

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 September 26, 2013 at
4 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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23 [Meeting commenced on September 26, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.]
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25 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We'll go ahead and call to order the
26 Lander County Commissioners Meeting, Town Board of Battle
27 Mountain and Austin Board of County Highway Commissioners.
28 Stand for the pledge. Brian, will you lead us, please.
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30 (Pledge of Allegiance)
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33 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA NOTICE**
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35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action regarding
36 approval of Agenda Notice.

37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to approve the
38 Agenda Notice.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.

40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?

1 (No public comment.)
2 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?
3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
4 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
5 (None opposed.)
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8 **APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
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10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Discussion for possible action regarding
11 approval and acceptance of Minutes of August 22, 2013, Regular
12 Session and September 5, 2013th, Regular Session.

13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion to accept -- your
14 discussion. Didn't you say?

15 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: The minutes, right?

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Both of them?

18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We only have one.

19 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Two.

20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Oh, I don't have it. It's not
21 labeled. Both.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion that we approve
23 both the minutes for August 22nd and September 5th.

24 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?

25 (No public comment.)

26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

27 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

28 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

29 (None opposed.)
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32 **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**
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34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Commissioner Reports on meetings,
35 conferences and seminars attended.

36 Dave?

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: I attended the NACO meeting and got in
38 six of the classes. And didn't get into any trouble. It was
39 good. I enjoyed it. It was a good meeting.

40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Patsy.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. On September 5th, I
2 attended the RTC meeting. Things are kind of a status quo.
3 We're still looking for the engineer. And that's taking some
4 time.

5 I did also attend the NACO Annual Conference and Cities and
6 Municipalities. That was held in Lake Tahoe from the 10th to
7 the 13th, and also the NACO meeting at the same time. It was
8 excellent. There are some things that we will be talking about
9 that NACO has done throughout the time. And fortunately, Jeff
10 Fontaine sends us information individually so we can keep up on
11 some of the things that they're doing for the counties.

12 On September 16th, I had two conference calls. They were
13 with the BLM and our Four-County Teleconference regarding our
14 Regional Management Plan.

15 The EIS draft for the sage grouse will be out October 11th.
16 And we did receive the preliminary draft for Chapter 2 regarding
17 our RMP. That just came out in August. And it's rather thick.
18 It's a couple inches. And we asked for additional time to
19 review that. And they have consented. So we will still -- we
20 are still reviewing that.

21 On September 18th, I had Division for Aging meeting in
22 Carson City. This was actually a subcommittee on NRS 439, which
23 is the tobacco money. Um, just to remind everybody on this, the
24 Senate Bill 421, which was passed by the Nevada Legislature in
25 2011, changed the manner in which the tobacco settlement money
26 and funds supported the fund for Healthy Nevada and how it was
27 to be distributed. So the report needs to be done yearly and
28 given to the governor. And then from there, it goes back into
29 the Legislature. And they make the final decision on how the
30 fund will be apportioned. But on this subcommittee, we have
31 been asked to prioritize the needs of the adults and the
32 priorities where we want to -- to go on that, to go back in to
33 the Governor and ultimately the Legislature.

34 On September 19th, I had a conference call with the Central
35 Nevada Water Authority and meeting there. There is some
36 information in your packet about the Great Basin Workshop that's
37 actually coming up with some field trips to Owens Valley. And
38 everyone has been invited do that, if you'd like to do so, which
39 is later in October.

40 On September 23rd, I had a conference call for Division

1 for Aging again. And their concern is the sequestration and the
2 amount of money that we're being reduced every year going back
3 in to our seniors and the Division for Aging. So they have
4 decided that they will be paying a call personally to all of the
5 different counties at their Commissioners Meeting. So we can
6 look forward to that and bringing us up to date. Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Brian.

8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I had a meeting last night with --
9 RTC meeting. U, I think we have got a solution for the RTC for
10 the engineering. But, uh, we're still working on that.

11 I went to Convention and Tourism last night. And we have a
12 severe problem with our Building Department not getting things
13 done at the Civic Center.

14 The Civic Center is renting multiple events out for people.
15 And there's no air-conditioning. And one air conditioner has
16 been put all the way off from August of last year. Little
17 things are getting done here and there, but these air
18 conditioners and -- uh -- Snyder Mechanical are getting to be a
19 huge problem.

20 So we can discuss this under Jake. Is that under Jake?
21 That building?

22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: (Inaudible.)

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No?

24 ROGENE HILL: Joe.

25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It's just under Joe?

26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Joe. Mm-hm.

27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Next meeting.

28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Um, I don't know where we want to put
29 it. It's an emergency. It needs to be done. It needs to be
30 fixed yesterday. So -- it obviously needs to be on next agenda.
31 And until that happens, they need to call an emergency, or they
32 need do something. I don't know, Rogene, can they get with you?
33 Or something needs to happen.

34 ROGENE HILL: I don't think they're working on the
35 air-conditioning.

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah, for two years.

37 ROGENE HILL: Yeah. Yeah. That's --

38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's the story and the story and
39 the story and the story.

40 ROGENE HILL: Okay, I'll get with Joe and see.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So maybe we should put Joe on the
2 agenda with this and get some answers. That's all I have.

3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Here, Steve.

4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I just -- September 19th, I
5 attended the tele -- I was on the teleconference with Patsy for
6 with the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority. And
7 basically, she covered everything on it. So I have nothing to
8 add. That's all I have.

9 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. I also attended the NACO
10 Conference. There are some issues that we need to address as a
11 county. But they'll be agendized and be looking forward to
12 things we found out that we need to get up to date on with
13 ethics, economic development, and other issues. So that will be
14 forthcoming, but --

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17 **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

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19 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, we'll go on to discussion for
20 possible action regarding Payment of the Bills.

21 JANE BIANCHI: I have one to ratify this morning. Check
22 #45764 in the amount of \$252.60 to Sysco Food Services in Las
23 Vegas.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I need to abstain from Check #45892,
25 covering travel expenses, NACO registration, and Power classes,
26 which are for political classes for --

27 And I have one more. Oh, the gift basket for NACO, the
28 reimbursement on that.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: I need to abstain from Check 45838 for
30 the NACO conference.

31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. I need to abstain from Check
32 #45791 and 45792.

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34 **Sysco**

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36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to ratify Check #45764
37 in the amount of \$252.60 to Sysco.

38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?

40 (No public comment.)

1 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

4 (None opposed.)

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6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to approve submitted
7 expenditures in the amount of \$893,730.23 from Check #45771
8 through Check #45896.

9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?

11 (No public comment.)

12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

13 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

15 (None opposed.)

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17 (Commissioners reviewing Payment of the Bills.)

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19 JANE BIANCHI: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks, Jane.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Jane.

22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you, Jane.

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25 **PAYROLL CHANGE REQUESTS**

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27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, discussion for action regarding
28 Payroll Change Requests. We have five of them: Employee #1489,
29 Employee #1448, Employee #1151, Employee #911, and Employee
30 #1563.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we approve the
32 Payroll Change for Employee Numbers 1489, 1448, 1151, 911, and
33 1563.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, any other discussion or comment?

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Um -- on Employee #1151, is that his
37 year -- accomplishment -- goal?

38 ROGENE HILL: Pardon? I didn't hear what you said.

39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Is employee -- is employee #1151, is
40 that his year accomplishment goal?

1 SOVEIDA ROBINSON: Oh, yes. He's met that.
2 ROGENE HILL: That is, basically, six month and then there
3 was a year.
4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: A year.
5 ROGENE HILL: And then in July, there was the regular 8%.
6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That was in the contract?
7 ROGENE HILL: It --
8 SOVEIDA ROBINSON: In his employment agreement.
9 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But was that agreement approved by the
10 Commission?
11 SOVEIDA ROBINSON: That was approved last year when the
12 Executive Director was still here.
13 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That isn't what I asked. Did the
14 Commission approve that contract for this raise?
15 SOVEIDA ROBINSON: Well, it's -- it was an employment
16 offer.
17 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We did approve the --
18 SOVEIDA ROBINSON: Mm-hm.
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- position with that stipulation.
20 SOVEIDA ROBINSON: In fact, it was the committee that did
21 the interviewing of that person that did -- approved that.
22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I didn't --
23 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, any other discussion?
24 (No comment.)
25 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?
26 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
28 (None opposed.)
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31 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Public comment for non-agendized
34 items only.
35 (No comment.)
36 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Seeing none, we'll go on to Item Number
37 1, discussion for --
38 RAY WILLIAMS: (Indiscernible.) Chairman, this is Ray
39 Williams in Austin. I do have a public comment I'd like to
40 make.

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CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

RAY WILLIAMS: In the month of August or September, we received a -- a letter from the Humboldt River group that told us that they wanted us to kind of formulate what the impacts of the drought has been on Lander County.

At our Public Lands meeting we asked the BLM to give us a run down on how many AUMs has been voluntary -- voluntarily surrendered and the number that were non-voluntary surrendered. And we've come up -- they have a total of 171,000 AUMs, roughly, in Lander County.

And at this point, approximately -- and I'm talking about the more recently the Dry Canyon and -- and allotment which was 2400. But they've suspended about 36,495 AUMs. And when you equate this down to dollars in the past there were different studies that indicated how much one AUM affected the economy of the County. One study was \$200 an AUM. And I think more recently, Eureka County come up with a figure like \$10 an AUM.

I guess the point I'm trying to make is the Board doesn't really have the resources to go out and have the -- the impact of this reduction in grazing brought down to a dollar figure.

And I was -- we were kind of talking about possibility of using Rex Massey or some other consultant to say, hey, here's what the financial impact is to Lander County on this draught.

Along with the drought, we're going to come into the sage grouse issue here very shortly. And it's going to affect grazing also. So we're coming down to an area where we're going to have some pretty severe impacts on the economy.

And we work a lot with Eureka County with Jake Tibbitts who's their Resource Manager. And I know what Eureka County's done to put together a lot of these figures. But we don't have the figures for Lander County.

I just thought I'd bring that up and maybe you can put in on a future -- future agenda. Or Steve goes to those meetings for the Humboldt River Coalition. Maybe he could comment on what was -- what transpired the letter from Dr. Baughman who was working for -- for the Coalition.

That's all I have to say.

CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Thank you, Ray.

1 FINANCE

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3 (1) Discussion for possible action regarding budget review,
4 contracts, financial update and other matters properly
5 relating thereto.
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7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Item Number 1, discussion for
8 possible action regarding budget review, contracts, financial
9 update and other matters properly related thereto.

10 ROGENE HILL: Good morning.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning, Rogene.

12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Good morning, Rogene.

13 ROGENE HILL: Okay. Accounts receivable for the month of
14 August are as follows: water was \$10,235; sewer, 7,849; water
15 and sewer miscellaneous, 0; landfill, 26,265; ambulance, \$976;
16 and active accounts at collections is \$9,723, for a total of
17 55,048.

18 Landfill accounts receivable is higher than usual as there
19 was a 14,650 charge for Canyon Construction and a 2,496 charge
20 for Halliburton. But that was the first month where, you know,
21 I don't see an issue with those at all.

22 Um, Allie has done an awesome job with the collections and
23 keeping up on new accounts and that, so --

24 Audit is progressing. We've got the auditors here. So
25 that will be ongoing probably for the next three weeks to four
26 weeks.

27 Also, the ADS Enhancement classes for the girls will be
28 Thursday and Friday, October 10th and 11th.

29 Other than that, that's all I have. Any questions?

30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I have a question for you.

31 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Bank of America.

33 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: When were they supposed to take
35 that teller out?

36 ROGENE HILL: By --

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: October --

38 ROGENE HILL: -- November 10th, I believe.

39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: November 10th. All right. I just
40 wondered. I thought it was sooner than that, and I --

1 ROGENE HILL: No.
2 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: My wife went there the other day
3 and she says it's still in there.
4 ROGENE HILL: Yeah. Yeah. I think that is when the
5 contract is up is on November 10th. And they said that probably
6 in October would be when they would start working on it. But I
7 haven't heard any more since and asked a few of the B of A
8 customers. They've not been notified, you know, of any -- that
9 it's out.
10 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: They haven't notified us.
11 ROGENE HILL: Yeah. Yeah. So.
12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: All right. Thanks.
13 ROGENE HILL: Mm-hm.

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16 **SAFETY**

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18 **(2) Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**
19 **projects of the Lander County Safety Manager and other**
20 **matters properly related thereto.**
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22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, let's move on to Item Number 2,
23 discussion for possible action regarding operations and projects
24 of Lander County Safety Manager and other matters properly
25 related thereto.

26 KEITH WESTENGARD: Morning.

27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Morning, Keith.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Morning, Keith.

29 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Keith, if you would state your name
30 for the record, please.

31 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, Keith Westengard, Safety Manager for
32 Lander County.

33 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Thank you.

34 KEITH WESTENGARD: So to start off with, our LEPC. We had
35 our local emergency preparedness drill last week. It went very
36 well. We had approximately 40 people involved and about 12
37 different agencies. We -- we had folks come up from Kingston
38 Volunteer Fire Department, they participated; Battle Mountain
39 VFD participated; the County EMS; Road and Bridge; Public Works;
40 as well as the Sheriff's Department, all participated in the

1 drill; Barrack; Marigold; and Newmont. And Atlas Towing &
2 Recovery supplied our -- our props.

3 We had a simulated transportation incident involving two
4 vehicles and five patients, five victims. And we went through
5 the entire drill. So it went very well.

6 We identified our strengths as well as our weaknesses. And
7 when we -- we're going to be putting together a training plan in
8 order to improve our weaknesses.

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Keith, let me ask on that. How long
10 did the whole drill take?

11 KEITH WESTENGARD: Uh, the preparation was probably three
12 days in the works, four days total. And the drill lasted about
13 four hours.

14 We had an after-action review right after -- right after
15 the drill we had an AAR, after-action review at the Sheriff's
16 Department. And then we had another one that involved more of
17 the participants at the Civic Center Tuesday, I believe, is when
18 it was. And had a lot of input. And we have a solid direction
19 to go in the future with our LEPC and our emergency
20 preparedness.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Some lessons learned?

22 KEITH WESTENGARD: Absolutely. Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

24 KEITH WESTENGARD: Some lessons learned and really good
25 teamwork. It really went well.

26 The two -- the two mine teams -- um, the two mine HAZMAT
27 teams had never worked before together -- worked together
28 before. And they did very well. And I'm really happy with the
29 way it went.

30 We tested our dispatch and how they would interact in the
31 incident. So it went really good.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: Of the 42 participants, roughly, how
34 many were county employees? Roughly.

35 KEITH WESTENGARD: Uh, let me see. Probably -- half. I
36 would say.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Good. Good.

38 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. I would say half.

39 Um, our Safety Committee, update on that. We recently --
40 Safety Committee recently voted to purchase what's called a

1 LUCAS machine. It's a battery-operated CPR machine that we're
2 going to use. And I'll -- once we get it, I'll bring it in and
3 actually do a demonstration for you guys. It does perfect CPR
4 for up to 40 -- or an hour and a half. So it frees up the medic
5 to do the work he needs or she needs to do for lifesaving
6 measures.

7 We're working on our AED program throughout the county. We
8 have a lot of expirations coming out with batteries and the pads
9 themselves. So we have the -- an AED program, working with the
10 Ambulance Department or the ambulance to continually update
11 those and provide them within our community.

12 Um, as far as the Safety Department goes, I do have -- I am
13 continually working on a training library that I've made
14 available to all county departments. They have access to it at
15 any time. Um, and it's growing monthly, by a little bit each
16 month, in order to make it a more expansive program.

17 I'm working on a Drug and Alcohol Policy that I'll bring to
18 the Commission here, probably next meeting, to let you guys look
19 over. Um, once I get it put together, they'll be some things
20 that we'll need to discuss and work out as far as which
21 direction you guys want to go with the Countywide Drug and
22 Alcohol Policy.

23 Um, some things have come up recently that have to do
24 with -- safety-wise violating our safety policies. So what I've
25 started doing is issuing written warnings to employees and
26 notifying their supervisors of these issues. So we'll see how
27 that goes in the future.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Do you got a 30-day response to it or
29 what?

30 KEITH WESTENGARD: I give them five days to respond in
31 writing to it.

32 The ultimate -- um, what can I say? -- ultimately, they can
33 come here to you if they have a real issue with it and plead
34 their case. And then it will be up to you guys to decide --

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: I was --

36 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- which direction --

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: I was talking to you about a policy
38 violation of smoking in -- smoking in county vehicles.

39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's one of them, right?

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: That is correct.
2 COMMISSIONER MASON: How do you expect an answer to that?
3 I mean, what are we expecting for an answer?
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, once I issue them a -- a letter of
5 warning, they have -- they can accept that letter or they have
6 the opportunity to dispute it. But they will have to come here
7 and dispute it with you. There -- in that instance, there's
8 real -- there's no real disputing, because it is a county policy
9 that -- that you put into place in June. Um, so -- but it's
10 their option to -- to come to you and plead their case.
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: Do you tell the individual supervisors
12 about these?
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: I do, yes.
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. They are -- they're part of the
16 issuing of the written warning that I -- that I issue. They're
17 there when it's done.
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Keith, on these warnings, are any of
20 them OSHA violations?
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: Um. No. No. They're not any -- not --
22 not so far. Um, they've just been county policy violations.
23 There was one, uh, that had to do with a state violation,
24 um, talking -- in a county vehicle on a cell phone while
25 driving. So that employee was made aware of that. And I don't
26 think it will happen again.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: We did have one OSHA inspection at the
29 Sheriff's Department in the last month. Um, the issues were
30 addressed. And there was no citation issued to the County. And
31 it's all clean right now. Good. And -- that's all I have.
32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. Thank you.
34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks a lot, Keith.
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: Thank you.
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1 ROAD AND BRIDGE SOUTH

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3 (3) Discussion for possible action regarding operations and
4 projects for the Road and Bridge South Department and other
5 matters properly related thereto.
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7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 3, discussion for possible
8 action regarding operations and projects for the Road and Bridge
9 South Department and other matters properly related thereto.

10 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Hi, Burt.

11 BURT RAMOS: Morning. You guys rearranged this place since
12 last time I was here.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

14 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Show up once in a while.

15 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Will you -- will you state your
16 name for the record, please.

17 BURT RAMOS: Burt Ramos, and I'm Road and Bridge South.

18 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Thank you.

19 BURT RAMOS: Everything down there's going good. We've had
20 some rain. Um, all of our roads that we fixed in Kingston and
21 around the county have held up. So that's -- that was good
22 news, believe it or not. We did have some other roads wash out,
23 but doing well.

24 We got our water stand tank and our reach forklift just
25 this last week. Appreciate that. So they're working out too.
26 It's a good deal.

27 Other than that, everything else is business as usual.
28 Nothing exciting.

29 I haven't heard anything on Gold Park. It's kind of in
30 limbo right now. It's in the Forest Service's hands, so waiting
31 to hear on that.

32 And nothing else to tell you. Any questions?

33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Anything new on the Nevada Energy
35 Building? We're using the area around it for some of our
36 vehicles; is that correct?

37 BURT RAMOS: Yeah, we have -- we have storage there. You
38 know, that's our -- that's -- we use the yard portion of it, but
39 the building is -- is still the same as it was before.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

1 BURT RAMOS: Yeah. (Indiscernible.)
2 COMMISSIONER MASON: What's the antip -- what are you
3 anticipating for the building as far as time goes? When are we
4 going to get our hands on it?
5 BURT RAMOS: Five years.
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: I knew I shouldn't have asked.
7 BURT RAMOS: That's it.
8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, thanks, Burt.
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thanks, Burt.
10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Thanks, Burt.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
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14 **ROAD AND BRIDGE NORTH**

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16 **(4) Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**
17 **projects for the Road and Bridge North Department and**
18 **other matters properly related thereto.**
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20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Item Number 4, discussion for
21 possible action regarding operations and projects for the Road
22 and Bridge North Department and other matters properly related
23 thereto.

24 DONNIE NEGRO: Donnie Negro, Road and Bridge North.

25 We took delivery of our new 140M blade. We brought, uh,
26 Cashman in. And they task trained every -- even the janitors --
27 everybody on our blade. We were thinking of if something was to
28 happen to one of our guys, they could get the blade off the
29 machine. And it really worked out good. And we're waiting for
30 now -- now, we put a new radio in it and waiting for Robert
31 Quick. He's supposed to -- to put the antenna. So we're
32 waiting for it. And then we'll put it out in service.

33 We got the drive-by shooting. That's what we call it.
34 The -- where they vaccinate the people. We've been setting up
35 for that. That's happening Saturday.

36 So, um, we did the human speed race. We set up the drag
37 race for them. And everything's going pretty good.

38 Salt, sand's coming in today. Hopefully the salt will be
39 here so we can start mixing our salt, sand for this winter,
40 anticipating snow.

1 That's about it.

2 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So you'll be able to put up the signage
3 and block the roads off for that health fair?

4 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah. Yeah, we're -- it's all ready to go.
5 What we do is just take them all over there, and they set them
6 where they want them. And then if I -- anybody that said that
7 they'd -- they could help, you know, I told them we'd pay them
8 overtime to go help them direct traffic or whatever, so -- but
9 it's hunting season. That don't go very far.

