR: Well, I think --

21           MARK BRETHAUER: It's already there.

22           JAKE EDGAR: -- one of the main issues that we're having  
23 right now that's kind of like the elephant in the room. Our  
24 PRBs are set at a certain point. I've talked about it a hundred  
25 million times. I guarantee we could probably get the fire flow  
26 that we need, but it's going to take turning that PRB all the  
27 way up and leaving it. We can do it for the testing and say,  
28 yeah, potentially we have this amount of flow. And then we have  
29 that amount of time to figure out what we're going to do in the  
30 future to keep the PSI at that. But, you know, as far as I'm  
31 concerned, we're either going to do it or not going do it as far  
32 as turning the pressure up. If we turn the pressure up, the  
33 county, you guys and me and everyone else that's going to be  
34 involved has to be ready at that point in time to --

35           COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: To start preparing for leaks.

36           JAKE EDGAR: -- prepare for what's going to happen. I  
37 mean, I'm not say -- nothing could happen. I mean.

38           COMMISSIONER MASON: You could blow a few lines is what  
39 you're saying.

40           JIM MILLER: They're taking that into consideration. Based

1 on all that information that we've been weighing with Jake and  
2 his team, that's where option three made the best sense.

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, look at this. We're spending  
4 \$20 million plus or minus --

5 JIM MILLER: Minus.

6 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- on this project. Okay. Yeah. All  
7 right.

8 ROGENE HILL: I hope so.

9 COMMISSIONER MASON: And we want to have -- we want to do  
10 something correct that goes with the water flow, which affects  
11 the city. And I want you to reiterate to me on option number  
12 three, if we put that in, we elect that, that -- and your  
13 engineering firm does it as a separate bid.

14 JIM MILLER: Correct.

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: How does it affect -- how's it going  
16 to effect the south side of the freeway again?

17 JIM MILLER: Extending that water line down to the service.  
18 So two benefits. One, it loops the system at the current site.  
19 So that means that right now that's a dead-end water loop or  
20 water line.

21 COMMISSIONER MASON: We have constant -- constant pressure  
22 on a loop?

23 JIM MILLER: You do. And so that water line dead ends  
24 right there. So bring that water line down, one, I will tie  
25 into the existing service that's feeding the jail. In addition,  
26 I will extend it into the property where the new courthouse  
27 admin building's going.

28 So that -- that in itself would create a loop in the system  
29 that will connect the opposite side of 305 along with the court  
30 side of 305. So now, those -- those systems are tied together  
31 to create a loop. So you will have more of a consistent PSI  
32 plus water flow plus better quality of water at that end.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: Excellent.

34 JUDGE BUNCH: And if you look at Carson Road and that --  
35 you see Carson Road where that pink comes down, Carson Road's to  
36 the right. And so basically, that goes underneath the State  
37 Route 305. So it also creates pressure that way back towards  
38 Carson Road.

39 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, that's what I was asking.

40 JIM MILLER: Right.

1 JUDGE BUNCH: That's why --

2 COMMISSIONER MASON: So we benefit on both sides of the  
3 highway.

4 JUDGE BUNCH: That's why I answered that.

5 JIM MILLER: Right. And the other benefits, like you said,  
6 that property line that's just, you know, north of the property  
7 of the jail. And that's for sale. If it does get developed  
8 into industrial or housing or, you know, commercial, they also  
9 have the water line that's there to support that development  
10 too.

11 Also, the other benefit to it is part of that tie in, that  
12 bringing that Sheep Creek down and tying into that water line,  
13 it takes a phase of that and has it completed as well.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So when does this decision have to be  
15 made? Like three --

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Now would be good.

17 JIM MILLER: Now would be great because that gives us  
18 direction on where we could proceed.

19 COMMISSIONER MASON: See, we've got their -- their staff is  
20 already online.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand that, but I'm saying --

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You're either going to cut more square  
23 footage or you're going to find some money.

24 JIM MILLER: Right. So --

25 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Either way.

26 JIM MILLER: Right.

27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I don't care if you do it as part of the  
28 courthouse or do it as a Public Works project, you've got to  
29 find more money. We've got to take it out of somewhere.