10 Any questions?

11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Nope. Thank you, Donnie.

12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks, Donnie.

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15 **PUBLIC WORKS**

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17 **5) Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**
18 **projects for the Public Works Department and other**
19 **matters properly related thereto.**

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21 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Item Number 5, discussion for
22 possible action regarding operations and projects for the Public
23 Works Department and other matters properly related thereto.

24 JAKE EDGAR: Jake Edgar, for the record.

25 So, I'll start with we hired a new employee, um,
26 maintaining our two positions that you guys approved during the
27 budget session. So appreciate that. That's going to help out a
28 lot. Maybe coming in front of you shortly with -- with trying
29 to get a different angle on that as far as the job description
30 and some other stuff and see how you guys -- what you guys think
31 about what I have to say anyway. So, um, that might come up in
32 the future.

33 I've been working with Jay out here. Carson Pump's doing
34 some tests -- testing today. And I'll let him kind of get
35 further into that here in a minute.

36 Business as usual with everything else. Doing -- had some
37 water leaks here and there that we've been patching up.

38 Going to get the swing mats down. We just -- we got some
39 swing mats in that we're going to get for the parks, underneath
40 the swings and slides where the kids are blowing all the rubber

1 chips out, we're going to put some rubber mats down.
2 Other than that everything's pretty normal
3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Where's Fourth and Fifth? Is it
4 done?
5 JAKE EDGAR: Yep.
6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: When's he moving over to Second?
7 JAKE EDGAR: Uh, not sure yet. Still waiting on the -- the
8 plans to come out actually. It's been a little bit of a -- a
9 slow process as far as getting the -- Shaw's preparing the
10 plans. That was one of the other projects that they were
11 involved in. So after we went through all that stuff, it's kind
12 of been up and down, rocky really.
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So we haven't got plans for that?
14 JAKE EDGAR: Not yet, but they're about 85%, 90%.
15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Okay.
16 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: How are we on having the bathrooms a
17 little more winterized this year?
18 JAKE EDGAR: We're not -- to be all -- completely honest
19 with you. We -- we're going to have to like have somebody --
20 I'm going to have to budget for that like to get all of it in
21 one big package, so we can get them all done if that's what
22 we're going do. So --
23 We tried last year do the heater thing.
24 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.
25 JAKE EDGAR: You know. It just -- it's not good. So -- if
26 I can get it budgeted next year in the budget session, then
27 we'll just -- I'll have somebody go through, and we'll get
28 heaters in all of them and make sure everything has correct
29 stuff.
30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Where is the delivery of the
31 concession? Do we know where that's at?
32 JAKE EDGAR: You'll have to ask Mr. Davis.
33 I'm going to do the pad. And we're supposed to dig test
34 pits next Wednesday. So it's obviously getting fairly close.
35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Okay.
36 JAKE EDGAR: I don't know the exact date.
37 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I just assumed Jay's here for 9.
38 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah. I'm going to let him talk about our
39 Well 9 Project.
40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah. Let us go on to --

1 JAKE EDGAR: Oh, sorry.

2 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- that agenda item first. Are we done
3 with all the others?

4 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah.

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6 6) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of Change
7 Order No. 1 for the Battle Mountain Well #9 Production,
8 Well Drilling, Construction and Testing Project, in the
9 amount of \$51,300.00, and other matters properly related
10 thereto.

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12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, let's go on to Item Number 6,
13 discussion for possible action regarding approval of Change
14 Order No. 1 for the Battle Mountain Well #9 Production, Well
15 Drilling, Construction and Testing Project, in the amount of
16 \$51,300.00, and other matters properly related thereto.

17 JAY FISCHER: Good morning. I'm Jay Fischer, Reese River
18 Hydrologic. I'm the President.

19 Um, we submitted a change order for the drilling activity
20 for Well #9. Um, spoke with Commissioner Garner last week, um.
21 The work has already been completed. And the drillers have
22 demobbed from the site. So this is a bit after the fact, but we
23 needed -- the change order is -- was to do more development work
24 to clean up the well after the drilling activity was complete.
25 So the change order here was for four days was -- what was
26 anticipated was the maximum requirement at the time. We
27 actually used two -- a little more than two days to clean the
28 well up to satisfactory condition there.

29 So -- um -- so it's -- it's obviously a different total or
30 a -- a smaller amount was used than 51,000. We actually used
31 \$29,594.50 was the total additional work above and beyond the
32 original bid from Boart Longyear for the drilling.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Would you give that to me one more
34 time, Jay. The total is 29,000 --

35 JAY FISCHER: 29,594.50.

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But it was still under the allotment
37 on the --

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It was --

40 JAY FISCHER: It was under the budgeted amount for --

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It was still under the budgeted
2 amount.
3 JAY FISCHER: -- for the drilling activity.
4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.
5 JAY FISCHER: So -- so to be clear there, if we had used
6 the entire amount of the change order, we still would have been
7 under the budgeted amount. So we're further under the budgeted
8 amount with what we actually did there.
9 So the work was all completed satisfactorily. We -- we
10 used the time that we needed but no extra, um, to make sure we
11 have a good well.
12 Um, so I -- I don't know how the Commission will handle
13 this. A new bill has been -- a preliminary bill was issued. I
14 reviewed it. Shaw Engineering had reviewed it. There was some
15 changes that we requested Boart to make on the billing. We have
16 the final bill now in hand that includes this additional time we
17 spent for development here.
18 Um, so I -- I'm not sure how we proceed at this point with
19 paying the final amount -- paying the final bill or submitting
20 the final bill to the county here.
21 JAKE EDGAR: Sorry, go ahead.
22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No. Rogene?
23 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah. Well, I was just going say, I think all
24 we have to do is approve it. And then you guys can ratify it
25 later or whatever --
26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
27 JAKE EDGAR: -- you do, since the amount has changed.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: For this, we need the motion on the
29 change order acceptance, right?
30 JAKE EDGAR: Right.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So it has been paid? We just approve
32 the change order is -- for the amount. Is that what we're
33 looking for?
34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.
35 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I'll make a motion that we
37 approve the Change Order No. 1 for the Battle Mountain Well #9
38 production for the amount of \$29,594.50.
39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second that motion.
40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: I would like to ask a question. On
2 the cleanup of #9, is that the surface and the --
3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No.
4 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- casing and everything?
5 JAY FISCHER: What it is, Commissioner Mason, is -- is
6 cleaning the water in the well, cleaning the -- the sand and the
7 drilling fluids that are -- that are introduced during the
8 drilling process, cleaning those out. It's -- it's -- it's not
9 garbage collection around the site or anything like that. It's
10 --
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.
12 JAY FISCHER: It's cleaning the water in the well itself.
13 COMMISSIONER MASON: And so we're getting your final word
14 on the well is that it's running good and it tests out?
15 JAY FISCHER: Yeah. I can be give you an update here where
16 we're at in the testing process and just a bit of overview on
17 the -- on the drilling and how -- how all that went. Um, if --
18 if now's that time, I can do that if you'd like.
19 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's fine. Go ahead.
20 JAY FISCHER: Um. So on the 1st of September, Boart
21 Longyear arrived and starting mobing to the site, um, set up,
22 and started drilling activity on the 4th, a couple of days
23 later. And they drilled around the clock and compl -- drilled
24 and completed the 850-foot water well that we now have in place,
25 um, on site there.
26 Geophysics was done on the well. The drill cuttings were
27 collected. Everything looked very favorable and similar to or
28 if not better than the test hole that was drilled previously on
29 that site.
30 Work was completed on the 16th of September. At which
31 time, they -- contractor demobbed from the site a couple of days
32 later. This last Monday the 23rd, Carson Pump arrived with
33 their test pumping equipment, um, and began some initial
34 additional development work to further clean the water up and
35 enhance the capacity of the well.
36 Um, I think this morning's activity is probably the biggest
37 measure of what we have here. We're running a constant rate
38 test that we started at 8:00 o'clock this morning at 1500
39 gallons a minute. So -- um -- that looks like a very
40 sustainable rate for the well. Um --

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Wow.
2 JAY FISCHER: So yeah, we've got a great well here.
3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's awesome.
4 JAY FISCHER: Our -- our hope was at the outset of this
5 project, was if we had it -- we were able to achieve a well that
6 was a thousand gallons or more -- a thousand gallons per minute
7 or more, this would be successful. So we're -- we're exceeding
8 that by a fair amount.
9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So 1500 -- you're going to -- that
10 well could possibly. Well, that well would max the output of
11 both the other ones?
12 JAY FISCHER: Correct. Exceed them.
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Exceed them.
14 JAY FISCHER: The existing -- the other two wells will make
15 about 1100 gallons a minute?
16 JAKE EDGAR: Twelve.
17 JAY FISCHER: Twelve. Right. Combined.
18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Wow.
19 JAY FISCHER: So, yeah. So that testing will continue for
20 the next couple of days, conclude on Mon -- or on Sunday. Uh.
21 There's an additional spinner test to measure where the water's
22 coming from in the well that we'll do first part of next week
23 and be complete. So we will -- we've got a -- we've got a good
24 well here.
25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Cool.
26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's all.
28 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other discussion?
29 (No discussion.)
30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?
31 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
33 (None opposed.)
34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Thank you.
35 JAY FISCHER: Thank you.
36 JAKE EDGAR: Thanks.
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1 COURTHOUSE/ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROJECT

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3 7) Presentation and discussion for possible action regarding
4 selection of the schematic design for the Lander County
5 Courthouse/Administrative Building Project and other
6 matters properly related thereto.
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8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 7, presentation and
9 discussion for possible action regarding selection of the
10 schematic design for the Lander County Courthouse/Administrative
11 Building Project and other matters properly related thereto.
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13 (Setting up equipment for presentation.)
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15 JUDGE BUNCH: Mr. Chairman, while this is coming up, maybe
16 I can --

17 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: State your name.

18 JUDGE BUNCH: State my name. Max Bunch for the record.

19 And, um, you'd think I'd be used to that, but -- we --

20 The building committee had a meeting last night. There
21 were four of the four members there. Um, we went through a
22 process of looking at two different schemes to -- to make a
23 recommendation to the Commission. The committee has decided to
24 submit one scheme to you out of the two schemes so that you can
25 -- this would be what we would recommend to you.

26 Now, keep in mind, the -- the colors that are there are not
27 actually the colors that will -- that potentially is up in the
28 air.

29 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Oh, come on. We want it precise.

30 JUDGE BUNCH: Well --

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: That will be decided.

32 COMMISSIONER GARNER: He can tell you it's going to be
33 brown.

34 JUDGE BUNCH: I think the committee is split on that. And
35 so we're -- we're working on a resolution.

36 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Tails we won.

37 JUDGE BUNCH: So, um, I just wanted to let everybody know
38 that that's kind of where we're at. And we'd be making
39 recommendation of the potential scheme. You're going to be
40 seeing here. And there are four photos of that. So with that,

1 I will turn it over to the Brad Van Woert of Van Woert and
2 Bigotti. Got that one right this time.

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: There we go. All right.

4 BRAD VAN WOERT: All right. Are we done with our pregnant
5 pause?

6 ANGELA BIGOTTI: I believe so.

7 BRAD VAN WOERT: Okay. For the record, I am Brad Van Woert
8 from the architectural firm of Van Woert and Bigotti.

9 Good to be back with you again. My partner Angela is here.
10 We also have Core Construction, our CMAR, our construction
11 manager with us today.

12 So we have two quick things to review with you. One is
13 the -- where we are in the process of the structure with these
14 renderings. And then Core can give a quick presentation of
15 where we are with our budget and kind of matching the two up so
16 we can go forward.

17 In a nutshell, we have just submitted about 50 sheets of
18 drawings that compile the schematic design phase of the project,
19 which in percentages, that's about 15% done. So we're still in
20 the infancy of the project.

21 What you see is here is one of a number of schemes we've
22 produced. And to give you a little background, um, the first
23 time we were here, we talked about matching the budget with the
24 project. And it was leading us to pretty much a -- a very
25 simple but strong structural concept where the building is made
26 out of concrete block.

27 And through that process, we started to be getting
28 overtures of maybe using some natural materials around Battle
29 Mountain. And we were starting to explore the use of the copper
30 ore stone masonry and using maybe real copper panels for the
31 building. We showed you some images of what that would look
32 like.

33 Through that process, we had our comeuppance a little bit.
34 To make that all that work with transportation of materials and
35 things it took our budget and basically started to blow it out
36 of the water. But through that came out some pretty cool images
37 of what the building could look like with the earth tones and
38 things of that nature.

39 So what we're showing you here is the result of the
40 aesthetic images that we were creating with the actual

1 practically of what the concrete block is. So this is an entire
2 concrete masonry structural building and done in different
3 colors. So you can start to see that there's a kind of a gray
4 or earth tone at the bottom. The middle is our window bands.
5 And that would be concrete block, but maybe covered with a metal
6 panel or a stucco material. And then the top would be a deep-
7 colored concrete band for the building. So you see very simple
8 forms, much like we've showed you in the original iterations.
9 And maybe we can go through that now.

10 You can see at ground level what it would look like with
11 the three columns in the middle. And I think it really gives
12 you a nice stature of what the building will look like.

13 COMMISSIONER MASON: What is the proposed ceiling height
14 of both floors?

15 BRAD VAN WOERT: The floor to floor height from ground
16 floor to second floor is 16 feet.

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

18 BRAD VAN WOERT: And then the average ceiling height in the
19 offices would be probably be between eight and a half and
20 nine feet.

21 For instance, in the lobbies and commissions --
22 commissioners' rooms will be 10 to 12 feet. So the interstitial
23 space would handle the depth of the structural beams and the
24 ductwork and things like that above the ceiling.

25 COMMISSIONER MASON: But the finished product will have a
26 nice open --

27 BRAD VAN WOERT: Yes. And if you can see -- if we go to
28 that next one, Angela. You can start to see the whole -- the
29 openness and the skylights and the glass bands when you enter
30 that whole lobby area. And public spaces will be filled with
31 natural light through the course of the day.

32 The floor plan has remained virtually the same as what we
33 showed you before. We have added a little bit of square footage
34 and still remained within our budgetary limits and added some
35 storage areas that can actually be converted into offices as you
36 grow into the future.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is that, uh, skylight -- is that open,
38 just natural opening or is that just glass?

39 BRAD VAN WOERT: I'll point. This is open to the nature.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

1 BRAD VAN WOERT: Because this is outdoor space. If you
2 look right in here, those skylights are repeated and they are
3 inside the building and have glass above the openings.

4 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

5 ANGELA BIGOTTI: We have the lower --

6 This is Angela Bigotti talking.

7 The lower lobby area here, kind of projects out. And so
8 you have a sort of a step in the elevation here, um, at the --
9 at the lobby.

10 BRAD VAN WOERT: And that's a side view with some --
11 showing some handicap ramps and step up.

12 The building's about four to five feet above natural grade
13 for a number of reasons. There's some over-excavation that has
14 to occur. The higher we keep the building, the better it will
15 be.

16 And the sewer line out in the -- the main road is at a
17 pretty high level. So we're trying to keep the building up so
18 we get some good natural flow for the sewage and some good
19 drainage on the site.

20 COMMISSIONER MASON: Very good.

21 BRAD VAN WOERT: But the building is still a perfect
22 square. It's a very -- really simple concept.

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: But you broke it up. It looks nice.

24 BRAD VAN WOERT: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER MASON: It really does. What is the material
26 on the top? the brown?

27 BRAD VAN WOERT: That is -- concrete masonry.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

29 BRAD VAN WOERT: So we can deal with the -- the additives
30 and the powders that they put into the block and start to change
31 those colors and really get some nice variegations between the
32 two.

33 So in our next iteration, we'll -- we'll submit our design
34 development, we'll be at that 40% range of completion. And
35 we'll have been dealing with our engineers with a deeper
36 relationship and all the suppliers.

37 And we'll work with the concrete block manufacturer -- and
38 they're actually headquartered in Carson City -- to kind of find
39 those formulas to dye the block, you might say, and bring actual
40 samples next time of what the material will be.

1 With that, maybe we should just move on to the -- the
2 budget and have Mike Pilkington from Core Construction show you
3 what's up.

4
5 (Setting up equipment to show presentation.)

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7 BRAD VAN WOERT: Is this another pregnant pause?

8 MIKE PILKINGTON: I guess so.

9
10 (Setting up equipment to show presentation.)

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12 COMMISSIONER MASON: While we're waiting, would you say the
13 committee is -- really likes this design you're showing us right
14 now, right?

15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right. That's the one we chose.

16 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yep.

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: I like it too.

18 JUDGE BUNCH: We're not talking about the colors. We're
19 talking about the design of the building.

20 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yes.

21 BRAD VAN WOERT: The schematic.

22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: The colors are yet to be picked.

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: The colors are picked.

24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No (indiscernible).

25 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think for a square building, it has
26 eye appeal. It's nice to look at.

27 BRAD VAN WOERT: Thank you.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: How tall are the -- rails on top of
29 the roof, you know. I don't know what you call that the --

30 ANGELA BIGOTTI: Parapet.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: When you get on -- when you're
32 standing on the roof, --

33 BRAD VAN WOERT: Yes.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- how tall is that rail coming up?

35 BRAD VAN WOERT: It will about four feet higher than the
36 roof level.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

38 BRAD VAN WOERT: And then there will be mechanical
39 equipment on top of that. And it will be fully screened.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: And are we designing it for future

1 solar? I mean, --
2 BRAD VAN WOERT: Yes.
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- is it structurally --
4 BRAD VAN WOERT: It'll be -- I mean, it will be
5 structurally sound enough that it can hold solar panels.
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: Great.
7
8 (Setting up equipment to show presentation.)
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10 BRAD VAN WOERT: Nobody ever wants to talk about money.
11
12 (Setting up equipment to show presentation.)
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14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh, the other question I wanted to
15 write. What is our -- if -- have we finalized the square
16 footage?
17 BRAD VAN WOERT: Um, yes. We're around 63,000 square feet.
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.
19 JUDGE BUNCH: Just to make a comment on that, Commissioner
20 Mason. We were about 60,500. We -- we added a wall for a
21 conference area. Um, and that -- that's where we increased our
22 square footage.
23 COMMISSIONER MASON: Conference area upstairs? downstairs?
24 JUDGE BUNCH: Upstairs. Upstairs on a section that we
25 thought was going to be a hallway. But -- but we put a wall in
26 there. And that's where we kind of increased that square
27 footage, so that we could -- so that we could utilize a little
28 more storage area down the road and try and help the Juvenile
29 Department in what they call the Magic Program, which is a -- a
30 class program that they have after the kids are done with
31 school. They -- they have this program. And as we were looking
32 at it, we didn't have a place to put them, so we -- it's kind of
33 a small, a conference area, but it's kind of a classroom
34 conference area. So that they can utilize that area every day
35 after school when they run those -- when they put that class on.
36 And it's called Magic.
37 COMMISSIONER MASON: You were talking about storage.
38 Climate controlled storage? Is that part of the picture?
39 JUDGE BUNCH: Yes. It's -- it's -- all storage is within
40 the building.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is that going to be ample for -- for
2 our needs?

3 JUDGE BUNCH: We're thinking so, at least when we start.
4 Because I think what's going to happen is we're working on
5 getting the more digital -- digital type of recording for, I
6 guess, it's digital on --

7 COMMISSIONER MASON: Right. The storage is being
8 compressed, right?

9 JUDGE BUNCH: We're compressing that and doing a couple of
10 different things to start out. And then once we get to the
11 digital age and we're able to digitize everything, then we're
12 going to be able to lose some of that storage area. And we may
13 -- like he said, we may be able to use it as office area.

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's good. I think it's well thought
15 out.

16 MIKE PILKINGTON: I apologize for the technical
17 difficulties that I've been experiencing. I'm Mike Pilkington
18 with Core Construction, by the way, for the record.

19 So this is our -- our updated budget for the project.
20 We've been -- alongside the architects, um, Brad and Angela --
21 looking at their design and vetting out the costs.

22 And we break out our costs into -- to different groups of
23 construction: the site work, the structures, the finishes, the
24 building systems. And we've been analyzing that with some of
25 our subcontractor consultants. They've had some -- some of
26 their engineers putting some narratives and some designs
27 together. So we've been analyzing the costs on those thus far.
28 And so this is our -- our update on the estimate.

29 And I just -- as you heard, we were able to incorporate
30 some -- some additional square footage in the building and
31 some -- some additional features and still manage to -- to come
32 down from where we were at in the previous, based on cost.

33 So where we're slowly getting closer and closer to the
34 budget as this process continues to work itself out.

35 Um, right now we have subcontractors giving us rough budget
36 figures for some of the scopes of work. Once they start
37 competing and -- and as detail progresses, these numbers will
38 continue to come down. So --

39 We're also currently in the process of looking at different
40 items of the project that we can do for -- for more cost

1 effective ways. So that's a value engineering effort that also
2 will continue to bring costs down. So --
3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We even shaved some last night.
4 MIKE PILKINGTON: Yep, that's right.
5 BRAD VAN WOERT: That's right. Yes. Between last and
6 night and this morning.
7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We shaved some more.
8 BRAD VAN WOERT: That's correct.
9 COMMISSIONER MASON: Good deal.
10 MIKE PILKINGTON: So --
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think you guys have done a good job.
12 I think the committee has done a good job. You've got to be
13 congratulated coming up with this building. I think that's
14 nice. Nice work.
15 BRAD VAN WOERT: I guess to that end, I don't know that we
16 need an approval. But again, we've submitted our schematic
17 package. And we're going to move on now to the design
18 development.
19 So we'll probably go back into our -- our little holes and
20 do work. And we'll come again in, I suspect, a couple of months
21 if not sooner, with the next packaging. It will probably be
22 relatively the same in image and in budget, but there will be a
23 lot more detail and things that we can start to talk about at
24 that time.
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We appreciate that. Thank you.
26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Sounds good.
27 BRAD VAN WOERT: So onward and upward for us, I would
28 suspect.
29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Looks good.
30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks, Brad.
32 BRAD VAN WOERT: Thank you.
33 COMMISSIONER MASON: While we're still talking -- I --
34 utilities are going to be in the ceiling of both -- both floors?
35 I mean, you know, the major utilities? You're using the
36 ceiling as a runway?
37 BRAD VAN WOERT: Yeah. So fire sprinkler systems, all the
38 ductwork for heating and cooling will be in the ceiling.
39 Plumbing and things of that nature gets routed down into the --
40 COMMISSIONER MASON: Right.

1 BRAD VAN WOERT: -- floor as normal. So it's kind of a
2 normal system. But the distributive ductwork, which is the
3 major element of the building, will all be in the ceiling area
4 with -- with mechanical diffusers and things of that nature.
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: I have one idea. It's just small.
6 It's not --
7 Those skylights that are open, what would happen if we put
8 some tinted glass up there? Wouldn't it be something to think
9 about?
10 BRAD VAN WOERT: Yeah. It probably will be tinted.
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, I don't mean the open -- I mean
12 the open ones on the entry.
13 BRAD VAN WOERT: Oh.
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Would that not be better to have some
15 tinted? It gets hot. Summertime?
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You'd have to clean them.
17 ROGENE HILL: Yeah.
18 BRAD VAN WOERT: Very good point.
19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Slant them. I don't know. Just an
20 idea.
21 BRAD VAN WOERT: Yeah. Duly noted.
22 COMMISSIONER MASON: Otherwise the weather's just going to
23 come through, wind and everything. You know, I guess it's all
24 right, I guess. Live with it.
25 BRAD VAN WOERT: Yeah, we'll look at it.
26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah. Or maybe something removable?
27 BRAD VAN WOERT: We could -- our budget people might be
28 wanting to talk to you about that.
29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yes, right. That's true. And, you
30 know, I'm just spending money.
31 BRAD VAN WOERT: Yeah.
32 JUDGE BUNCH: Well, believe me, as part of the committee --
33 the building committee, we are trying to take money out -- so --
34 to save money.
35 So um, I -- the recommendation the building committee would
36 be make to the Commission is that schematic design that we've
37 just looked at, so that we can move forward.
38 And I'm not sure if we have to have an approval on it, but
39 I did have as a separate agenda idea item just in case. Or if
40 you just want to give us direction to go that direction, and --

1 and we'll take our marching orders and go.
2 COMMISSIONER MASON: Now, when we formed this committee
3 that you're a head of, the architectural committee, we -- we put
4 a lot of trust in that. And I still think that's where we are.
5 I mean, I'm not speaking for whole counsel, but I -- I'm really
6 happy with what you've done.
7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I don't think we need a -- an
8 approval.
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I just think it's consensus that
10 go ahead.
11 JUDGE BUNCH: I had it on the agenda, because I wanted to
12 make sure --
13 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Right.
14 JUDGE BUNCH: -- if there's something we needed to be done,
15 that it was there.
16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We can.
17 JUDGE BUNCH: And that would also --
18 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: We can. Let's make a motion.
19 JUDGE BUNCH: -- include the next item, which was --
20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We can make a motion that the 15% is
21 approved.
22 BRAD VAN WOERT: Your pleasure.
23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Is everybody --
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's the schematic design that they
25 were looking at --
26 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, it's the schematic design.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to approve it, right.
28 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, approve the schematic that
29 we -- they presented.
30 COMMISSIONER MASON: Put it into a motion. That would be
31 good. Give them some --
32 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I just did. I make a motion that the
33 15% schematic design is approved.
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.
35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment or discussion?
36 (No public comment.)
37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?
38 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
40 (None opposed.)

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
2 BRAD VAN WOERT: Thank you.

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4 8) Discussion for possible action regarding status of the
5 Lander County Courthouse/Administration Building Project
6 and other matters properly related thereto.
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8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Do we need to go to Item 8?

9 JUDGE BUNCH: I think if you want to just defer that,
10 that'd be great.

11 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

12 JUDGE BUNCH: I don't think I can add any more than what we
13 already know.

14 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No, that's what I'm saying.

15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thanks, Max.

16 JUDGE BUNCH: Thank you very much.

17 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Jim, are you staying in town? Okay.

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Judge.

20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks a lot.
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23 SENIOR CENTER
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25 9) Discussion for possible action regarding ratification and
26 acceptance of Grant Award No. 09-000-04-24-14, Nevada Aging
27 and Disability Services Division for the Lander County
28 Senior Center home delivered meals program in the amount of
29 \$17,744.00, with required match of \$1,781.00;
30 acknowledgment of Confidentiality Addendum; and other
31 matters properly related.
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33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Let's go to Item Number 9, discussion
34 for possible action regarding ratification and acceptance of
35 Grant Award No. 09-000-04-24-14, Nevada Aging and Disability
36 Services Division for the Lander County Senior Center home
37 delivered meals program in the amount of \$17,744.00, with
38 required match of \$1,781.00; acknowledgment of Confidentiality
39 Addendum; and other matters properly related thereto.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So you need a ratification on this?

1 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.
3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It's something we do every year
4 anyway for it.

5 I make a motion the Commission ratify the acceptance of the
6 Grant Award No. 09-000-04-24-14, Nevada Aging and Disability
7 Services Division for the Lander County Senior Center home
8 delivered meals program in the amount of \$17,744.00, with
9 required match of \$1,781.00 and the acknowledgment of the
10 Confidentiality Addendum.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment or discussion?

13 (No public comment.)

14 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

15 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

17 (None opposed.)
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19 10) Discussion for possible action regarding ratification and
20 acceptance of Grant Award No. 09-000-07-13-14, Nevada Aging
21 and Disability Services Division, for the Lander County
22 Senior Center congregate meal program in the amount of
23 \$24,281.00, with required match of \$2,794.00;
24 acknowledgment of Confidentiality Addendum; and other
25 matters properly related thereto.
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27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Item Number 10, discussion for
28 possible action regarding ratification and acceptance of Grant
29 Award No. 09-000-07-13-14, Nevada Aging and Disability Services
30 Division, for the Lander County Senior Center congregate meal
31 program in the amount of \$24,281.00, with required match of
32 \$2,794.00; acknowledgment of Confidentiality Addendum; and other
33 matters properly related thereto.

34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion that we accept the
35 Grant Award No. -- ratify -- ratification acceptance of Grant
36 Award No. 09-000-07-13-14, Nevada Aging and Disability Services
37 Division, for the Lander County Senior Center congregate meal
38 program in the amount of \$24,281.00, with required match of
39 \$2,794.00; with the acknowledgment of Confidentiality Addendum.

40 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I second the motion.

1 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment or discussion?
2 (No public comment.)
3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?
4 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
5 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
6 (None opposed.)
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9 CONVENTION & TOURISM AUTHORITY

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11 11) Discussion for possible action regarding update on Lander
12 County's participation in this year's Nevada Day Parade on
13 October 26, 2013 in Carson City, request for financial
14 support in the amount of \$1,500.00 and other matters
15 properly related thereto.
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17 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Item Number 11, discussion for
18 possible action regarding update on Lander County's
19 participation in this year's Nevada Day Parade on October 26,
20 2013 in Carson City, request for financial support in the amount
21 of \$1,500.00 and other matters properly related thereto.

22 LAURA SCHMIDT: Laura Schmidt, Lander County Convention and
23 Tourism.

24 PAULA TOMERA: Paula Tomera, Battle Mountain Chamber of
25 Commerce.

26 LAURA SCHMIDT: Um. We -- I worked a budget up. And it's
27 attached in your packet. Does anybody have any questions on
28 that?

29 No?

30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I -- I think --

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I thought it was quite clear. Thank
32 you.

33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I think you're a little low -- I
34 think you're a little low in your figures.

35 LAURA SCHMIDT: I think so too. Um, and I think that I
36 should have asked for 3,000 with the idea that in case there's
37 any unforeseen expenses.

38 Um, in the minutes, I mentioned rain. We have to buy
39 tarps. We have to change it from cardboard to wood. You know,
40 things like that could happen, that we don't know until we start

1 assembling and get closer to the date.

2 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You've got to buy cows and sheep.

3 LAURA SCHMIDT: Yeah. We've got to buy (indiscernible) --

4 we actually already -- I incurred some expenses.

5 We bought forms, patterns to cut them out. We got those.

6 And the entry fee. And then there's also costumes I hadn't

7 thought of. We're looking to get costumes donated, but we may

8 have to have some quick thrown together. And we're talking to

9 some seamstresses about doing that.

10 So I would like to see if it could be changed to 3,000 as

11 the request.

12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That was the original request,

13 correct?

14 LAURA SCHMIDT: Yeah, that's the full amount.

15 ROGENE HILL: You have the \$5,000 extra. You already spent

16 2,000 of that. There is 3,000 left. But you have to remember

17 if you do put the 3,000 up, there will be no more.

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, doesn't the Finance Director have

19 a slush fund we can steal from?

20 ROGENE HILL: No, we do not. Sorry to say. That is the

21 slush fund. And you -- you used it in three months.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: When you're looking at the 3,000

23 though, you're -- you were considering 3,000 from us and 3,000

24 from --

25 LAURA SCHMIDT: No.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the Convention?

27 LAURA SCHMIDT: The whole thing should cost about 3,000.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So that's what I thought. So it isn't

29 our 3,000, Rogene.

30 ROGENE HILL: Oh.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We're splitting this.

32 ROGENE HILL: That's better.

33 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: The 1500. So we're back to the

34 1500?

35 LAURA SCHMIDT: Well, it's whatever you decide. So if it's

36 --

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, but if you think we need a

38 little bit more, then you're looking maybe at 2,000 from us, is

39 what you're saying. Rogene didn't want us to take the three.

40 ROGENE HILL: Just in case.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: There isn't a lot in that fund.
2 LAURA SCHMIDT: I know at the next last meeting we talked
3 about it coming out of a different fund. I forget what they
4 called it.
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Our back pocket.
6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion the Commission grant,
7 2500 for the Lander County participation in the Carson City
8 100 -- isn't it the 100th Nevada Day Parade?
9 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: 150.
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think that might be a little bit
11 high. That would be 5,000. I don't think we're going 5,000.
12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I don't -- if you look at what
13 they're doing. If you take a really good look at what they're
14 --
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I did. And they're doing it quite
16 economically.
17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: They might not get 2500 from
18 somebody else.
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah, exactly.
20 LAURA SCHMIDT: Yeah, the idea is that it's not necessarily
21 a 50/50. It's what the Commissioners are giving us. If we --
22 if we get 2500 from you and it costs 3,000, then we have to get
23 the balance from that, let's say, from my board or from other
24 sources.
25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: My thing is this is a Lander County
26 thing. This is -- should not be put upon some other board to --
27 I think this board right here is Lander County. We represent
28 Lander County. This -- we should be the primary of this float.
29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.
30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They're doing it in our behalf.
31 There's a lot things that are being donated to this also. But
32 if you look at the mileage and pulling a trailer and all the
33 stuff. And I think the meals and the breakfasts, I think a lot
34 of that stuff's pretty low on here. I don't know if you've been
35 to Carson City lately, but this stuff is kind of low. By just
36 me staying there.
37 LAURA SCHMIDT: Mm-hm.
38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's --
39 LAURA SCHMIDT: I've not been there yet.
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second motion.

1 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any more public comment or discussion?
2 (No public comment.)
3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?
4 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
5 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
6 (None opposed.)
7 LAURA SCHMIDT: Thank you, Commissioners.
8 PAULA TOMERA: Thank you.
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Thank you.
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13 COMMISSIONERS
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- 15 12) Discussion for possible action regarding request from
16 Angela Alexander, Battle Mountain Archery Club, for a
17 donation of land from Lander County in order to establish a
18 permanent structure for the Archery Club and other matters
19 properly related thereto.
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21 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, item Number 12, discussion for
22 possible action regarding request from Angela Alexander, Battle
23 Mountain Archery Club, for a donation of land from Lander County
24 in order to establish a permanent structure for the Archery Club
25 and other matters properly related thereto.

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I don't see anybody from that.

27 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I thought I seen them in the
28 hallway.

29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Is Gina here?

30 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: She was out.

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: She was supposed to work on the
32 site.

33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm. Just curious what the --
34 there's no correspondence -- maps is there? I don't have
35 anything.

36 WAYNE ALEXANDER: Um.

37 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: If you'll state your name for the
38 record.

39 ANGELA ALEXANDER: Angela Alexander for Battle Mountain
40 Archery Club.

1 Um, we reviewed these five properties. And right off the
2 bat, we were actually told three of them absolutely not.

3 Um, the one that was being considered is the one out by the
4 landfill that would be shared with the gun club. We overlooked
5 that property. And I don't think it will work. Um, there's
6 very limited space on the hillside where -- I mean, to set up 40
7 targets for a big shoot, you're going to be cramming them in
8 there all together. Everybody's going to be in there elbow to
9 elbow shooting. And everything else is over the top of the old
10 landfill. So I don't know -- I don't think that's going to
11 work.

12 WAYNE ALEXANDER: That. And I don't see the feasibility
13 for a future clubhouse.

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: State your name, please.

15 WAYNE ALEXANDER: Wayne Alexander, Battle Mountain Archery
16 Club.

17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.

18 WAYNE ALEXANDER: I think it would cost too much for a
19 nonprofit organization to develop that property, to be honest
20 with you. Um, no accessible water or electric. So there's no
21 possibility for a future, you know, indoor shooting range.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Were you not considering a couple
23 sites when you were here before?

24 WAYNE ALEXANDER: We were --

25 ANGELA ALEXANDER: Well, we were shown five different sites
26 and told right off the bat three of them absolutely not.

27 Um, the other one we would like to have -- put for
28 consideration is, um, acreage over by the airport that's
29 around -- I don't. This is the map we were given, but the only
30 outlined part, um, is the airport. But we were told there's
31 property out here somewhere that we might be able to use.

32 Um -- it -- the land could be used to where, you know,
33 we're not shooting into the raceways or shooting out towards the
34 road. I mean, you can design -- you know, you can design your
35 targets where you're not shooting into places that it could
36 cause a hazard.

37 COMMISSIONER GARNER: There -- I wish Gina was here.

38 There's a few acres past the motocross that's still
39 fenced -- within that fenced complex --

40 ANGELA ALEXANDER: Mm-hm.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- that they don't use, that is
2 attached to the end of the drag pit for that --
3 WAYNE ALEXANDER: Yeah, I --
4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- mud thing.
5 WAYNE ALEXANDER: I think something like that that could be
6 policed a little bit better than way out there. I mean, if we
7 had something out by the dump, I think it would get vandalized
8 pretty bad being so far out.
9 COMMISSIONER MASON: How m -- how many targets do you hope
10 to set up?
11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Forty.
12 WAYNE ALEXANDER: Not really. I mean -- our 40 -- I'm not
13 really concerned about the 40 targets, because, like I said, we
14 can go get a BM permit and set 40 targets up in somewhere in a
15 natural area. But basically, what I'm looking for is someplace
16 that we can have a permanent bag target range that people can go
17 out and sight their bows in and stuff like that, something
18 permanent that we could have set up for the club members to go
19 out and use, just to sight in their bows.
20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Jake.
21 WAYNE ALEXANDER: So all we need is, you know, very minimal
22 space, up to a hundred yards basically. So -- and then
23 something in the future where you could have, you know,
24 eventually a clubhouse and an indoor shooting range. And then
25 you can have people come in from out of town that -- to get into
26 these, you know, the 20-yard NFAA sanctions. You know, you
27 could have winter leagues and an indoor shooting range.
28 COMMISSIONER MASON: So --
29 WAYNE ALEXANDER: That's what I'm looking for.
30 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- we had. Last time you were here,
31 we had five pieces of land suggested.
32 ANGELA ALEXANDER: Mm-hm. Right.
33 COMMISSIONER MASON: And --
34 ANGELA ALEXANDER: Right off the bat we were told
35 absolutely not for three of them, because one is behind Eleanor
36 Lemaire, where you're -- you have the issue with the school and
37 then Indian burial grounds.
38 The other one was out by sewage ponds. Um.
39 And the other one was out Hilltop Road that we were told
40 was zoned residential, so it probably wouldn't be a good idea to

1 set up anything out there.

2 So we're down to two properties, which is now by the
3 airport and the landfill. And --

4 WAYNE ALEXANDER: And we're not exactly sure where at on
5 the airport one, because that's what we were given as far as
6 that. But like Brian says, I -- there's a section of land
7 there, isn't there?

8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: How much is past that motocross,
9 Jake? We'd have to look at that on the map.

10 JAKE EDGAR: It's -- there's still quite a bit.

11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: There's still quite a bit down there.

12 JAKE EDGAR: You've got -- that's going to run up against
13 somebody if they're wanting water. Or -- I've got to know that
14 soon. We have to add that into the -- but --

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: You mean -- you mean potable water?

16 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: Something you can drink.

18 WAYNE ALEXANDER: Yep. Eventually, you know, I'd like to
19 put a clubhouse or shooting range in there. You're going need
20 some kind of --

21 ANGELA ALEXANDER: Water and electric.

22 WAYNE ALEXANDER: -- water and electric.

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: So what's best here? Just to leave
24 you on the agenda, so you can come back with another suggestion
25 or --

26 ANGELA ALEXANDER: Well, we would really like to have the
27 area out by the airport considered. Um, because it's -- you
28 know, better policed. You have constant traffic down that
29 Frontage Road that, you know, can see if something's being
30 vandalized or -- and we've, as of recently, had a lot of patrol
31 out there from the Sheriff's office for whatever reason. Um,
32 they've been out there quite a bit. Um --

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's not in our packet though, is
34 it?

35 ANGELA ALEXANDER: The map? I --

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, the airport map?

37 ANGELA ALEXANDER: I don't know.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, it's not in our packet.

39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion, um, you guys get
40 with Jake. And I have a couple ideas on some more stuff. Maybe

1 we could have a little drive around for -- look for something,
2 Jake, and put this back on.
3 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah.
4 ANGELA ALEXANDER: Okay.
5 JAKE EDGAR: That or you can have just have them form a
6 committee. And you can be part of the committee.
7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That will work too.
8 JAKE EDGAR: That way I don't have to be -- I mean --
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
10 JAKE EDGAR: -- I can go tell you whatever, but if you
11 don't like it, that's -- they ultimately they need to make the
12 decision on where they want to be.
13 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, why don't you go out and
14 show them.
15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's -- I can get with you after
16 the meeting. And we can -- because there's a couple of other
17 options at the airport too that might work.
18 ANGELA ALEXANDER: Okay.
19 WAYNE ALEXANDER: That sounds good.
20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We'll just defer it and put in on
21 next agenda.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Want to make a motion to defer it?
23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion to defer it.
24 Commissioner Steinmetz: I'll second.
25 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?
26 COMMISSIONER MASON: I just want to let you guys know, I
27 feel like we can support you. But you've got to be happy with
28 what -- what's available. You know, otherwise it ain't going to
29 work.
30 WAYNE ALEXANDER: I understand that. And I appreciate the
31 offer and the opportunity. But I don't think we were quite
32 clear on some of the properties.
33 JAKE EDGAR: We can get that figured out real quick.
34 ANGELA ALEXANDER: All right. Thank you.
35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, all those in favor?
36 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those opposed?
38 (None opposed.)
39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Item Number 13, present -- hold
40 on a minute. Let's -- let's take a ten-minute break before to

1 give you time to set up or whatever you need.

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3 [Break from 10:20 a.m. to 10:28 a.m.]

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5 13) Presentation by Eddie Hult, Nevada Rural Housing Authority
6 (NRHA) Director of Real Estate Operations, and Lisa Dayton,
7 NRHA Senior Project Manager, on the NRHA Rural Housing
8 Demand Study of the fifteen (15) communities in the "mining
9 belt" region of Nevada and other matters properly related
10 thereto.

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12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, we'll go ahead and call the
13 meeting back to order. Item Number 13, presentation by Eddie
14 Hult, Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) Director of Real
15 Estate Operations, and Lisa Dayton, NRHA Senior Project Manager,
16 on the NRHA Rural Housing Demand Study of the fifteen (15)
17 communities in the "mining belt" region of Nevada and other
18 matters properly related thereto.