30 And if that means we're going to take it out of Public  
31 Works anyway, then we're going to take it out. I mean, I don't  
32 know how else to put it. It's got to come from somewhere.

33 JIM MILLER: Right.

34 JAY FISCHER: Could I offer a comment here?

35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Go ahead.

36 JAY FISCHER: Jay Fischer with Reese River Hydrologic.

37 I had the opportunity to meet with Max and Jim and his team  
38 beforehand. And we discussed what Max talked about in his  
39 testing. And I think we're kind of overlooking here the fact  
40 that that testing could prove that there's adequate water here

1 available with the system right now, which would mean what we're  
2 talking about in this loop is purely improvement later on to --  
3 for commercial development as Commissioner Mason has mentioned  
4 and also, you know, some -- maybe improvement to the water  
5 supply to the jail.

6 But the testing will bear that out, whether we have an  
7 issue here and need to spend money absolutely or not.

8 And you know, as Max has mentioned that those test results  
9 that we expect to get will be available the Wednesday before the  
10 next meeting. The information they have right now is a little  
11 bit suspect, that they're -- it brings into question whether  
12 there is a lack of water or not. There appears to be plenty of  
13 water on the other side of the highway where the tests have been  
14 conducted. The information we have doesn't even correlate with  
15 the water model that we have right now. But that's what we're  
16 -- they're basing these suspicions on.

17 You know, I agree we'd like to proceed here, but I don't  
18 know -- there's some information to come still before a decision  
19 has to be made.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I appreciate what you're saying,  
21 Jay. And I think that's why it goes back -- I said, when do we  
22 have to make this decision? When does this decision really will  
23 be made? And it certainly won't be done until after you have  
24 done your additional testing.

25 JIM MILLER: We can wait until then.

26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But on the same token, you can make a  
27 commitment today. If -- are we going to fund it if it doesn't  
28 come up to it? Or are we going to cut the size of the  
29 courthouse?

30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: That's what we need know.

31 JIM MILLER: Correct. Based on where we're at --

32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Or are we going to fund it?

33 JIM MILLER: -- with numbers. We're at a pivoting point.  
34 If we decide today -- the Commission decides that they are not  
35 going to look for outside funding or approve outside funding to  
36 potentially cover this issue, we have to look for it from within  
37 inside the project.

38 We've already made considerable concessions to cover other  
39 areas. The design team is at pivoting point to where, you know,  
40 we need to either stop, define if this money is in the budget.

1 If so, we've got to look for how -- ways to cut more items out  
2 of the courthouse to cover it. Or if the county comes back and  
3 supports it from their end as a funding source, then we're able  
4 to proceed with design, turn them loose. We'll go perform our  
5 testing. We'll do all that homework, come back and say, here's  
6 what we have.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

8 JIM MILLER: Here's what makes the most sense. And we can  
9 talk through it then.

10 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

11 JIM MILLER: We'll have real numbers --

12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: The numbers we need to come up  
13 with.

14 JIM MILLER: -- of what the funding amount's going to be.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We're just going to cut one  
17 courthouse -- one courtroom.

18 I make a motion we come up with -- I make a motion we leave  
19 the water project with Core because of the engineering team and  
20 staff already on hand, that the county is presented with three  
21 options, and the price of it. And the county will influence the  
22 funding on that Core project already to enhance the water  
23 supply.

24 JUDGE BUNCH: So the count -- so your motion is that the  
25 county's bearing the cost?

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yes.

27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

28 JUDGE BUNCH: And not the building?

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Right.

30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.

31 JUDGE BUNCH: So we can get going on the building?

32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yep.

33 JUDGE BUNCH: Okay.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The county is funding, and he's giving  
35 you direction.

36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I will second that motion.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: He already seconded it.

39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That would be a third.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: You did?