19 EDDIE HULT: Thank you, very much. Eddie Hult and Lisa
20 Dayton again.

21 We're here to basically share a short presentation about
22 a -- a -- a project that we've put together through the Nevada
23 Business and Division of Industry and Nevada Housing Division
24 and NRHA, who is basically commissioned by your National -- or
25 your Nevada Association of Counties and League of Cities.
26 That's who our board is, and that's who we work at the whim of.

27 We are here to talk about a major Development Housing
28 Demand Study we put together, which is much more far-reaching
29 than a normal needs assessment or market study that they do.

30 We've been asked to come out and put together a study that
31 not only looks at the -- the front-end demographics and your --
32 and your political side -- side line of it, but also come back
33 and look at the backside: the infrastructure, the industry, the
34 community service, the community amenity, and those types of
35 things that really need a deep look at your -- your -- your
36 community.

37 Um, this basically also entails a very long and deep study.
38 It goes back 30 years, and it goes forward 30 years. So it's
39 going to be something that's -- for a major planning tool.

40 We had the scope of the study looked at by HUD, USDA, and

1 some other banking -- five different banking institutions,
2 trying to get them energized to come into the rurals, to try to
3 be more excited about it. The study came out in this
4 precipitous. Would it excite the -- the -- these banks to loan
5 more in the rurals for projects?

6 Um, of course Nevada Rural Housing's mission is usually,
7 generally, affordable housing. Affordable housing is of course
8 a misnomer and the old Section 8 housing, what they used to call
9 it, but it's now more of an 80% median income and down.

10 We look to basically come in and help your projects, your
11 communities in the affordable housing section: the work force
12 housing, gap housing, that type of thing. We're not here to
13 come and build market rate, take away from the developers.
14 That's what they're there to do.

15 The study basically will really take a look at the really
16 deep problems that a community might have, as well as the
17 positives the community might have and where they're going.

18 And we're here to present basically to tell you that the
19 company, VSI, Vogt Santer Insights, out of Columbus, Ohio is a
20 nationally renowned rural housing study company in the United
21 States. They've done studies in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York,
22 Georgia, Florida, Arizona, and Nevada before. And they're
23 really going to put on a -- a very good, um, work product that
24 should come back and allow -- allow your community as well as
25 the other 14 that are in this mining belt.

26 And there's a -- hopefully in the presentation, there's a
27 map in there that shows you those 15 communities -- of what
28 they're going to -- of what you guys are going to be looking to,
29 not only at market rate but at work force and affordable
30 housing. Is it going to be single family need? Is it going to
31 be multi-family need? Is it going to be senior need? Is it
32 going to be multi-use? multifamily? Is it going to be your
33 veteran's housing? Those type of things.

34 And real briefly, just wanted to let you guys know that VSI
35 will be your community in the next two or four weeks to talk to
36 you, probably ask you guys questions.

37 And what's most important is that they -- that you guys
38 point them in the right direction of the people to talk to.

39 I've already sat down and give this presentation to Gina
40 and Joe and your assessor, a couple weeks ago. I'm working with

1 them on another project, which will be another matter I'll talk
2 about in a minute. But we've talked about this and I've got
3 them prepared.

4 I know I sent one or two of the commissioners a package of
5 this, in just trying to get the things working.

6 But it's really for you guys to understand that when they
7 come in, it's very important they talk -- they're pointed in
8 direction of talking to everyone.

9 The other part of their scope is to talk to the industries,
10 talk to the utility companies, talk to the people that's
11 providing for you. And what they're -- what they believe is
12 their perception of their problems or your -- or what you do
13 very well. And so they can plan this study -- the study can
14 plan on what you need.

15 It may come and say Battle Mountain needs 50 units of
16 multifamily. It may say you also need 30 units of single family
17 too immediately. But you have to ABC in your infrastructure and
18 maybe CDE and F in your community amenities or your community
19 services.

20 I use Lovelock as an example. Roger Mancebo's on the Board
21 of the Association of Counties for us, a long-time commissioner
22 for Pershing county. And he brings up that, Eddie, we know we
23 probably don't need new housing. We have a lot of old housing
24 out there in Lovelock that needs to be rehab -- rehabilitated.
25 And that's something we can do.

26 But in the middle of that -- the reason -- the biggest
27 reason you have a prison out there of 267 employees and only 61
28 of those employees live in Lovelock is because the perception of
29 Lovelock has no community amenity, lacks some social services.
30 Yes, they have a senior center. Yes, they have a community
31 hospital. They have a health center. They have a pool for the
32 kids. But there's no theater. There's no those types of things
33 for a young commun -- a younger generation to want to be at.

34 The mining -- the mining industry and your prison,
35 especially in Lovelock situation, a lot of younger generation
36 people, young families. And I know that my two kids, they don't
37 want it unless it's brand new. So there's that perception out
38 there.

39 And hopefully this study comes through and figures that
40 out. And that's very important. And that's why I'm bringing

1 this presentation to you guys just to educate you of what's
2 coming to town and how this can help you on the backside.

3 And again, we brought it to five major statewide banks, and
4 three of them were so excited about it they, without asking they
5 donated toward the study. And of course, that's not what we're
6 here for. The National Association -- the Nevada Association of
7 Counties and the League of Cities is -- is helping to defray the
8 costs on this as well as well as the Nevada State Busi --
9 Division of Business and Industry, as well as ourselves.
10 There's nothing there except that we're asking your
11 participation when VSI comes to town.

12 And the second part of this is when we come back in town,
13 NRHA comes back, we're here to help work -- set up a committee
14 in every community to set up an MOU program. While it's very
15 nice in Lander County, we already have one set up with you. We
16 have a piece of property over on Forest Drive over there off of
17 Main Street, that -- a three-acre parcel that we're working
18 with Gina and we're working with Joe to possibly put some
19 concepts together to look at of what we can do for affordable
20 housing and affordable -- to work force -- to, you know, not
21 quite market rate, but what we can do for you in that interim
22 housing. We don't want to, again, compete directly with the
23 market-rate developers, but we're here to help your -- support
24 your community.

25 So there's quite a bit of materials I left for you. I
26 don't want to go over all of it and take too much time, because
27 I know you have a big docket today, but I'm here to answer any
28 questions that you might have.

29 And again, Gina and Joe have been very helpful in listening
30 to me on this little speech before. And hopefully they're --
31 they understand where we're going.

32 COMMISSIONER MASON: In Lovelock -- um -- just to finish
33 your conversation about the employees at the prison, um -- where
34 do they live if they're not living in Lovelock? Winnemucca?

35 EDDIE HULT: Well, there's -- some of them in Winnemucca.
36 I know -- I know personally I live -- I live in Dayton Valley at
37 the golf course there. And there's four of them -- four
38 gentleman there that travel, commute all the way to Lovelock for
39 prison together.

40 And a lot of come from Carson City, Reno, Fernley, Fallon.

1 Because those families like to have that Wal-Mart or that Lowes
2 or that community amenity. And that's part of the Lovelock's
3 problem. And they realize it.

4 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, see here we're 54-miles from the
5 Winnemucca and 70-miles plus from --

6 EDDIE HULT: Elko.

7 COMMISSIONER MASON: Elko.

8 EDDIE HULT: Mm-hm.

9 COMMISSIONER MASON: And we kind have the same problem.

10 EDDIE HULT: Mm-hm.

11 COMMISSIONER MASON: And our housing hasn't been the best,
12 so we've lost a lot of people taking the bus to work from both
13 those cities.

14 EDDIE HULT: Yeah. We're here -- I think what the State of
15 Nevada came to us to help to work with the study was, they
16 didn't -- they understand the pains that the work camps are
17 pretty good like Winnemucca has and certain communities have.
18 The work camps that Elko's worried about up in North Fork north
19 of them that the mine has put in.

20 They want to get their handle on your community's housing
21 to get you what you need so the man camps and those things
22 aren't happening. That you guys have more permanent and
23 flexible housing for your community. And I think that's where
24 this whole -- what happens, Nevada Business and Industry was
25 going to do a \$25,000 study themselves. We came up with a
26 little bit of an idea, met with them, with Bruce Breslow and his
27 successor actually before that, Terry Johnson, and talked to
28 them about what can we do for you. And this is what we came up
29 with -- a statewide mining belt study that helps 15 communities,
30 but it's nine counties. And that's what we're going to do.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: The beauty of it is, let's say one of
32 the new employees starts at Newmont mining. You know, at 26 to
33 \$29 an hour, that's a career starter right there.

34 EDDIE HULT: Mm-hm.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: But they can't qualify for a house for
36 two years. You know, so we have that two-year gap in there when
37 they -- when they start out in mining or any other career field,
38 you have to have two years -- as far as lending is concerned --
39 experience.

40 EDDIE HULT: And there's three things that NRHA can help

1 there. One is provide -- let's say the miner is starting at
2 \$70,000 a year, but he has three children and a wife, a spouse.
3 They still can fit into that work force housing 80% and HI mode.
4 So we have help them. They don't have to have market-rate
5 housing, if they can't get there.

6 We also -- NRHA has a nation's reward -- it will be awarded
7 by NMA this week, a pioneer award for the "Home At Last"
8 program, which is -- takes people who are in a situation that
9 can't get or first-time buyers that can get that mortgage up to
10 four points in mortgage assistance -- down payment mortgage
11 assistance as well another 8% of energy efficiency mortgage that
12 they can get to be a first-time buyer. And they don't have to
13 wait for that two-year gap.

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

15 EDDIE HULT: There's a lot of things that we can do in our
16 housing program because we bring to the table USDA, HUD, tax
17 credit, other government subsidized-type housing, we keep our
18 housing fairly cheap. Not cheap, I should inexpensive. And by
19 keeping it inexpensive, we can get those families in that that
20 we'll call it gap housing. Work force, but they're gap. They
21 just can't quite qualify, whether it's time or their -- the
22 family's big, or they have a bad credit. And we work with them
23 to bridge that.

24 And that's why the banks are very excited about this study
25 coming out, because they may have a document that they can
26 follow rather than it just being some piecemeal needs assessment
27 here or there, which they tend to not trust all the time.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Do you help with infrastructure?

29 EDDIE HULT: We can. I'll tell you what I'm doing in
30 Carlin right now. I'm working with the developer, Mary and Alex
31 Hose, who's trying to develop off of -- I call it Maggie Creek
32 Road. They call it Newmont Road now, right there off the corner
33 of the freeway. They've got a new truck stop coming in there.
34 They have approximately 200 acres. But they have a multifamily
35 section in there that they're going to build about 200 units of
36 multifamily.

37 Well, part of that they're giving us out 4.7-acre -- .7
38 acres. We're working on a deal right now to give us for
39 affordable part of that -- a lower part of that of the market
40 rate. And we're trading that 4.7 acres of value of that toward

1 a CVDG grant so we are can go out and get -- they can't get it
2 but the city of Carlin and we together can go get that grant,
3 trade it for their infrastructure: the road, curb, and gutter,
4 and sewer underneath and bring the first road in and match it to
5 our project. And right next door is the truck stop. And it
6 jump starts their project. Those are the type of things that we
7 can do that a normal developer can't. And we're not here,
8 again, to take the developer's job. We're here to just help
9 projects to get to where they need.

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: I understand. Yeah, I understand

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Mr. Hult.

12 EDDIE HULT: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just a clarification if you would,
14 please. In going through your material, you said you're
15 identifying different communities. So it's just the Battle
16 Mountain community, not our county?

17 EDDIE HULT: Well, I bring it to the county -- and I've
18 told every county. I'm on a presentation run right now, trying
19 to meet every county and community and development authority.
20 The -- the -- the census, the demographics is concentrated on
21 Austin and, yes, Battle Mountain themselves. Okay.

22 But they will have to take demographics of that area.
23 Let's say this -- this valley will be part of Battle Mountain,
24 even though it's not in the city limits. So they will be
25 looking at things.

26 I told city -- Elko County yesterday that if you believe
27 that Spring Creek or Montello or Owyhee or Jackpot have
28 problems, bring that to VSI's attention. You know, we couldn't
29 dilute the study too much and put every little community and
30 every county in it. We had to pick those 15 major communities
31 and let them work with that.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand that. But I just needed
33 the clarification whether indeed it was our whole county,
34 whether the survey with the folks coming out --

35 EDDIE HULT: The survey will --

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- will be including all of the county
37 or just Battle Mountain.

38 EDDIE HULT: It will be including -- it will be including
39 Battle Mountain and it's valley region here.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

1 EDDIE HULT: And Austin and its area. It's really not
2 going to go into the middle of Reese River Valley or, you know,
3 it's not going to go farther north up into Pumpernickel or
4 anything like that, or wherever the count --

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You are including Austin, the Austin
6 --

7 EDDIE HULT: Yeah. Yes. Austin's in it. Austin's part of
8 the state's -- one of the fifteen communities.

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: See. Here's that map.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I did. I looked at it, but when we
12 kept saying community. And he used it so many times that I
13 wanted the clarification whether indeed it was the county or
14 just the community here. That's all. Thank you.

15 EDDIE HULT: Any other questions?

16 Well, thank you for letting us present. Thank you very
17 much.

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER MASON: You want to leave some business cards?

21 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Patsy stole mine.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: You what?

23 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: She stole mine.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I did. I noticed that when I came in
25 too.

26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.
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29 **PLANNING COMMISSION**

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31 14) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of a
32 parcel map for David L. Fuller, located in a portion of
33 Section 19, T32N, R45E, APNs 002-428-06 and 002-428-07,
34 combining two (2) parcels into one (1) parcel and other
35 matters properly related thereto.
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37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Item Number 14, discussion for
38 possible action regarding approval of a parcel map for David L.
39 Fuller, located in a portion of Section 19, T32N, R45E, APNs
40 002-428-06 and 002-428-07, combining two parcels into one parcel

1 and other matters properly related thereto.

2 GINA LITTLE: Gina Little, Community Services Officer.

3 I have the mylar here. Um, it's been to the Planning
4 Commission. It's been approved. I have all signatures present.
5 We're asking that it be approved by the commissioners and signed
6 to be recorded.

7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion we uphold the
8 recommendation of the Lander County Planning Commission and
9 approve a parcel map for David L. Fuller, located in Section 19,
10 T32N, R45E, APN 002-428-06 and 002-428-07, combining two parcels
11 into one.

12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And authorize the chair to sign.

13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And authorize the chair to sign.

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.

15 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?

16 (No public comment.)

17 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

20 (None opposed.)

21 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We'll just do them all at once. How's
22 that?

23 GINA LITTLE: Perfect.

24 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

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26 15) Item Number 15, discussion for possible action regarding
27 approval of a parcel map for Jose A. and Patricia M.
28 Escobedo, located in a portion of the NW4 of Section 4,
29 T31N, R45E, APN 011-280-01, splitting one (1) parcel into
30 four (4) parcels and other matters properly related
31 thereto.
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33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Item Number 15, discussion for
34 possible action regarding approval of a parcel map for Jose A.
35 and Patricia M. Escobedo -- Escobedo, located in a portion of
36 the NW4 of Section 4, T31N, R45E, APN 011-280-01, splitting one
37 parcel into four parcels and other matters properly related
38 thereto.

39 GINA LITTLE: So it would be the same. Same comments on
40 this map as well.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Where is this --
2 GINA LITTLE: The applicant is present, if you have any
3 comments.
4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Where is this one at?
5 (indiscernible) -- scan this stuff -- (indiscernible) -- great.
6 GINA LITTLE: This is off of 1500 East.
7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I'm trying to get there for you.
8 COMMISSIONER MASON: James Monroe. Out by James Monroe.
9 GINA LITTLE: Correct.
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Brian, do you want to see one of the
11 pull outs.
12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Where is James Monroe at?
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We're just splitting? the five into
14 four?
15 GINA LITTLE: Mm-hm. One into four.
16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: My stuff's all missing.
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: I make a motion the Commission uphold
18 the recommendation of the Lander County Planning Commission and
19 approve the parcel map for Jose A and Patricia M. Escobedo,
20 located in the portion of the Northwest 4 of Section 4, T31N,
21 R45E, APN 011-280-01, splitting one parcel into four parcels as
22 presented.
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And the Chair to sign the mylar.
24 COMMISSIONER MASON: And the Chair to sign the mylar.
25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second the motion.
26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Hold on. That's splitting one parcel
27 into two parcels, correct? Not four?
28 GINA LITTLE: No. No, that's four.
29 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's four.
30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Let me get on the right one here.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Which one is a little over five acres.
32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We're good. Okay. Do we have a second?
33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I seconded it.
34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment or discussion?
35 (No public comment.)
36 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?
37 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
39 (None opposed.)
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1 16) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of a
2 parcel map for Paula Conaughty, located in a portion of the
3 NW4 of Section 21, T31N, R45E, APN 010-440-51, splitting
4 one (1) parcel into two (2) parcels and other matters
5 properly related thereto.
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7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Item Number 16, discussion for
8 possible action regarding approval of a parcel map for Paula
9 Conaughty, located in a portion of the NW4 of Section 21, T31N,
10 R45E, APN 010-440-51, splitting one parcel into two parcels and
11 other matters properly related thereto.

12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion to uphold --

13 GINA LITTLE: Hold -- this map was provided to the Planning
14 Commission. Unfortunately, was sent off to -- to the owner for
15 signature. Spoke with the owner on Wednesday. And he mail --
16 and he put it in the mail back the County on Monday. And then
17 we've not received it. I'm assuming it's in the mail today --
18 here -- probably today.

19 So I don't know if we want to defer it to this afternoon or
20 if we want to approve it and then sign.

21 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We can approve it.

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We have it right here, right?

23 GINA LITTLE: The paper, yes.

24 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion to approve and uphold
26 the recommendation of the Lander County Planning Commission
27 approval of a parcel map for Paula Conaughty, located in a
28 portion of the NW4 of Section 21, T31N, R45E, APN 010-440-51,
29 splitting one parcel into two parcels and authorize the chair to
30 sign when available.

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I second the motion.

32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?

33 (No public comment.)

34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

35 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

36 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

37 (None opposed.)
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1 17) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of the
2 final subdivision map for Turquoise Hills Estates, Phase 1,
3 located in a portion of the S2 of Section 25, T32N, R44E,
4 APN 011-110-14 and other matters properly related thereto.
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6 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Item Number 17, discussion for
7 possible action regarding approval of the final subdivision map
8 of Turquoise Hills Estates, Phase 1, located in a portion of the
9 S2 of Section 25, T32N, R44E, APN 011-110-14 and other matters
10 properly related thereto.

11 GINA LITTLE: We're asking this to be deferred, please, --

12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

13 GINA LITTLE: -- on behalf of the applicant.

14 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to defer.

15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second.

16 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?

17 (No public comment.)

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

19 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

21 (None opposed.)
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23 18) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of the
24 tentative subdivision map for Silver Sage Apartments, LLC,
25 located in Block B of the Broyles Ranch Subdivision Unit
26 #4, APN 002-382-57, splitting one (1) parcel into thirteen
27 (13) parcels and other matters properly related thereto.
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29 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Item Number 18, discussion for
30 possible action regarding approval of the tentative subdivision
31 -- subdivision map for Silver Sage Apartments, LLC, located in
32 Block B of the Broyles Ranch Subdivision Unit #4 APN 002-382-57
33 splitting one parcel into 13 parcels and other matters properly
34 related thereto.

35 GINA LITTLE: We're going to turn this over to the
36 representatives and let them present.

37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: (To Gina Little) I was going to wait til
38 I came down there. It's easier, but it's all right.

39 GINA LITTLE: (To Chairman Bullock) I'll take them back.

40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: (To Gina Little) It's all right.

1 HENRY BUTLER: Um, your Honor, I'd like -- or
2 Commissioners.
3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Honor?
4 HENRY BUTLER: Before we proceed, if we -- if you're in
5 favor of it, we won't give our speech. If you're not favor of
6 it, we'll give you our speech.
7 COMMISSIONER MASON: I've sat --
8 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Dave.
9 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- in on these.
10 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Dave, just one moment. Could state
11 your name for the record, please.
12 HENRY BUTLER: Oh. My name is Henry Butler. And I'm the
13 manager of Silver Sage Apartments.
14 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Thank you.
15 J.R. HILDEBRAND: And J. R. Hildebrand. TEC Civil
16 Engineering representing as well.
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: I've -- I've sat in as a
18 representative at the Planning Commission on two of these
19 discussions. And you guys have worked out -- you've worked out
20 all the bugs with -- with our Building Department and our water,
21 sewer and --
22 J.R. HILDEBRAND: That is correct. We had a chance to come
23 up and meet with the department heads, a round-table workshop
24 of -- we -- of course, went in front of the Planning Commission.
25 There was some concerns.
26 So we came back again -- again met with the round table.
27 Um, worked out all the bugs. Made modifications to the plan.
28 Um, came back to the Planning Commission a second time. Um, and
29 it was unanimously decided that it was acceptable.
30 COMMISSIONER MASON: It looks nice. I wanted to ask you
31 about the driveway itself is now private, right?
32 On your plans?
33 J.R. HILDEBRAND: What? No.
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's a public road?
35 J.R. HILDEBRAND: Public road.
36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.
37 J.R. HILDEBRAND: Yeah.
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's the parking lot that they had
39 asked about; was it not?
40 J.R. HILDEBRAND: Correct.

1 HENRY BUTLER: The parking lot --
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They said it didn't meet our criteria
3 for Lander County standards.
4 J.R. HILDEBRAND: Yeah, it -- it is now -- unfortunately,
5 when the existing curb, gutter, and sidewalk that's out there
6 today was constructed 40 years ago, it left for about a 22-foot
7 wide drive aisle in between. The standard is 24 feet.
8 We were hoping that we could utilize some of that
9 40-year-old curb, gutter, and sidewalk that's out there. We've
10 abandoned that idea. We will demolish all of it and rebuild to
11 make sure that we have full drive widths of 24 feet.
12 Also, it was previously planned that rather than having a
13 crown on the road, it crowned to the center and had a valley
14 gutter that conveyed the -- you know, any runoff in the center
15 concrete valley gutter. It will be a standard crowned road now.
16 COMMISSIONER MASON: I guess the thing I was asking is:
17 when you came to Planning Commission last time, it was approved
18 by them?
19 J.R. HILDEBRAND: Mm-hm. Yes.
20 HENRY BUTLER: It was.
21 COMMISSIONER MASON: All the bugs were out?
22 J.R. HILDEBRAND: Yes, sir.
23 COMMISSIONER MASON: Good. Okay.
24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: This is 18?
25 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'll make a motion the Commission
26 uphold the recommendation of the Lander County Planning
27 Commission and approve the tentative subdivision map for Silver
28 Sage Apartments, LLC, located in Block B of the Broyles Ranch
29 Subdivision Unit #4 APN 002-382-57 splitting -- oh that's -- I'm
30 on the right? Yeah -- splitting one parcel into 13 parcels.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?
33 (No public comment.)
34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?
35 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
36 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
37 (None opposed.)
38 J.R. HILDEBRAND: Thank you, very much.
39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
40 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you. Good luck.

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CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. We'll go ahead and take a recess for lunch. Well, we are going have a legal meeting.

NICOLE TING: Yeah, if you want.

CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. But we'll recess the Commission Meeting until 1:00 o'clock.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Patsy, we'll call you back at 1:00. Or sorry -- here I go again. Joy.

JOY BRANDT: Okay.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Patsy, I just have you on my brain. Sorry.

[Break from 10:53 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.]

CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Let's go ahead and call the meeting back to order.

Go to Item Number 19, discussion for possible action regarding update by Phil Hanna, Battle Mountain General Hospital CEO, on the following issues: a) emergency medical services in Lander County under administration by the Lander County Hospital District (LCHD), 3rd and 4th quarterly reports; b) reports to begin discussions about a new ambulance, emergency medical services in southern Lander County, and charges for standby emergency medical services at community events; c) presentation of the FY 2013-2014 emergency medical service budget; and other matters properly related thereto.

NICOLE TING: Sorry, Commissioner. I'm Nicole Ting, for the record. I should have talked to you before this. Is it okay if we take -- before you give your presentation, Mr. Hanna -- Number 25 -- so the high schoolers can get back to school?

COMMISSIONER GARNER: Wow. Pulling some rank.

COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Lost some oxygen.

CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: It means I've got to read that again. All right. Let's put that on hold.

NICOLE TING: Sorry.

1 COMMISSIONERS

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3 25) Discussion for possible action regarding the request of the
4 Battle Mountain High School Student Council for approval of
5 the temporary closure of portions of Front and Broad
6 Streets for the Battle Mountain High School Homecoming
7 Parade; authorization for the Chairman to sign the Nevada
8 Department of Transportation (NDOT) Application and Permit
9 for Temporary Occupancy of the NDOT Right-of-Way paperwork;
10 and other matters properly related thereto.
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12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Let's go to Item Number 25, discussion
13 for possible action regarding the request of the Battle Mountain
14 High School Student Council for approval of the temporary
15 closure of portions of Front and Broad streets for the Battle
16 Mountain High School Homecoming Parade; authorization for the
17 Chairman to sign the Nevada Department of Transportation
18 application and permit for temporary occupancy of the NDOT
19 right-of-way paperwork and other matters properly related
20 thereto.

21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Can you say that again?

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No.

23 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Mouthful.

24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Who's representing?

25 SONDR TORGERSON: I'm the Student Council Adviser and
26 these are the committee chair people.

27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: State your name for the record.

28 SONDR TORGERSON: Sondra Torgerson.

29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: They need the state theirs too.

30 SAMANTHA SAMUELSON: Samantha Samuelson.

31 KALI KESTER: Kali Kester.

32 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They're asking for a --

33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Just to sign the NDOT application to
34 close the road.

35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to sign the NDOT
36 application to close the road.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.

38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment or discussion?

39 (No comment.)

40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
2 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed.
3 (None opposed.)
4 SONDRA TORGERSON: I have a question.
5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Okay.
6 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All right.
7 SONDRA TORGERSON: Um -- is this -- I've done it for the
8 last seven years, so this is a new procedure, I guess. Is this
9 something we're going to have to do every year?
10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We tried going around that. I think
11 we fixed some of that, but NDOT has their own rules. So I
12 don't -- I think you'll have to do it every year. If it's -- if
13 it has do with NDOT. If it's our own --
14 SONDRA TORGERSON: Since it's required -- NDOT's requiring
15 your signature?
16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.
17 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.
18 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: If it's within our county roads out
20 of the state highway, it's acceptable. But it's not. NDOT has
21 their own rules and regulations for the two -- the two main
22 conjuncting roads in town.
23 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Oh, yeah.
24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So you'll have to do it every year.
25 SONDRA TORGERSON: Okay. Thank you.
26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Consider it as educational. You know,
27 every year you can bring new students. Bring a busload if you
28 have to.
29 SONDRA TORGERSON: We'd love to get out of our freezing
30 (indiscernible). So I'll bring a bus load.
31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Bring the whole government class.
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah. There you go.
33 SONDRA TORGERSON: Thank you.
34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
35 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sondra, she's just making copies
36 for you.
37 SONDRA TORGERSON: Okay. Awesome. Thank you.
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1 19) Discussion for possible action regarding updated by Phil
2 Hanna, Battle Mountain General Hospital CEO, on the
3 following issues: 1) emergency medical services in Lander
4 County under administration by the Lander County Hospital
5 District (LCHD), 3rd and 4th quarterly reports; b) reports
6 to begin discussions about a new ambulance, emergency
7 medical services in southern Lander County, and charges for
8 standby emergency medical services at community events;
9 c) presentation of the FY 2013-2014 emergency medical
10 services budget; and other matters properly related
11 thereto.

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13 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, back to Item Number 19. I don't
14 need to reread that. We already read it. So --

15 PHIL HANNA: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Phil Hanna, the
16 CEO at Battle Mountain Hospital.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Hello.

18 PHIL HANNA: And I have a number of items that I would like
19 to cover with you.

20 The first one relates to the third and fourth quarters of
21 operations for Lander County Emergency Medical Services, the
22 first in your packet.

23 And I say the -- the EMS program has served the community
24 for just a year now, and we responded to 810 emergency
25 situations.

26 And some of the things that are significant to me,
27 certainly, that 80% of the time, we were on the road reporting
28 back to the 911 dispatch in 30 seconds. And that on average,
29 we're reaching the scene at a little under eight minutes to help
30 people.

31 And indicated, equally as important, is the fact that, um,
32 in the first year of operation, there have been no concerns,
33 issues, complaints, anything that have come to my attention
34 about the EMS service.

35 And it goes on that -- and I won't go over this necessarily
36 right now, because I'm going to be doing a more comprehensive
37 report for you that will show all the first-year expenses and
38 then an accurate number for collections and also for our cost
39 report settle up. Bottom line, the service met the budget that
40 was presented to the commissioners last year, which I'm very

1 pleased about.

2 And I say, you can go back in the -- our responses are
3 anywhere from 120 to 150% above the previous year charges,
4 because it's a paramedic service. Our --

5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So --

6 PHIL HANNA: Four to five hundred percent.

7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- the way I read it, Phil, is the
8 back page. You say we came within budget. The way I read it is
9 that we're a hundred and --

10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Seven.

11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Huh?

12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: A hundred and seven.

13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: The back page is not in my back page
14 right now. A hundred and --

15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: A hundred and seven.

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: 107,321. Backwards.

17 PHIL HANNA: Which --

18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: The back page.

19 PHIL HANNA: Are you looking at the very last document?

20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.

21 PHIL HANNA: That's the budget for next year. I'll talk
22 about that in the minute.

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Oh, okay.

24 PHIL HANNA: Now, for this year, in terms of the budget
25 that was presented to the Commissioners, there was a total loss
26 for the year of about 125,000. And that's exactly -- we came in
27 right on that number.

28 Now, one of the -- the positive things for next year, that
29 obviously I did not include in the budget that I'll talk to you
30 about in just a minute, is now that we're a year old we can
31 start looking at some of our expense structure. Because we have
32 really been adversely affected by the overtime requirements, the
33 way the state expects us to handle and pay those right now. So
34 like I said, now that we're a year old, we're looking at ways to
35 schedule differently that will substantially impact that number.

36 And the other thing that I'm also very excited about, quite
37 frankly, is that the paramedic personnel, that there are other
38 services that they -- and support that they can provide in the
39 hospital. And so the expense then for that time can be spread
40 to other hospital departments rather than EMS. So -- I said --

1 I have always indicated first and foremost that financing for
2 EMS is a very challenging situation at best. But I said in
3 terms of what we're looking at, as far as new schedules and
4 spreading overhead -- spreading costs to -- to other
5 departments, I'm probably as optimistic as I've ever been about
6 any EMS program going forward. As far as, I say, continuing to
7 reduce expenses while maintaining the very -- you know, the very
8 high professional level of capabilities that we have in the
9 community.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Phil, would you clarify that for me?

11 PHIL HANNA: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: My understanding was last year in the
13 presentation that you were going to use them in the hospital
14 when they weren't on runs. And now you're saying, you did, you
15 didn't, you're going to?

16 PHIL HANNA: We -- we have done that but not as much as we
17 wanted to because the State Board of Nursing made everything an
18 absolute challenge.

19 But we used them in the Emergency Department some. We're
20 going to expanding the role in the Emergency Department and
21 expanding the role in respiratory therapy specifically, based on
22 -- and some of it is based on legislation that was passed this
23 year, particularly as it relates to the respiratory therapy.
24 So, you know, we did some, but not as much as we wanted to, --

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I see.

26 PHIL HANNA: -- but now we're in the position to get
27 better.

28 Are there any questions right now? Like I said, I'm going
29 to put together a more comprehensive report for you, all four
30 quarters and compared to the budget, when I get the information
31 back from the cost report from the hospital. Because like I
32 said, right now the number that we have been using based on past
33 experiences that through our cost report process that 30% of the
34 loss for the EMS program will be picked up and a critical access
35 hospital can do that. No other entity can take advantage of
36 that cost report process.

37 So like I said, I'll put together a more detailed summary
38 for you in terms of all the -- all the costs and the charges,
39 and the comparison all four quarters and for year. And then
40 we'll have the cost report. And all preliminary indications --

1 I've been reducing a 66% collection rate for all the budgets
2 that I have put together. And the information I've been getting
3 now is that -- that we are collecting more than 66%, but I've
4 just left it at 66 until I actually see, you know, numbers black
5 on white.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you see anything coming down in the
7 future where we may be eligible for any type of grants to assist
8 in any way anywhere?

9 PHIL HANNA: Yes, that -- um, that gets, um -- that gets
10 into the consortium and the North Central EMS Consortium that we
11 participate in.

12 And one of my -- it's a possibility for Lander County
13 individually, but one of the things to really strengthen our
14 position when it comes to becoming eligible for these grants --
15 some of them for operations, you know, a lot of them for all
16 types of equipment that we need. That through the Consortium,
17 that it puts us in such an enormously strong competitive
18 position to say that for the Interstate 80 corridor that, you
19 know, one of the concerns that has been expressed is, you know,
20 lack of EMS services.

21 And in putting this Consortium together and having
22 paramedic services, that then to submit grant applications for
23 this consortium that would, you know, that would benefit five or
24 six rural counties that I, personally, I don't see any way that
25 they would not be funded, like I said, a rural consortium
26 providing EMS.

27 So yes, I -- in the budget that I put together, I didn't
28 put any grant dollars in, but there -- um, I'm in conversation
29 with the State right now through the Department of Agriculture,
30 looking at the possibility of getting some either guaranteed
31 loans or grant funds for EMS.

32 But -- I'm sorry. I probably over-answered your question,
33 but, yes --

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

35 PHIL HANNA: I believe that we're in a good position to get
36 grant dollars.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Do we get any of that consortium
38 business for Highway 50?

39 PHIL HANNA: Yes.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

1 PHIL HANNA: Because, um, Nye County, which would be part
2 of that, you know -- close to it, that they're interested in
3 becoming part of the Consortium.

4 So yes, the dollars that we would be going after would
5 benefit all the highways. But, like I said, very frankly, we're
6 going to use 80 as the lever, because that's what people talk
7 about first. Oh, what are you doing on 80? Like I say, we'll
8 use that get their attention. And then we can add in dollars
9 for other programming. That's absolutely an objective

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The way I read you, Phil, and your
11 presentation is that it's taken a year, but it's starting to
12 come together.

13 PHIL HANNA: I -- I, personally, speaking for myself and
14 the experience I've had, that I have been more than impressed
15 with the effort of a whole lot of people to bring this program
16 together that, um -- when I first started talking with you, um,
17 you know, about the potential, it even -- you know, the thought
18 of even having a paramedic service was something that I felt
19 might be five, six years down the road. The ability to do that
20 immediately has been -- like I said, I always tell people, that
21 you know, hey, I'll accept dumb luck any time if it gets the job
22 done. So, yeah, it's -- it's coming together and actually more
23 quickly than I thought it would.

24 And like I said, now, I'm finally really feeling
25 comfortable to go back in -- and we have a year's worth of
26 expenses and everything else to see, how can we do this better?
27 How can we do it smarter? And so -- yeah, like I said, I'm --
28 I'm felling feeling pretty good about everything.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: And that's what government -- other
30 agencies want to see. They want to see some of your past --
31 past results, right?

32 PHIL HANNA: Yes.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: How does -- how does, um, south county
34 look to you now?

35 PHIL HANNA: Well, I have -- um -- if you'd like me to jump
36 ahead.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Am I getting you ahead?

38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Mm-hm.

39 PHIL HANNA: No. No. I have some things I'd like to talk
40 to you about as far as an idea for southern Lander County so

1 that we can really, you know, finally get going with improving
2 EMS services down there.

3 But our -- does anyone have any other questions, like I
4 say, just about the general information? About the third and
5 fourth quarter? And like I said, I will get you -- there will
6 be a more thorough report that I will get you ahead of time so
7 you will have the opportunity to review it five.

8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Are you going to go into sports
9 events and stuff?

10 PHIL HANNA: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: In a little bit.

12 PHIL HANNA: Yes. And the second sheet that I included --
13 just we all like to look at picture. And I just wanted to -- I
14 guess, seek your authorization, your direction to go ahead and
15 get some bids for another EMS squad. And specifically based on
16 our experience of the last year, um, what we're looking at is
17 that actually a two-wheel drive vehicle would be better because
18 we're doing more transports since there's an EMS service in
19 Battle Mountain. Like I said, we're doing more transports. And
20 it's really hard on a four-wheel drive vehicle. And we have had
21 a couple of misadventures in terms of just breakdowns that the
22 only thing that they can attribute to is just the wear and tear
23 of driving on the highway that way.

24 So it doesn't make a lot of sense to me. I'm not a
25 mechanic, so please, you know, don't ask know explain that.

26 But I said, I have been told we would better served with a
27 two-wheel drive for inter-hospital transfers. And that, you
28 know, there would be some, you know, miles per gallon benefits.
29 But like I said, I just wanted to see if your interest was such
30 that you would want us to go ahead and get some estimates to
31 present to you.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: How many ambulances are you running
33 now?

34 PHIL HANNA: We have three ambulances right now.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Available or are they online?

36 PHIL HANNA: Three. Three that are available.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay, so we had three when you
38 started. I think one -- one of them was designated -- well, not
39 designated -- was, in my mind, established for south county.
40 But they're all up here now working?

1 PHIL HANNA: Yes. They're all sitting up here right now,
2 because we don't have the personnel in -- in the southern part
3 of the county to staff anything. And until we have all that put
4 together, the State won't certify us.

5 COMMISSIONER MASON: So let's talk about that a second.
6 What about personnel? South county?

7 PHIL HANNA: Okay, well if, um --

8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No, let's finish out the ambulance--

9 PHIL HANNA: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I think a two-wheel drive is -- is
11 much what we need. We don't need a four-wheel drive maybe but
12 5% of the time if at most. And the wear and tear and the fuel
13 consumption for a four-wheel drive is a lot more --

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- than a two-wheel drive.

16 PHIL HANNA: Like I said, is it all right if I go ahead and
17 get some estimates for you to consider?

18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Absolutely.

19 PHIL HANNA: Okay.

20 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But are we going to take one of the
21 three out of service?

22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Are all of three of them four-wheel
24 drive?

25 PHIL HANNA: Pardon?

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Are all three of them four-wheel
27 drive?

28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Two of them are.

29 PHIL HANNA: Two of them. Two of the three are four-wheel
30 drive.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because one four-wheel drive was
32 needed in the Austin, because they're always off road it seems
33 like.

34 PHIL HANNA: Yeah.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's where the major part of the
36 accidents happen.

37 PHIL HANNA: There's no question that the four-wheel drive
38 would be needed.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: What about the mileage? Are we over
40 what is considered the acceptable mileage for -- for an

1 ambulance? Or are we under? Are we okay?

2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No such thing anymore.

3 PHIL HANNA: Yeah. The -- the feedback that I have gotten
4 is that the two four-wheel drive units that we have are very
5 solid, very reliable, and that you -- in simplest terms, we're
6 good to go. We don't need to replace those. They do not need
7 to be considered for replacement.

8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, so going back to my question. If
9 we're not taking one out of service, that just means that much
10 more maintenance, insurance. And the cost just shot up on -- on
11 the cost of keeping four ambulances going versus three.
12 Correct.

13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Not if they take one to Austin, the
14 four-wheel drive. Or have something available.

15 PHIL HANNA: Yeah, that --

16 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So you're saying we need three
17 ambulances in Battle Mountain?

18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But the problem is number -- rescue
19 three is -- it's already like a 19 -- 99? It's -- it's got lot
20 of heavy use on it. The two-wheel drive's got a lot of heavy
21 use.

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yes. I guess that's my point. Why
23 aren't we taking it out of service if it's got that much use?
24 If that's what we're looking at, instead of paying maintenance
25 and insurance for the fourth one, then we still maintain at
26 three.

27 PHIL HANNA: Well, as -- as I talked about, it's all right
28 about southern Lander County that, you know, we can -- we can
29 put that into the conversation.

30 But I know, when you're just looking at just Battle
31 Mountain, no, we don't need more than three vehicles to, you
32 know, mothball a vehicle for a period of time. I think, you
33 know, that would certainly be fine.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Could you get by with two? Are you
35 always using three or how often do you use --

36 PHIL HANNA: No, we could -- we could get by with two, with
37 a four-wheel drive and a two-wheel drive. We can -- we can make
38 that work.

39 And you know there are going to be those times -- and it
40 only happens once, maybe twice a year when you need more than

1 two ambulances. And that's why we have the mutual aid
2 agreements that we do. So like I said, from a -- from the
3 standpoint of usage, yes, we could function with two vehicles in
4 Battle Mountain, a four-wheel drive and two-wheel drive.

5 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Just question. Just --

6 PHIL HANNA: Okay, but -- anyway, talking about southern
7 Lander County, I know it's been a topic of conversation for many
8 people. And it's been a topic of great frustration, I think,
9 for people and admittedly so. And I know there has been, you
10 know, the interest expressed as far as, you know, we want a
11 fully-staffed squad in Austin. And we want do something in
12 Kingston.

13 and the vehicle side of it can be addressed without an
14 enormous amount of trouble, but the staffing issue becomes much
15 more problematic.

16 And one of the things -- and what I put together -- and I'd
17 like to start talking to people to give them something
18 specifically to talk about, rather than just talking about some
19 ethereal situation.

20 But you say, okay, the proposal that I just put together so
21 that people could start looking at it and considering it, was
22 that for southern Lander County to put a fly car in Austin and
23 you could put one in Kingston. And that they -- it would be a
24 basic service -- basic capability or first responder capability,
25 quite frankly. They could respond to scene. They could do the
26 most important things and that's getting an open airway and
27 controlling breathing.

28 And then the squad at the same time since everything's
29 going through the 911 dispatch, the squad could be dispatched
30 from Battle Mountain to go down there.