1 (LAUGHTER)  
2 COMMISSIONER MASON: I thought you asked if you would  
3 second the motion.  
4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No, I said I will second it.  
5 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?  
6 (No comment.)  
7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?  
8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.  
9 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?  
10 (None opposed.)  
11 JUDGE BUNCH: Thank you, gentleman.  
12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you.  
13 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.  
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.  
15 JIM MILLER: Thank you.  
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You're welcome.  
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19 **COMMISSIONERS**

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21 18) **Discussion for possible action to elect a Chairman and**  
22 **Vice-Chairman of the Lander County Board of Commissioners and**  
23 **other matters properly related thereto.**  
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25 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for -- oh, Item Number 18,  
26 discussion for possible action to elect a Chairman and  
27 Vice-Chairman of the Lander County Board of Commissioners and  
28 other matters properly related thereto.

29 So at this time, I'll open up nominations for chairman.

30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'd like to nominate Brian for  
31 Chairman.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you need a second on that?

33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second it.

35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other comments?

36 (No comment.)

37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

38 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

40 (None opposed.)

1 (Chairman Bullock passes gavel to Chairman Garner.)  
2 COMMISSONER STIENMETZ: I nominate Dean Bullock as Vice  
3 Chair.  
4 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: He hasn't opened it yet.  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh. Aren't you ready?  
6 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: There you go.  
7 CHAIRMAN GARNER: Yeah. I hit myself in the head with  
8 that. Um, is it on other?  
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is it open?  
10 COMMISSIONER BULLOCK: He didn't say.  
11 CHAIRMAN GARNER: Discussion -- discussion -- possible  
12 action on appointing a Vice Chair.  
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I nominate Dean Bullock as Vice Chair.  
14 CHAIRMAN GARNER: A second?  
15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Do you want it, Dean?  
16 COMMISSIONER BULLOCK: I can't be polled.  
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'll second. Let's see where it goes.  
18 CHAIRMAN GARNER: All those in favor?  
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.  
20 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.  
21 CHAIRMAN GARNER: Any public comment?  
22 (No comment.)  
23 COMMISSIONER BULLOCK: Do we have any noes yet?  
24 CHAIRMAN GARNER: They're all ayes.  
25 So motion passes, and Dean is Vice Chair.  
26 LURA DUVALL: Who's the Chair?

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28 **19) Correspondence/reports/potential upcoming agenda items.**

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30 CHAIRMAN GARNER: Agenda Number 19. Do we have any  
31 upcoming correspondence, reports, or potential agenda items?

32 (The following correspondence was received:

- 33 1. Robert J. Halstead, Nevada Agency for Nuclear  
34 Projects, to Commissioner Dean Bullock, letter regarding the  
35 proposed Yucca Mountain high-level nuclear waste repository  
36 project.  
37 2. Kenneth Brown, Western Counties Alliance, to Lander  
38 county Commissioners, e-mail entitled "*Congressional Western  
39 Caucus - What Westerners Need to Know About the Budget Deal.*"  
40 3. Christopher J. Cook, BLM, to Julian Tomera Ranches,

1 Inc., letter regarding 2013 Goat Peak Fire, Wildfire Management  
2 and Livestock Closure Decision.

3 4. Francisco Vega, P.E., Nevada Division of Environmental  
4 Protection, to Vern Goglio, Barrick Cortez, Inc., letter  
5 regarding Notice of Alleged Air Quality Violation and Order Nos.  
6 2435-2436, Class I Air Quality Operating Permit AP  
7 1041-2141-2141 (FIN A0001).

8 5. Daniel Schinhofen, Nye County Board of Commissioners,  
9 to Robert Halstead, Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects, letter  
10 regarding support for Yucca Mountain.

11 6. US Fish and Wildlife Service, NV Fish & Wildlife  
12 Service, postcard regarding extension of comment period for  
13 Bi-State Distinct Population Segment of Greater Sage-Grouse.

14 7. Christopher J. Cook, BLM, to Interested Public, letter  
15 regarding Environmental Assessment analyzing the impacts of the  
16 proposed modifications to existing operations at the Cortez  
17 Hills and Pipeline complexes within Cortez Gold Mines near  
18 Crescent Valley, Nevada.

19 8. Michael Vermeys acting for Christopher J. Cook, BLM,  
20 to Interested Public, letter regarding Proposed Decision for the  
21 Toiyabe West Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Project.