31 And the reason that I'm suggesting this is that for, number
32 one, for individuals in southern Lander County right now that
33 are in the past when the squad was functioning, if they
34 responded to an emergency situation, they might be making a six-
35 to eight-hour commitment, when you had to look at time on scene
36 and then time transporting up to 120 miles to get to a hospital.

37 And so, this, number one, would significantly reduce their
38 time commitment. And it would create a situation that is
39 important. And one of the -- and it's something we've seen in
40 Battle Mountain that I know many people have questioned, why do

1 we need more of an EMS service? I mean, what's going to happen?

2 Well, what we have seen as the community becomes more
3 comfortable, that when I call 911, there's going to a very
4 timely response to my situation, we've seen greater use. And it
5 has been appropriate use of the ambulance. And I want to create
6 that same type of situation in southern Lander County where you
7 know, when people call, they know there's going to be an
8 immediate response. And then, like I say, we'll utilize the
9 ambulance -- one of the ambulances from here in Battle Mountain
10 to do the transporting back to Battle Mountain. And then, you
11 know, that I believe starts to give us a base on which we can
12 develop more significant services in southern Lander County.

13 Because I'm like everyone else. I would like to see a
14 fully staffed squad down there. But like I said, we have to be
15 realistic in the terms of the availability of personnel that we
16 have right now. And the question mark we have about, we know
17 there are runs down there, and the runs tend to be very serious,
18 multiple trauma runs. But, you know, we really don't have a
19 good idea on what the demand is down there.

20 So that's why, you know, I just want to start talking about
21 this, so we can talk about a specific idea rather than, like I
22 say, just talking about it would be nice to do this and nice to
23 do. But like in a year we haven't gotten far enough past beyond
24 the conversation.

25 So I was, like said, I just wanted to share this with you.
26 I've shared it with a number of other people already. But I
27 want to sit down and have the group that got together about four
28 months ago to talk about issues in southern Lander County.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I guess, I'm a little confused when
30 you say fly car -- one in Kingston, one this Austin. And now
31 we're talking more vehicles. I mean. I -- I'm trying to follow
32 what you're saying --

33 PHIL HANNA: Yeah.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- but previously when they did have
35 staff what would happen, if we had an EMT on that end of town,
36 they went out. The ambulance came 30 minutes later and they had
37 already been on scene so were our first responders on the scene.
38 And we didn't need fly cars, per se, like you use here. So I
39 can't see that kind of extra expense. I'm not following you.

40 PHIL HANNA: That's one of the reasons that I propose

1 something very specific for people to look at. Now, one of the
2 things about a fly car is that if you look at the cost today of
3 going out to buy an ambulance, a new -- a new modular ambulance,
4 you can be talking well in excess of \$200,000. Two
5 fully-equipped fly cars would cost maybe \$90,000.

6 COMMISSIONER MASON: Each?

7 PHIL HANNA: No. Both of them. About, you know, 40 to
8 \$45,000 apiece. So that cost is not quite as significant.

9 And -- and the reason for the fly car is that, you know,
10 all the supplies would be in the fly car that the first
11 responder, the -- the basic EMT, would need to provide care.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I understand what you're saying.
13 But we carried it with us personally. And we were there with
14 our own vehicles. And for the amount we needed, we didn't have
15 a fly car being provided for us by the county. So I -- I think
16 we need to look into this a little bit more. I'm --

17 PHIL HANNA: Yeah. Like said.

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I just don't see the need for that
19 type of thing right now. Because all the ambulances for us are
20 transporting. We know that. But you know the minute somebody
21 gets on that scene whether we need to call for an ambulance or
22 whether we are going to transport or not. That's pretty
23 apparent.

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: What about a van? Doesn't a van
25 work as -- as a fly car? Or are we talking about a van?

26 PHIL HANNA: The -- no. I'm -- I was talking about a fly
27 car similar to the fly car that we have here in Battle Mountain.
28 It's a Jeep.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: So you can -- it holds a -- a litter?

30 PHIL HANNA: No, the -- the fly car only holds equipment.
31 That the fly car cannot transport a patient.

32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Can we solve it with a van?

33 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: You still can't use --

34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: You still can't pass --

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It isn't the type of vehicle we're
36 talking about so much.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: I was thinking, if we could
38 transport --

39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-mm.

40 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: That's an ambulance.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
2 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, yeah, it is. It's a stripped
3 down ambulance if you want to look at it that way.
4 PHIL HANNA: Yeah, there's -- like I said, I'll get back --
5 that's why --
6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Are -- are what you're trying to say
7 is we're never going to be able to sustain ambulances in Austin
8 and Kingston. We've kind of --
9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: With personnel.
10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: With personnel. We're kind of at
11 that standstill where the towns aren't growing. We can't
12 sustain them.
13 PHIL HANNA: Right.
14 COMMISSIONER GARNER: The fly car's going to give you
15 something that benefits, no matter who drives it, it's one car
16 remotely parked where anybody --
17 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Fully equipped.
18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- can get into it, that is a first
19 responder that can take it to the scene and has radios, has
20 everything to have communication with helicopter to have
21 communication to --
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We had those in Kingston. Yes.
23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's what he's -- I --
24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: But they're personal vehicles.
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We called that a first responder, but,
26 yes, they were there.
27 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: At the same time -- that's what
28 he's saying is the same type of vehicle, four-wheel drive,
29 weather -- you know -- one in each town is more so what we're
30 going to have to do rather than have a huge ambulance that we
31 can't staff.
32 PHIL HANNA: Yeah, that -- like I say, that is -- that's my
33 general thought. And I'm saying, just to the reason to -- okay,
34 I wanted to put something for very specific forward, so people
35 you have -- can start to ask good questions about, okay, do we
36 need this? Do we need that? How can we do it differently?
37 It's not a matter that this is necessarily, you know, what I
38 feel just absolutely has to be done. It's not that. It's just
39 this is a way that we can do it. And now we can have a
40 conversations that, okay, is there another way that might even

1 be a little bit better? Like I said, just based on starting off
2 on a very specific recommendation.

3 So if it's all right with you, I say, I will continue to
4 pursue this and bring this back to you for your consideration.

5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I think we need to explore the
6 options.

7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Something needs to happen. But on
9 the level of happening down there, that's what we need to figure
10 out. How -- how big it's going to be or what we can get away
11 with.

12 Burt?

13 BURT RAMOS: For the record, Burt here.

14 I was under the impression a year ago when you were here
15 that once you took this thing over, that there was going to be
16 an EMS service in Austin.

17 So I believe you should be well under budget, because
18 you're only doing half of what you said you were going to do.
19 Um, the eight-minute response time probably is pretty skewed if
20 you added Austin's response times in with that. I'm sure you're
21 doing a great job here. But the lives up there in southern
22 Lander County are just as important as the lives down here. And
23 I don't feel that we're getting a fair shake down there.

24 You guys show up for the special events and drive up and
25 down the road so everybody knows you're in town and then you're
26 gone. And that's it.

27 I had an event with my kid the other day. And it would be
28 nice if there was somebody there even with an EpiPen, something
29 that simple. I know that we had a rattlesnake bite, and. We
30 had a -- an actual employee that got hurt up there that we had
31 to run down here -- all in the same week. And we don't have
32 anything up there. I don't think that's acceptable considering
33 what you're getting paid to do the job.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Part of that -- not that I have the
35 answer for you, but part of that is getting volunteers, in
36 southern --

37 BURT RAMOS: And that's a whole -- that's a whole other
38 thing. Because I believe we had people who wanted to volunteer,
39 um, but then they had to pay their own way to go through all the
40 classes. And then they had -- you know -- some crazy hours

1 where if they have another job, they can't -- they cannot do
2 their other job and do the -- meet the requirements of the
3 volunteers.

4 COMMISSIONER MASON: And that's the problem.

5 BURT RAMOS: That is part of the problem, yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, we just -- I don't think the
7 hospital has overcome that problem yet. You know, it's -- it's
8 a matter of education. It's a matter of volunteers. It's a
9 matter of who's available, who's going to step forward. And
10 it's -- I think, down there in Austin, for somebody to
11 volunteer, it's more strain, just for that person. Because
12 they're not a team. You're lucky if you get one, right?

13 PHIL HANNA: Like I said, one of the big --

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Not defending it, I'm just saying
15 that's the problem in a nutshell.

16 PHIL HANNA: And I -- I've talked to -- to some people that
17 are interested in volunteering, but like I say, what they have
18 had have ultimately come back and said, okay, wait a minute.
19 You know, I work for a living. And if we get, you know, called
20 out during the day, I could be gone eight hours.

21 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah.

22 PHIL HANNA: And my employer will not allow me.

23 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: Right.

25 PHIL HANNA: So -- so we have to deal with the -- yes, it
26 would be nice to do something. You know, but the -- the thought
27 of putting a fully-paid service down in the southern Lander
28 County for the number of runs and so forth would be
29 significantly expensive.

30 And so I said, I think we have to look at some other
31 options to improve services down there.

32 COMMISSIONER MASON: See, every county -- every rural
33 county's got the same problem.

34 PHIL HANNA: Yes, they do.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Especially south of us or around east,
36 west, south. Um, is the state doing anything about that?

37 PHIL HANNA: No. No. The -- my personal opinion is that
38 really that the counties individually or in a cooperative
39 situation need to figure out -- need to resolve what needs to be
40 done. Because the state, you know, because of their financial

1 position, that they're -- they don't have the funds to start any
2 new programs.

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: And the requirements now are you have
4 to have a crew of two?

5 PHIL HANNA: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's hard enough to get one. You've
7 got a crew of two.

8 The only thing I can think of and it may not be worth a
9 salt, but is trying to attract some semiretired EMTs to Austin.
10 And give them, you know, give them a job. I don't know if that
11 would work or not.

12 PHIL HANNA: Like I said, we're -- seriously, we're looking
13 at all those alternatives. And the thing that's beyond
14 frustrating is the time that it takes. But like I said, there
15 are a couple of people we're talking about to about that very
16 thing.

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: A full-time EMT, qualified EMT, is how
18 much?

19 I mean, what would it be?

20 PHIL HANNA: With benefits and everything, you're probably
21 talking 50 -- \$60,000 full time. If you're -- if you're looking
22 at 24/7 coverage, like I say, you're looking at 50 to \$60,000
23 per person.

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: You've got to have two of them.

25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: You've got to have more than that.

26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: More than two.

27 PHIL HANNA: Yeah, so -- like I say, you have two -- two
28 per shift, if you will. But you would -- in personal expenses
29 you're looking at easily over half a million dollars with
30 benefits.

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Burt again.

32 BURT RAMOS: Yeah. It still doesn't go back to like when a
33 year ago when you were sitting here in front of us. You said
34 you were going to -- you had a plan in place to have somebody
35 down there within the month, correct? And so, I believe they
36 still -- we're still paying you the full amount to have somebody
37 there. Am I mistaken or --

38 PHIL HANNA: Um, I honestly don't remember saying I had
39 something in mind within a month for -- for down there. That --
40 um, certainly, like I say, we've been talking about it, and

1 trying to come up with solutions.
2 Like I say, one of the biggest things that I know I heard
3 early on there were a lot of people that wanted to follow
4 volunteer. And then, you know, there was, like you said, some
5 of the issues about the training. And then we even changed
6 that. But it ultimately came down to the concern about, hey, I
7 don't have enough time do this.
8 JAKE EDGAR: Okay. So back to the money.
9 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Jake.
10 JAKE EDGAR: Back to the money. Sorry, Jake Edgar.
11 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Thank you.
12 JAKE EDGAR: Back to money. The thing that Burt's getting
13 at here is you said you were going to do a job. And this is
14 what the money was to do the job. And a portion of that job
15 obviously at this point in time is not being done. So whatever
16 we're paying a month the \$30,000, is there a portion of that
17 that does not need to be spent in the interim until we get
18 service in southern Lander County.
19 PHIL HANNA: The budget that was put together was for the
20 support of the Battle Mountain -- for northern Lander County.
21 And we have been, you know, responding down to southern Lander
22 County whenever requests has been made.
23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Uh-uh.
24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: There was never a dollar figure
25 for southern.
26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: It was for all of Lander County, if you
27 look at the agreement.
28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.
29 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: It didn't specify northern. It did say
30 Lander County in general. So -- Ray.
31 RAY WILLIAMS: I just have a general question.
32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Go ahead.
33 RAY WILLIAMS: What is your ratio of full-time employees
34 versus volunteers here in Battle Mountain right at the present
35 time?
36 PHIL HANNA: We have all full-time people.
37 RAY WILLIAMS: That's a good answer. That's exactly what I
38 was looking for. Now, how come we're looking for volunteers
39 down south?
40 PHIL HANNA: The -- part of it is, much of it is based on

1 the number of runs.

2 RAY WILLIAMS: Well, it's obvious you're not going to have
3 any runs since you don't have a service.

4 Because I can -- I can say from my own experience that I
5 got up at 2:00 o'clock in the morning with severe chest pains
6 and drove myself to the Fallon Hospital. Very stupid. Because
7 when I got there, my oxygen was 87%. I had walking pneumonia.

8 But the bottom line was that this golden hour comes into
9 play. You can't run an ambulance from Aus -- Battle Mountain to
10 Austin to pick up a person to take him any distance without
11 having advanced care. We've always used Care Flight. They've
12 always met Churchill County or somebody else in route.

13 And we talked about using Bill Schaeffer's station wagon.
14 And that would go along with your suggestion, Dave, with the
15 van, because about the same capability. Um, you just throw a
16 guy in the back and take off.

17 But you've answered my question. You're running with a
18 full-time service. You're not using any volunteers here. So I
19 don't -- I don't really understand the question. Just hire some
20 more people.

21 COMMISSIONER MASON: First of all --

22 RAY WILLIAMS: You've got the ambulances.

23 PHIL HANNA: Yeah. That's -- and I say, that's an option.
24 But it's just -- I want everyone to understand the cost of doing
25 that.

26 RAY WILLIAMS: Well, we need you to understand that, so you
27 can explain it to these guys.

28 PHIL HANNA: Like I said, I can put together a number of
29 different options -- a number of different proposals for the
30 Commissioners to consider.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: See, the problem is when we started
32 this, it was not a problem. You could have a driver and you
33 could have a EMT, but you can't do that anymore. You've got to
34 have an EMT to drive.

35 And see, a year ago that was -- we had some options in
36 rural areas. Now, you've got to have a crew of two. And to
37 attract them -- I don't know -- it sounds -- it's like Ray's
38 saying -- we're going to have to -- if we don't get some
39 volunteers, that are qualified, then we're going to have to hire
40 somebody.

1 And to hire two, that's -- that's an eight-hour course.
2 What are you going to do about the other two that we need? We
3 don't have two even now.

4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But -- but to go back -- to go back
5 to the billing is -- I think what's everybody's confused, is
6 when these bills come across -- and correct me if I'm wrong,
7 Rogene -- is Austin's getting billed separately and Battle
8 Mountain's getting billed. These bills have Austin and they
9 have Battle Mountain. I remember seeing the last bill. Austin
10 was like 20,000. And Battle Mountain was like 30,000.

11 ROGENE HILL: That's the contract.

12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's the contract.

13 ROGENE HILL: That is the contract.

14 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And it is --

15 ROGENE HILL: We're paying for Austin and Battle Mountain.

16 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: We are paying for two separate --

17 ROGENE HILL: 25,000.

18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And that's where Burt's at. That's
19 where people are at. We are paying separately for Austin.

20 ROGENE HILL: (Indiscernible) -- sorry.

21 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But there's no Austin service. But
22 we are paying separately. It's broke out on the bills. I
23 remember looking at the bills that Austin is broke out.

24 PHIL HANNA: Oh, I've never -- I've never seen one of
25 those.

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah, it's -- it's Austin's broke
27 out.

28 ROGENE HILL: Because we had two ambulance services.

29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.

30 ROGENE HILL: We had Austin and we had Battle Mountain.

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And that's how --

32 ROGENE HILL: And that's always the way it's --

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's billing. But it doesn't give
34 us the people. I mean, without the people, there is no service.

35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But if you're getting billed for it,
36 and there's nothing there, why are we getting billed for it?

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, there is still need. I mean,
38 we're answering --

39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's what these people -- that's
40 what these people are asking.

1 BURT RAMOS: I'll promise you a bunch, Dave, if you'll pay
2 me. I don't have to come through.
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: Say what?
4 BURT RAMOS: I mean, a guy can promise you the world and
5 take a free paycheck. But if you're not coming through with
6 anything, then --
7 COMMISSIONER MASON: What's your solution?
8 BURT RAMOS: Well, this isn't the only show in town.
9 There's -- there's other -- there's -- there is a -- a system
10 my father-in-law let me know about. I -- I sent him a text
11 message to find out the gentleman's name -- that does have --
12 set up rural services. And they send out EMTs three -- you
13 know, for three days out to rural communities. And then they go
14 back. They'll be there three or four days. And then they --
15 they rotate shifts. They work 24-hour shifts. And they run it
16 for other rural communities in the state.
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: So it's a private enterprise?
18 ROGENE HILL: Yeah.
19 BURT RAMOS: Well, the way I understand it.
20 ROGENE HILL: Yeah, I would imagine it would be.
21 COMMISSIONER MASON: It would have to be a private
22 enterprise.
23 BURT RAMOS: The way I understand it. And I like I said, I
24 wish I had more details on it. But there are other options that
25 may be just as reasonable.
26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, and I think that --
27 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think, we need to know what they
28 are.
29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
30 COMMISSIONER MASON: You know, if they are available, if
31 they're logical, and if they're qualified for license.
32 ROGENE HILL: Well, they'd have to be or they wouldn't be
33 in the business.
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: The state's got us wound up tight.
35 It's not that we can't expand. We just don't have the people to
36 do it with.
37 ROGENE HILL: Or the money.
38 COMMISSIONER MASON: At this time.
39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And I --
40 ROGENE HILL: Or the funds.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And I think that's what Phil's trying
2 to say too is, obviously, everybody needs to come out with a
3 different solution to help Austin.
4 I'm not saying that -- the service here is great. But
5 Austin does need something for the line item that says that --
6 we're paying for it and obviously that's what.
7 RAY WILLIAMS: When you -- excuse me -- when we refer to
8 Austin, we're just -- it's not just Austin --
9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No, yes.
10 RAY WILLIAMS: -- and Kingston. We're referring to the
11 people who travel up and down Highway 50 --
12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Absolutely.
13 RAY WILLIAMS: -- north and south --
14 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yes.
15 RAY WILLIAMS: -- through on 305 and 376.
16 COMMISSIONER MASON: A whole lot in southern Lander County.
17 RAY WILLIAMS: And they love to wreck motorcycles up there.
18 And we've had a half a dozen of them this last year --
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.
20 RAY WILLIAMS: -- and along with some of the other
21 vehicles. But that's -- that's the real purpose.
22 The people, locally, most of us I think would just jump in
23 the car and take off.
24 But if they had an ambulance service, they would probably
25 call. We've got elderly people that doesn't have a vehicle.
26 And they rely on their neighbor more than anybody else. But --
27 COMMISSIONER MASON: Does the -- does the State -- is the
28 state offering any --
29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No.
30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.
31 COMMISSIONER MASON: Anything?
32 COMMISSIONER GARNER: He's already said that.
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Keep going, Phil.
35 PHIL HANNA: Well, like I said, I will -- I will pursue
36 this. And like I say, I'll prepare a number of options for you
37 to look at. So that you can make an informed decision.
38 And then, um, the next thing I wanted to talk about for a
39 minute. And I -- we've talked about it. And I listed it -- has
40 to do with being standby at events.

1 And for all the talk and conversation, what we have done
2 this year is basically what I've listed that for any events
3 sponsored by the school district that involves student
4 athletes -- and it's easy -- it's been football season, talk
5 about football games, that we -- we have a vehicle there with
6 two people. And we don't charge anybody.

7 And in the same vein, if Lander County is sponsoring
8 events, you know, we'll stand by there at no charge for that.

9 And we've been looking at it in terms if any nonprofit
10 organization in the community has an event where they need
11 standby EMS services, for their insurance or whatever, we have
12 been standing by and haven't been charging.

13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But that's incorrect. Because the
14 motocross and the Stock Car Association has wanted your
15 services. And they've been told 150 to \$175 an hour. And so
16 the services have never been supplied to them, because they
17 can't afford it.

18 PHIL HANNA: That -- my understanding for the stock car
19 races, that we're -- that there are individuals that are
20 providing some coverage out there. And see -- that's one of the
21 things about sitting down and let's -- okay, let's talk through
22 some of these issues that --

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: As far as I'm concerned -- and they
24 haven't had service out there. As far as I'm concerned, if this
25 county and these people in this county are paying taxes and
26 those taxes go to that ambulance. And that facility, whoever it
27 might be, if your service is not needed somewhere in town, they
28 can sit at the racetrack just as easily as they can sit at the
29 double wide or at the ambulance barn.

30 Those people have already paid for that service once. I do
31 not believe they should have to pay for the service again.
32 That's double jeopardy -- I mean, that's double dipping. That
33 facility is nonprofit. And it's already being paid for by our
34 tax payers' money. That ambulance can sit anywhere in this
35 county.

36 Now, if there's an emergency, I have not a problem with it
37 leaving, and they can deal with that when that arises. But
38 there's no difference of them sitting at a rodeo from sitting in
39 a soccer game, of sitting in a football game. If that service
40 is paid for by this county, I think the service needs to be

1 there.

2 PHIL HANNA: That's fine. I --

3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And they've been told -- I've heard
4 all sorts of numbers, figures. And I know from several
5 different people that they've -- none of these places can afford
6 this. And nothing ever happened all year.

7 There's not -- there hasn't been an ambulance at the
8 motocross all year. There hasn't been an ambulance at a stock
9 car. Those are -- those are just as fast as anything on the
10 freeway. And that service -- those people sitting at the
11 hospital could be sitting out there and give immediate response.
12 And you're only still six miles out of town in any given
13 direction. You could have just the same response in town by
14 your staff already sitting in the ambulance than your staff
15 having to come to the barn, get it out of the barn, get it out
16 on the street, wait for the next guy. You might even have
17 faster response.

18 But I've had a huge, huge, negative impact on the people
19 talking about that, because we've already paid for that service.

20 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is that workable, Phil?

21 PHIL HANNA: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay, well, who's giving out this
23 dollar per hour stuff?

24 PHIL HANNA: I'm not sure in all cases.

25 COMMISSIONER MASON: Would you check it out?

26 PHIL HANNA: Yeah. I'll check it out. But I say, to -- to
27 provide just for anybody that does anything in the county.
28 Yeah, there's -- I have no problem doing that.

29 And the one thing that, um, I would want to talk about for
30 some people is that in some cases, the insurance that they have
31 requires that an ambulance is present. For others that don't
32 require an ambulance being present, that -- you know, another
33 solution is to have the fly car there with a trained person that
34 would have all the equipment.

35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And -- and you know, I'm good with
36 that. I -- you know, like when we used to have the race cars
37 things. When you're sitting in an ambulance half way down
38 between here and Austin watch cars go by, yeah, they should
39 probably pay for that.

40 But when you're talking about the immediate Battle

1 Mountain, the local sports, the kids and the programs we have
2 within the immediate area of this town or Austin rodeo or
3 something, if that -- if we're already paying for that and it's
4 not a long distance -- you know what I'm trying to say? -- like
5 the human-powered speed thing and all that. When you're sitting
6 there all day and you're tying down a crew because of the
7 requirements or whatever, that should probably be paid for,
8 because you're taking them out of the vicinity of the town of
9 responding. That's different.

10 But when you're sitting within a local little -- I mean,
11 this town is not very big. I -- I think those people have
12 already paid for it.

13 PHIL HANNA: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And I think there could be a boundary
15 or something set --

16 PHIL HANNA: That's fine.

17 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- to where there's maybe a price
18 per -- I don't know -- but I think that could be looked at. It
19 would be --

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, the interesting thing on that is
21 that before you took it over, our volunteers sat out there at
22 motocross.

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yes.

24 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We had ambulance service.

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And they were at everything. They
27 were at soccer. They were --

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I certainly agree with Brian.
29 When we have a for-profit group, we used to have the -- what? --
30 the Pony Express run that ran -- a for-group comes in with an
31 event like that. Yes, they paid for a standby --

32 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- ambulance, fly car, whatever you'd
34 like to work out with them. But I certainly am in agreement
35 with Brian when it's -- when it's our county.

36 PHIL HANNA: Yeah, like I said, that's fine. And yeah,
37 that was the thing that -- like I said -- then I will put that
38 together. And we'll clarify things with the -- the motocross
39 and get that taken care of.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: Do you get the -- do you get the

1 calendar? the county calendar of events?
2 PHIL HANNA: Yes, I believe so.
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay, that should be passed along,
4 because the stock car races on there.
5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, they can -- they can organize
6 that with him.
7 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.
8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You just need to make sure all your
9 personnel are aware of this. Because I know the rodeo was told
10 they would be charged.
11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.
12 ROGENE HILL: Yeah.
13 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And it's all the events.
14 ROGENE HILL: They're paying anyways.
15 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So somebody within the department is
16 telling everybody that it's going to cost them such and such an
17 amount. So I don't know who it is.
18 PHIL HANNA: I will take care of that.
19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well -- and then on that same line
21 then, have you been charging for events? And what's happened to
22 that money?
23 PHIL HANNA: The -- any events -- and we haven't charged
24 for very many events -- but any events that we've charged for,
25 any money that we have received has gone into the EMS program as
26 money collected.
27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
29 DAN TOMERA: I'm Dan Tomera. My daughter plays soccer for
30 the high school team. And there's -- their field is out by
31 Eleanor Lammaire. And there's never an ambulance there, except
32 when they had to call the other day.
33 PHIL HANNA: Has anyone ever asked to have them?
34 DAN TOMERA: I don't know, I'll have to talk to the coach.
35 PHIL HANNA: Okay, that's --
36 THE WITNESS: But just so you know, they do play soccer out
37 there.
38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's more for the athletic director to
39 schedule all that. He should be the one in communication, not
40 the coaches.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But I think it's a good thing if the
2 ambulance is staffed, we're already paying for it.

3 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: There might be multiple events going
5 on at the same time, Phil. I'm not saying we have to put
6 something somewhere. But if they're -- if they're being paid,
7 they can -- they can be paid to sit in that thing and watch
8 soccer, football, baseball. I think it'd just be nice to have
9 their presence known around the community, that this is what
10 you're paying for. This is what your tax dollars are going for.
11 We do have a good service here. They're bouncing around. They
12 might not have to be to everything, but bounce around. And if
13 there -- if there's any games going on, they should be
14 somewhere. There's no reason for them to be sitting there and
15 being paid for. They should be somewhere showing their presence
16 to the community.

17 PHIL HANNA: That's fine.

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Besides it's better entertainment than
19 sitting reading a book.

20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.

21 ROGENE HILL: Yeah, exactly.

22 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Well, they can sit there and --

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But it's very good PR too. It's very
24 good PR. The people like to see it. They like to know what
25 they're paying for. And there's no reason they can't be out
26 bouncing around at the some of the local events and school
27 things. And I'm sure the coaches would be delighted to see an
28 ambulance there.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Do you have -- Phil, do you have
30 public meetings once a month or anything with your ambulance
31 people?

32 PHIL HANNA: We have departmental meetings.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: But anything open to the public?

34 PHIL HANNA: No. We haven't done that. I --

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: I was just an idea.

36 PHIL HANNA: I -- a suggestion -- I'm open to anything.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Looking for new ideas we're looking
38 for ways of helping you, south county especially. And, um, if
39 you're having any kind of public meeting, it might be a good
40 thing. Or to open your meetings to the public or put it on our

1 calendar.

2 PHIL HANNA: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: Once a month.

4 PHIL HANNA: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Um, so people that we don't even know
6 could show up and offer some advice. It might not be the advice
7 you're looking for, but -- you know. Any idea right now is
8 going to be helpful.

9 PHIL HANNA: Yes. I will do that.

10 And then, I also -- as an informational item, I just wanted
11 to share with you the budget that I had put together for
12 2013/2014. And I, like I said, going to the -- to the second
13 page, um, the summary that shows 1,043,000 and expenses.
14 Collections were about 590,000. And then the county stipend.
15 And so that leaves a loss of 153,000.

16 Then, like I said, with the cost report, we can recover
17 about 46,000 based on our projections right now. And that might
18 get better in the collection rate. Like I said, I moved it up
19 to the 70% based on the preliminary input that I've gotten. And
20 it might be even better than that. So like I said, the loss for
21 the year stands at 107. And we haven't started to look -- and
22 like I said, it's hard to project it. We haven't started to
23 look at the cost impact of going with new -- new schedules.

24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.

25 PHIL HANNA: And eliminate -- eliminate a lot of the
26 overtime.

27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Your overtime is --

28 PHIL HANNA: -- is killing us.

29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- is out of control.

30 PHIL HANNA: It just is killing us.

31 ROGENE HILL: Why do you have overtime? Is it due to
32 scheduling or --

33 PHIL HANNA: It's -- it's due -- as we've looked at it now,
34 it's due to having 24-hour schedules. And the way the state
35 requires that people be paid for working over eight hours.

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So you need more staff.

37 ROGENE HILL: So it's a scheduling issues?

38 PHIL HANNA: Yeah, like I say, it's a scheduling issue.
39 And it's one that I didn't fully anticipate going into it and,
40 you know, hit us right in between the eyes.

1 And now we've had enough information and we've had enough
2 conversations that -- just very simply, you reach a point where
3 you kind of understand what you need to do --

4 ROGENE HILL: Right. Right.

5 PHIL HANNA: -- to keep those people out of your hip
6 pocket.

7 ROGENE HILL: Yeah, yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Thanks, Phil.

9 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And you'll modify your budget for
10 next year give us information on what it will take to put people
11 down in southern Lander County?

12 PHIL HANNA: Yes. I will, like I said, I will pursue a
13 number of things and give you some different options to look at.
14 Like I say, so we can talk about that and decide what is the
15 most appropriate course of action.

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: I have a redundant question, but is
17 there no way we can have a one-man team down in Austin?

18 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: No.

19 COMMISSIONER MASON: It has to be two men all time, right?

20 PHIL HANNA: Well, that's -- that's one of the things about
21 going with the fly car and the first responder. And -- and
22 that's just a matter of determining what the state will allow us
23 to do.

24 And unfortunately, if you can find someone better that I
25 found that you have to have multiple conversations to get any
26 information. And that's where I am right now.

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: I understand. I don't -- I don't --
28 oh, never mind.

29 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thanks, Phil.

30 PHIL HANNA: Thank you, very much.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thanks, Phil.

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1 PUBLIC LAND USE ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

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3 20) Discussion for possible action regarding request from the
4 Lander County Public Land Use Advisory Planning Commission
5 (PLUAPC) for the Lander County Board of Commissioners to
6 consider approval for Summit Engineering staff to include
7 mapping of roads through blocked access areas with either
8 GPS or digital images and show the historic access on the
9 official Lander County Road Map; and other matters properly
10 related thereto.
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12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, Item Number 20, discussion for
13 possible action regarding request from the Lander County Public
14 Land Use Advisory Planning Commission for the Lander County
15 Board of Commissioners to consider approval for Summit
16 Engineering staff to include mapping of roads through blocked
17 access areas with either GPS or digital images and show the
18 historic access on the official Lander County Road Map; and
19 other matters properly related thereto.

20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Come on up, gentlemen.

21 RAY WILLIAMS: Boy, you guys got a tough job.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: I have some. Is that the same? Thank
23 you.

24 RAY WILLIAMS: For the record, I'm Ray Williams. And I'm
25 the chairman of your Public Lands Advisory Use Committee.

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: State your name.

27 RAY WILLIAMS: Our committee meets the first Monday of each
28 month. And we alternate from Battle Mountain to Austin.

29 And with me today is Mr. Dan Tomera, who's handing out the
30 two additional copies that we received from Summit Engineers
31 on -- on the subject that we're going to talk about today.

32 At our last meeting, we had Mr. Jim McGuire from Summit
33 Engineers meet with the Board and present the progress on the
34 maps that they're doing on the road inventory and the road
35 mapping.

36 And we have copies of the maps back here on the back.
37 We'll leave this copy here in Battle Mountain with Gina or with
38 Donnie.

39 Donnie's not here, is he?

40 ROGENE HILL: No.

1 RAY WILLIAMS: But both Burt Ramos and Donnie Negro were at
2 our last meeting. And it was explained to us that there were --
3 as their progress moved along here, there were several roads
4 that were left off of the map because they came to a locked
5 gate. And one of them -- one of the ones that comes to
6 forefront here in Battle Mountain is the North Fork Mill Creek
7 access. And if you look at the map, you'll find you have a
8 locked gate up here on the private property. And you also have
9 a blocked road over here. And you've got several miles of -- of
10 road that would not appear on this map.

11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: All these roads need to be on this
12 map. That's our road.

13 RAY WILLIAMS: Well, this was Dan's position. And he's the
14 one that made the motion to ensure that we do have these
15 historical roads on there. We sent a copy of this also to the
16 Sheriff. If he's in charge of the emergency situations, we've
17 got -- we could have airplane crashes. We could have fires.
18 You could have an ambulance respond up there. And I don't know
19 what the position would be on opening that gate, but we do want
20 to see that those roads are left on the map.

21 Right now they've -- they've told us they were kind of
22 instructed to not go past the locked gates.

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We've never instructed them on that.

24 RAY WILLIAMS: Well, the -- I don't know what contract
25 reads. But all we're asking here today is that the Commission
26 kind of forward a letter that would include all of these
27 historic roads as they existed on the old maps.

28 DAN TOMERA: And they don't.

29 RAY WILLIAMS: On the new maps.

30 DAN TOMERA: And they don't have to actually go through the
31 gate to map it. They can take aerial pictures. Or they can
32 take mapping off of existing --

33 RAY WILLIAMS: Yeah.

34 DAN TOMERA: -- historic road maps.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Your keyword is historic. It was on
36 the other maps. There's no reason for us to leave it off. We
37 don't want to lose that.

38 DAN TOMERA: Right.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So I think we're absolutely correct.
40 I'm glad you brought it to our attention.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a --

2 RAY WILLIAMS: There's one map that shows that -- shows
3 that type of depiction on there. It's the Tar Creek Lynch Creek
4 Access. And if you'll notice, that there's a road that goes up
5 to the forest boundary. And the Forest Service is the ones that
6 mapped this road. It goes right through the private property
7 and out the other side. Because there's no locked gate there.

8 And the Forest Service has, for the most part, has done
9 that on -- on their other properties. But if you look at Tar
10 Creek, the road goes up to the private property and stops. And
11 that's -- that's the only real access you have from the east
12 side to North Toiyabe Peak. If there was some type of an
13 incident up there, a hunter got down or something, you'd
14 probably have to get information from the -- from the people.
15 But if you notice, the road does go right through the private
16 property right on up the canyon. But that's one that was left
17 off.

18 Now, the Ackerman Canyon Access is kind of a short cut from
19 being flat over where Ackerman exists near Eureka, across to
20 Grass Valley, which is on the other side. And that's kind of an
21 interesting one. But it -- is not a matter of opening it or
22 maintaining it, I guess. It's a matter -- it's a Lander County
23 minor historic road, I guess, is what you'd say.

24 Gold Park is the other one that we had them run off.
25 And -- and you'll see that the road goes up to the bottom. And
26 it's indicated Forest Service road. And then it comes down
27 through Nye County to the private property. And then you have
28 that mile or two in between, which we've been negotiating with
29 the Forest Service to reopen that road. And that's one you
30 approved --

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.

32 RAY WILLIAMS: -- the county to participate in to open the
33 road.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think it's important to put all
35 these roads up there for historical value. Because our county
36 map, which you guys are doing now, um, is really going to be
37 important for the future and for the past. So --

38 RAY WILLIAMS: And these maps that we have now, the one
39 that -- the one that's on your front there. I'm not going to be
40 Vanna White today. I'll just sit here. But it -- it also --

1 that covers the forest portion of the mapping on the southern
2 end of the county, which is all completed. And it is fortunate
3 that the Forest Service went through their transportation plan.
4 And they did all of this stuff and GPS'd everything.

5 So -- they were -- we were able to save a lot by having all
6 those minor roads put on there. They just went to the Forest
7 Service database and pulled it out. But down in this part of
8 the world, you've got to deal with the BLM. And that hasn't
9 been done by the BLM, at least as far as we know it hasn't.

10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I'd like to make a motion that all
11 historic roads and minor county roads be placed on new road
12 mapping project via overlapping old maps or aerial pictometry
13 and instruct Summit to make appropriate changes.

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll sec -- I'll second that
15 motion.

16 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any other public comment or public -- or
17 discussion?

18 ROGENE HILL: Do you have a quote as to what is that
19 additional cost?

20 RAY WILLIAMS: He's indicated there would be no additional
21 cost.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: There would be no additional costs.

23 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We had a max on it, so if it comes in --
24 then he'd have to come back to us. But we had not exceed in the
25 agreement.

26 RAY WILLIAMS: They said they were willing to do it. And
27 there's a lot more than what we're talking about here. There
28 were ten or fifteen. And the conversation with Dan more
29 recently, there's probably more than that.

30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Can you guys get with Summit and make
31 them aware of all those overlapping issues?

32 RAY WILLIAMS: Right.

33 DAN TOMERA: Sure. We could have them come to the next
34 meeting.

35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And then we -- and then we make sure
36 they have everything since you guys are on that committee. And
37 you can overlap the two maps and see -- make sure everything's
38 --

39 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

40 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- done.

1 RAY WILLIAMS: In conjunction with that, the other request
2 that they had -- and we passed -- Donnie and Burt were both
3 there. But we do need to depict a number, assign a number to
4 all these minor roads that aren't presently -- that don't have a
5 number.

6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Gotcha.

7 RAY WILLIAMS: They -- they have an excellent inventory of
8 all of the roads that were done in the past and the fuel tax
9 roads and all that. But when you leave the major road, like
10 218, and go up the canyon, there's -- may not be a number on it.

11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So A number or a name or either?

12 RAY WILLIAMS: No, well, there is already a name for the
13 canyon or whatever, but there's no road assigned. So when Burt
14 takes his blade up there, he can't put 218A on that or whatever
15 he's got to charge it to the main road.

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And they want do this?

17 RAY WILLIAMS: They would -- they would like -- before they
18 complete the map, to have all -- all that --

19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That would be awesome. Should have
20 --

21 RAY WILLIAMS: -- presented to them so that they can put it
22 on there to the satisfactory of the superintendents, your road
23 supervisors.

24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It was noted on the agenda too. I saw
26 that where it said no additional cost. So Summit had told you
27 they're happy to --

28 RAY WILLIAMS: Yeah.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- complete that. They were just told
30 at one time not to.

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And I'll make a --

32 DAN TOMERA: It seems like a minor change to make on there.

33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I'll make an amendment to also
34 include road numbers -- numbering system.

35 RAY WILLIAMS: On the minor roads.

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: On minor roads.

37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll amend mine and second that.

38 RAY WILLIAMS: And I might just add, I think they're doing
39 an excellent job on this road mapping. The maps that we looked
40 at last time are far improved over our old maps. And I -- I

1 don't know how you feel about that, Dan.

2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, the numbers will help us on
3 search and rescue and things like that too. You can just go and
4 say that number.

5 DAN TOMERA: Oh, definitely.

6 RAY WILLIAMS: And when we say we're going to go through
7 and open Gold Park, we --

8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We'll have number.

9 RAY WILLIAMS: It's really ridiculous about this. This is
10 a primary case where the road was not depicted on the Forest
11 Service -- during the Forest Service Transportation Study,
12 because it was washed out. So it was just left off.

13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.

14 RAY WILLIAMS: And all of sudden you're deciding you're
15 going go back through there, and it's taking an act of Congress.

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, and --

17 RAY WILLIAMS: And not being very light on that; am I,
18 Burt?

19 BURT RAMOS: Right.

20 RAY WILLIAMS: But, I mean, we've been working on this for
21 -- it started long before I got off the Commission. And it's
22 still ongoing. And they're still looking at a possible road
23 maintenance plan that will work with everybody.

24 In the old days we just took a Cat up there and open it up.
25 And then let the district attorney handle that.

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: There's Cats in Austin.

27 DAN TOMERA: Yes.

28 RAY WILLIAMS: Anyway, we thank you for your support.

29 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

30 RAY WILLIAMS: And you're welcome to come to the meetings,
31 especially when we have them here in Battle Mountain. They're
32 at 5:00 o'clock in the evening. Dave has been to one of our
33 meetings.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Do you need a letter from the
35 Commission?

36 RAY WILLIAMS: No. We don't. You send it to Summit
37 Engineering. We just appreciate your support of the Board's
38 efforts.

39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Thanks for your guys' efforts.

40 RAY WILLIAMS: Yeah.

1 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. All those in favor?
2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
4 (None opposed.)
5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Thank you.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Thanks, guys.
8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thanks for all you do.
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13 21) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of
14 Proclamation No. 2013-02, a proclamation designating the
15 month of October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness month
16 and other matters properly related thereto.
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18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 21, discussion for possible
19 action regarding approval of Proclamation No. 2013-02, a
20 proclamation designating the month of October 2013 as Domestic
21 Violence Awareness month and other matters properly relating
22 thereto.

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Where are we at?

24 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We're on 21.

25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I make a motion that the committee
26 approve Proclamation No. 2013-02, a proclamation designating the
27 month of October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness month.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I'll second that.

30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any comment or discussion?

31 (No public comment.)

32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

33 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

35 (None opposed.)
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37 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Take five minutes.

38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: You want five minutes?

39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.

40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All right. Let's take a five-minute

1 recess.

2 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Joy, we've taken a break for a
3 moment.

4 JOY BRANDT: Okay.

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6 [Break from 2:10 p.m. to 2:17 p.m.]

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8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Call the meeting back to order.

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11 22) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of the
12 Food Service Agreement between Lander County (Austin Senior
13 Center) and the Lander County School District for provision
14 of school lunches to Austin Combined Schools under the
15 National School Lunch Program and other matters properly
16 related thereto.