22 9. Jeffrey Erwin, Nevada Division of Environmental  
23 Protection, to Lee Hammond, Union Pacific Railroad, letter  
24 regarding Request for Release/Spill Information for the facility  
25 located at 112 E. Front Street in Battle Mountain, Nevada.

26 10. Kenneth Brown, Western Counties Alliance, to Lander  
27 County Commissioners, e-mail concerning continuing saga  
28 regarding horse slaughter plant in Roswell, New Mexico.

29 11. Peter Lassaline, Nevada Division of Environmental  
30 Protection, to Lander County Commission, letter regarding Draft  
31 Discharge Permit - GNSWW2014 - General Working in Waters Permit.

32 12. Dagny Stapleton, NACO, to Lander County Commissioners,  
33 e-mail regarding comments on BLM's EIS for the greater sage  
34 grouse.

35 13. Dagny Stapleton, NACO, to Lander County Commissioners,  
36 e-mail regarding Reid/Heller Discussion Draft - Sage Grouse  
37 Bill.

38 14. Jeff Fontaine, NACO, to Lander County Commissioners,  
39 e-mail regarding invitation from State Senator Pete Goicoechea  
40 for the Commissioners to attend a roundtable discussion on

1 Sage-Grouse on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the  
2 Humboldt County Commission Chambers.

3 15. Lander Economic Development Authority (LEDA)  
4 Commissioners Report, December 2013.

5 16. Kenneth Brown, Western Counties Alliance, to lander  
6 County Commissioners, e-mail regarding Western Counties Alliance  
7 sponsored meeting in Washington DC on February 28, 2014.

8 17. Carrie Foley, Nevada Department of Business and  
9 Industry, to lander County Commissioners, e-mail regarding  
10 December 11, 2013 Special Advisory Committee on Private Activity  
11 Bonds meeting.

12 18. Bruce Holmgren, Nevada Division of Environmental  
13 Protection, to Permittee, letter regarding Water Pollution  
14 Control Permit for M-I Swaco, LLC, 2 North Second Street, Battle  
15 Mountain, NV, Permit #NEV2004101.)

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17 CHAIRMAN GARNER: What's that?  
18 Does anybody have anything on the correspondence?

19 (No comment.)

20 (Commissioners reviewing correspondence.)

21 COMMISSONER STIENMETZ: No.

22 CHAIRMAN GARNER: No correspondence.

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25 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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27 CHAIRMAN GARNER: Do I have any public comment?

28 (No comment.)

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30 **ADJOURNMENT**

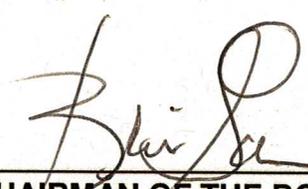
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32 CHAIRMAN GARNER: Motion to adjourn.

33 COMMISSONER STIENMETZ: Second.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Second.

35 CHAIRMAN GARNER: Motion carries.

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**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF LANDER  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE  
LANDER COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD**

**ATTEST:** Sadie Sullivan  
**LANDER COUNTY CLERK**

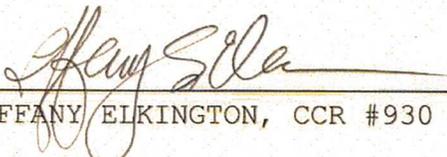
*Note: The Board of Lander County Commissioners serves as the Town Board for the unincorporated towns of Battle Mountain and Austin, Nevada.*

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I, TIFFANY ELKINGTON, A CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER, DO HEREBY  
CERTIFY THAT I WAS PRESENT IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF  
THE LANDER COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE STATE OF NEVADA, ON THE  
9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014, AND REPORTED THE FOREGOING  
PROCEEDINGS; THAT THE SAME IS FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT AS  
REFLECTED BY MY ORIGINAL MACHINE SHORTHAND NOTES TAKEN AT  
SAID PLACE AND TIME BEFORE THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LANDER  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

DATED AT SPRING CREEK, NEVADA,  
THIS 25th DAY OF JANUARY 2014.

  
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TIFFANY ELKINGTON, CCR #930