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18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 22, discussion for possible
19 action regarding approval of the Food Service Agreement between
20 Lander County (Austin Senior Center) and the Lander County
21 School District for provision of school lunches to Austin
22 Combined Schools under the National School Lunch Program and
23 other matters properly related thereto.

24 Do I have a motion?

25 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll make a motion to approve the
26 Food Service Agreement between Lander County (Austin Senior
27 Center) and the Lander County School District for provision of
28 school lunches to Austin Combined Schools under the National
29 School Lunch Program.

30 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Second.

32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment?

33 (No public comment.)

34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?

35 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

36 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?

37 (None opposed.)

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1 23) Discussion for possible action to reaffirm Lander County's
2 commitment to provide \$5,000.00 in funding during fiscal
3 year 2014-2015 for the Ruby Mountain Cloud Seeding Program
4 and other matters properly related thereto.
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6 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 23, discussion for possible
7 action to reaffirm Lander County's commitment to provide
8 \$5,000.00 in funding during fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Ruby
9 Mountain Cloud Seeding Program and other matters properly
10 related thereto.

11 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I brought this up because at the
12 last meeting of the Humboldt River Basin Authority, they didn't
13 get the funding from the state that they thought. So they've
14 got to go back.

15 And our -- our original motion included that we would
16 approve it if they got state funding. So we -- we needed to do
17 it just -- that if we want to do it, give them the 5,000 --
18 they're going to do a reserve -- reduced service. And maybe
19 only run one or two stations versus trying to run all the
20 stations, the cloud seeding stations there. And so that's why
21 they want to do this based on how much money they get.

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay, so I guess -- here's my question.
23 So this is for the Ruby Mountains, correct?

24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah, it's supposed to -- because
25 it flows into the Humboldt.

26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And I understand that. So how much
27 benefit does Lander County get out of the Humboldt?

28 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: None.

29 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So I guess we're paying to help, you
30 know, Elko County and Pershing County?

31 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yes.

32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: When who knows if they're even
33 contributing.

34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: They are. But, I mean, that's --
35 that's why I bought it to you. I didn't feel it was my place to
36 say either way on it.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I thought there was something that we
38 actually did that when they seeded it, it would affect us in a
39 small way. Nothing?

40 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Nope. Puts snow up in the Ruby

1 Mountains, so when it melts it comes down South Fork and into
2 the river and it heads down.

3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, I like snow.

4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: You know, I mean, that's --

5 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I guess my point is we're going to spend
6 5,000 bucks, why aren't we seeding over Mount Lewis? I mean,
7 but --

8 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Because there's no stations up
9 there.

10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Or Austin or --

11 RAY WILLIAMS: Somebody was seeding up in the Narrows today
12 because it was snowing when I went through.

13 COMMISSIONER MASON: I've got a question for you, Steve,
14 what do you feel about this? You're an engineer.

15 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Well, cloud seeding is good. I
16 mean, you get the moisture out. But I --

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: I mean, does it really work? I mean,
18 does the system --

19 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: It works. They have proof of it.
20 But once it gets into the Humboldt river, I don't know how it
21 really -- you know, it benefits the back over there, because
22 they fill up South Fork.

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: So would you vote for this?

24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Dun dun dun dun.

25 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I guess you can make a motion and find
26 out, but --

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, I mean, you know, he's sitting
28 right here. He could sway a vote here on the board.

29 RAY WILLIAMS: You can't poll. You can't poll, Dave.
30 That's against the law.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

32 RAY WILLIAMS: You can't ask him how he's going to vote,
33 because you're violating the open meeting law.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's open.

35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion to not pay the 5,000
36 in the seed cloud program.

37 RAY WILLIAMS: I miss this board.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: I second it.

39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment or further
40 discussion?

1 (No public comment.)
2 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?
3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
4 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
5 (None opposed.)
6 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I didn't think it was the right
7 thing to do, but --

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9 24) Discussion and update regarding issues pertaining to the
10 Nevada Land Management Task Force, which was created
11 pursuant to AB 227, including community input on public
12 land issues, and other matters properly related thereto.
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14 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 24, discussion and update
15 regarding issues pertaining to the Nevada Land Management Task
16 Force, which was created pursuant to AB 227, including community
17 input on public land issues, and other matters properly related
18 thereto.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. I asked for this one to be
20 placed on it, because at the last meeting that we had with the
21 Task Force, they were pretty insistent that we give the
22 opportunities to the public, because it's such an important item
23 with Nevada looking at taking back our federal lands.

24 I put in some backup information for you on where we are
25 with the committee and -- and what we're looking at and what
26 possible ways the State of Nevada could derive new financial
27 resources and revenues and the expenditures it would cost us
28 additional.

29 So we're looking at everything from fire suppression, to
30 our grazing, to our PILT, anything that you can imagine, it's
31 covered under -- under the Task Force obligations under the
32 bill.

33 So we will be having our third meeting tomorrow, in
34 Winnemucca at 10:00 a.m., if anybody wants to attend. I know
35 the public is interested, but they don't always get the
36 opportunities. So I did want --

37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: What if we did a public forum?

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Forum? Well, that's one of the
39 reasons I put it --

40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: If it's about as good as a floodplain

1 you might get six people to show up.

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: If there's that many.

3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: There's interest, but actually, you
4 know, I mean, I don't know how you get people to show up.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, you -- you don't necessarily.
6 You're right, especially if you don't serve refreshments, right?
7 But I think if we just put on -- if we just put on the agenda
8 once in a while and I do the public release.

9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: There you go.

10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's fine.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's all we can do. And we give
12 them the opportunity. And they also know I'm the contact here
13 and what other ones are open, they can attend. We have lots of
14 people attend the Eureka one. It was very interesting.

15 And also on our website, on our Lander County website, I
16 did put out a little blurb under my district 3, that I sit on
17 that commission. So it's open all the time. So in -- in
18 another couple of months, I'll -- I'll do another press release
19 and we'll try it again. But we just want to know it's ongoing
20 and it's open. And if they want to contact us in between, they
21 can. So thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So is this going to go on a -- the
23 election? For people to support this? I mean.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, no.

25 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: How do they -- how are they going to
26 present this to --

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The Legislature?

28 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, the Legislature. The federal
29 government.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: How this --

31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We can pass it in the state all we want.
32 But how are they going to present.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

34 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Are they going to have to have a vote by
35 the people to say, this is what we want or --

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Or is the legislature just going to
37 take care of it.

38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- is the legislature going to do it?

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, that's their determination. And
40 I'm not sure how they expect to do that.

1 For example, Utah passed theirs. They're already going
2 back to federal government. And when Nevada looked at it they
3 said, we want a task force before we just pass it. So they
4 didn't seem to go before the people in the other state. Um, so
5 I can't answer you directly on that one how.

6 But the input should be coming all this year from the
7 public.

8 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And then when we present it in the
10 September, we'll give them the pros and cons and what agency we
11 think should be handing it and all the rest of the things we've
12 been tasked with.

13 So we'll just give them more time to come in and make their
14 comments. That's all we can do. So thank you for the
15 opportunity. And I'll put it on again.

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Where is this meeting in Winnemucca
17 tomorrow?

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Commissioners office, 10:00 o'clock.

19 RAY WILLIAMS: Ray Williams. Just a sideline comment. I
20 think it recorded in the meeting in Eureka that there's five
21 western states now that are somewhere in this -- same process.
22 Same process. They're doing something similar.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think our state has joined the five
25 western states.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, not really joining them.

27 RAY WILLIAMS: I'm not sure.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, we're --

29 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Utah was first. And then I
30 think you're looking at Wyoming and Montana and Colorado and
31 Arizona. There's -- Some have been before the Legislature and
32 turned it down. And some are still looking at different
33 methods.

34 As a note, there's a Eureka county study that was done in
35 the 90s that will be explained tomorrow at the meeting. And I
36 think Dr. Baughman is going to have it on his portion to explain
37 the ins and outs of the Eureka County plan. So -- I think it's
38 pretty important that -- to look at all those aspects. I don't
39 know where you got -- where did you get your figures on Lander
40 County? Where is that? Is that just on the state?

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: On Nevada Federally-owned Land by
2 County. This was put out -- U.S. Bureau of Land Management 2012
3 and map prepared by the Nevada Legislature Council Bureau,
4 August 2013.

5 RAY WILLIAMS: I misunderstood. I thought you were talking
6 about the costs.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Costs?

8 RAY WILLIAMS: Costs of managing fire service, managing the
9 land.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I just said we are studying that.

11 RAY WILLIAMS: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's all. I didn't give any costs
13 on it.

14 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Thank you.

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18 26) Discussion for possible action regarding the future of the
19 lead administration position for Lander County and other
20 matters properly related thereto.
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22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Let's go to Item Number 26,
23 discussion for possible action regarding the future of lead
24 administration position for Lander County and other matters
25 properly related thereto.

26 Everybody do their homework?

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Always.

28 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: There's not much in the packet, if
29 you did.

30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, it didn't get turned in.

31 Concerns? Comments?

32 As far as -- without changing the ordinance or the code
33 book, there's two positions in there right now that are not
34 being used.

35 NICOLE TING: Two? Executive Director. And what's the
36 other one?

37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Public Works Director.

38 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: And Executive Director.

39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, there's two not being used that
40 are in that ordinance. It was brought up that, you know, if we

1 change, then we need to relook at changing that book. And so I
2 mean that is what is existing. Doesn't mean we can't change it.
3 We just have go through the proper format of doing it and seeing
4 how we want to go here as far as for a lead administrator.
5 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Can't we just leave them the same
6 job, the same titles and just adjust the job descriptions?
7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, you can do that.
8 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: That way you don't have to change
9 all the --
10 NICOLE TING: I think too, the -- is the -- what's his
11 name? The attorney. Our counsel pointed out that.
12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Steve Balkenbush.
13 NICOLE TING: Balkenbush. Mr. Balkenbush pointed out that
14 one of the positions is defined by statute.
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's the County Manager.
16 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: County Manager.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That is defined by statute. And then
18 --
19 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Which I think we need to stay away from.
20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.
21 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: So do I.
22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We don't want the state dictating to us
23 what we're going to have.
24 NICOLE TING: Right, that's --
25 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: If we go anywhere, we just got to be
26 prepared to adjust what we have as a county ordinance.
27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Do we have a -- job description of a
28 -- not a -- not and Executive Director. What was the other one
29 you said?
30 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Public Works?
31 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: It's in the county handbook.
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So there's several things you'd like
33 to decide today. Number one, what we call this new person that
34 we are --
35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We just need to figure out which way
36 we're heading. I mean, my point is is it has been just great to
37 have had Rogene take over and administrate things over at the
38 county offices. Um -- and if we need to look at an office
39 administration, whatever.
40 But in the same token, we need some direction in the Public

1 Works sector. Now, if we want to go back to an Executive
2 Director that controls all of that? Or is it too much? Or I
3 guess this is my concern is: can we find a candidate that --
4 that can handle all of it?

5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, some of it you lost. You lost
6 the ambulance. You lost some --

7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah. And I understand that.

8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So I think the Executive Director
9 would be a good -- with a few tweaks, I think the Executive
10 Director would be -- because it -- develop all the -- develop
11 all the branches underneath of it.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: There is no doubt if we go in -- in
13 that direction -- and I certainly lean towards that. I've been
14 in favor of it ever since I -- and before I came on the
15 Commissioners Board. Um, but I think it's extremely important
16 that we do have somebody that is in that area that we can depend
17 on to answer all kinds of our paperwork and apply for grants and
18 really run the county.

19 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Well, and that needs to be added for
20 sure, because I don't think we've applied for much of anything.
21 The Senior Center has. But as a county, I don't think we've --
22 not that all grants are good. Don't get me wrong here. There's
23 strings attached. But we're not even looking at -- you know, I
24 just was talking to a county official in another county that
25 just got awarded a 13 million-dollar grant, for a great
26 reservoir-type package deal. And we don't even look at them. I
27 mean, to better our community and stuff. And so yeah, that --
28 that's a necessary.

29 So I guess my proposal and this is not a motion. Um, is
30 maybe if we're in agreement, we can approve to go for an
31 Executive Director, all of us take a look at it, and come back
32 and put together what we would want for an executive director on
33 the next meeting, if that's where we feel we want to head. And
34 because it's in the county handbook you can -- I mean, you can
35 get your own copy, or we can have somebody give us all a copy.

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is this example right here more than
37 enough? Can we refine it a little bit?

38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We can.

39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We can.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: Why don't we take two or three of us

1 on in this Commission and go over it.
2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's what he just said.
3 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: That's what I said. So I guess what I'm
4 saying is figure out what you want. Everybody take a good look
5 at it and next meeting let's define it and decide where we're
6 headed with it. If that's where you want to go.
7 COMMISSIONER MASON: Let's do it.
8 ROGENE HILL: Just a question for you. Under the last
9 Executive Director, you had the Public Works under there. I --
10 this is just my own personal thoughts. Is that person never had
11 the -- to get involved, to really know what was going on out
12 there in the Public Works. You know, I think that that area was
13 missed or not, you know. So I don't know. That might be
14 something that you want to take a look at.
15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It was missed. And that's what
16 shouldn't be missed.
17 ROGENE HILL: Exactly.
18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Because they also need direction.
19 ROGENE HILL: Yes. Absolutely, but --
20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Sometimes they need immediate
21 answers?
22 ROGENE HILL: There was nowhere to go and actually get out,
23 look to see what was going on. Or do you redirect your foreman
24 under the Public Works to the engineer or whatever? You know.
25 I think there has to be -- that is such an important part of the
26 county, that you have to have oversight.
27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Right. And that's where we've got to
28 go, because right now, they're coming for us asking for --
29 ROGENE HILL: Right. Right.
30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- advice. And you can just give them
31 an opinion, because you can't really --
32 ROGENE HILL: Right. Right.
33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- you know, say anything.
34 ROGENE HILL: I just --
35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: So we do need a person that can make a
36 decision. And that's where we're going. So --
37 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Why don't we look at the -- take
38 that and look at it. And when we get through maybe we decide we
39 want to hire a Public Works person.
40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I don't know.

1 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Decide, as we look at what the
2 Executive Director's going to be responsible for, you know,
3 maybe --

4 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But in the same token, if you're going
5 to look at a Public Works Director, then we need to -- then
6 personally, we'd have to look at two positions, because we do
7 need an office administrator --

8 ROGENE HILL: Absolutely, yes.

9 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- if you're not going to put it all in
10 one package.

11 ROGENE HILL: You do.

12 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: If you're not going to have it in the
13 one package, then you got to look at two positions.

14 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I think one package is fine.

16 RAY WILLIAMS: I think -- is it public comment yet?

17 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Go ahead. And state your name again.

18 RAY WILLIAMS: I just hate to see you going backwards. I
19 think at one point we were talking about a Chief Administrator.
20 But you wound up with a County Engineer in lieu of the Chief
21 Administrator.

22 The Executive Director that you had wasn't all that bad,
23 except the contract and the way the thing was written. You gave
24 him too much authority. He took everything away from you. We
25 couldn't do anything.

26 It had a provision in there that if he wanted to leave
27 everything -- I'm just going by what was on the paper. If we he
28 didn't want something on the agenda, he could automatically take
29 it off. There were several other issues in there. It's the way
30 that thing is written. And maybe the term, the County Manager,
31 certainly I would -- don't think you need him at all.

32 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: No.

33 RAY WILLIAMS: But I don't think you need an Executive
34 Director, but you do need an administrative assistant to take
35 care of all your paperwork.

36 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We do. And that's why I think we need
37 to look at --

38 RAY WILLIAMS: Elko has them. Pershing has them. Everybody
39 has them.

40 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Look at what's there. And, you know,

1 I'm not opposed to calling the other counties and seeing what
2 they're expecting them to do. And then --
3 ROGENE HILL: Good idea.
4 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: -- you know try to put it back on the
5 agenda and let's hash it out. I mean, we'll leave plenty of
6 time and hash it out and figure out a description and go to work
7 on it.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So would you like to defer it for the
9 title too. Or do we decide today on the title?
10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I think we should keep it with that
11 title myself, because then we don't have to change all the
12 codes. We can change -- just because it's a title, but you can
13 change all sorts of descriptive in that without -- but it still
14 puts it in the title. It still puts it in the pay as that
15 title. If you get too crazy with it, it might throw it into
16 another category of pay.
17 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Then we've got to go through and totally
18 change --
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Then we've got to -- yes.
20 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: (Indiscernible.)
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that, um, Lander
22 County create a new position for Executive Director. And that
23 we put it on the agenda to discuss the essential duties and
24 responsibilities.
25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Second that.
26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment or discussion?
27 (No public comment.)
28 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor?
29 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
30 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Those opposed?
31 (None opposed.)
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think you just passed the buck.
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34 27) Correspondence/reports/potential upcoming agenda items.
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36 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Item Number 27, correspondence/
37 reports/potential upcoming agenda items.
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39 (The following correspondence was received:
40 1) US Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, Press Release

1 entitled "Technical Workshop on Impacts of Dry-Storage Canister
2 Designs on Future Handling, Storage, Transportation and Geologic
3 Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel in the United States."

4 2) Christopher J. Cook, Bureau of Land Management, to
5 Interested Public, letter regarding wild burro gather scheduled
6 September 6, 2013 from outside of the Hickison Burro Herd
7 Management area.

8 3) Shirley A. Hampton, Nevada Health Centers, to Lander
9 County Commissioners, letter of appreciation for \$6,000.00
10 contribution to the Austin Medical Clinic.

11 4) Jerry Hoover, Nevada Department of Transportation, to
12 Lander County Director Gene Etcheverry, letter requesting
13 utility data for facilities owned by Lander county which
14 currently exist withing NDOTs right-of way.

15 5) Jason Gross to Lander County Commissioners, e-mail with
16 suggested ideas on how to resolve congestion problems in Battle
17 Mountain.

18 6) Christopher Worthington, BLM, to Lander County
19 Commissioners, e-mail regarding Lands with Wilderness
20 Characteristics Summary for the Battle Mountain District (BMD)
21 Resource Management Plan (RMP).

22 7) Arthur G. Gravenstein, P.E., Nevada Division of
23 Environmental Protection, to Donald Negro, Lander County Road &
24 Bridge North Foreman, letter regarding Battle Mountain Landfill
25 (Class II) - Inspection of Facility on June 20, 2013.

26 8) Christopher J. Cook Bureau of land Management, to
27 Interested Public, letter regarding public consultation for the
28 Dry Creek, Simpson Park and Grass Valley Allotments proposed
29 drought response actions.

30 9) Christopher J. Cook, Bureau of Land Management, to
31 Interested Public, letter regarding Environmental Assessment
32 (EA) for proposed exploration project near Battle Mountain,
33 Nevada.

34 10) Steve Bradhurst, CNRWA, to Lander County
35 Commissioners, e-mail regarding 2013 Great Basin Water Forum.)
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37 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Anything on correspondence? And there's
38 been a lot of it.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes, there has been.

40 And one of them in particular that I was concerned about

1 was the information coming down to us on the medical marijuana
2 establishments. And I think we need to not only put it on the
3 agenda, but I think we need maybe POOL/PACT's advice or
4 something. Would we want to do some investigation before we put
5 it on agenda? It's a whole can of worms for a lot of the
6 counties.

7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That we allow it?

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: What?

9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That we allow it? I don't see it on
10 here. Which one is it?

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: By law, it's allowed. So are we going
12 to allow it or whether or not we have the right to not allow it?
13 Or whether they can just come in and be anywhere that they want
14 to be. Or whether we're going to have restrictions. I mean, we
15 need to look at the whole story. And, like I said, we might
16 want to turn it to legal and do some investigation with
17 POOL/PACT on what we can actually do as a county. But I don't
18 want to be blindsided. I don't want them putting up shop
19 somewhere next to the school.

20 NICOLE TING: I know Washoe County's figuring it out right
21 now too.

22 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, I would recommend legal look it up
23 and maybe e-mail it to us. I don't know that we want to put
24 this on the agenda yet, because we're going to have all kinds of
25 responses.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- research --

27 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: And we don't want to be the ones in the
28 middle of the debate, I guess and so --

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just don't want them already here
30 and we haven't even discussed it. So I'd like to do the
31 research first. And there was a couple of --

32 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They're already here.

33 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, yeah. You're just talking legal.
34 It's not like it's not here.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

36 NICOLE TING: But yes, officially -- legal will be open to
37 that.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: There were a couple of things here. I
39 don't know whether we need to put it on the agenda. One was the
40 ideas to solve the congestion in Battle Mountain and some of the

1 different intersections.

2 Do we have to discuss that? Or can Public Works take care
3 of all of that?

4 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: The problem is is that the congestion
5 you're going to be talking about is on a state highway.

6 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I know where you're looking. We have no
8 control over that. And so I know where you're going with the
9 congestion.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we don't have to address it?

11 NICOLE TING: We can't.

12 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: You can't.

13 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We tried before. It's up to them.

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Last summer.

15 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: There was a hundred thousand dollar
16 study done on one intersection.

17 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Where is she at?

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We're on correspondence/reports.

19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I want --

20 COMMISSIONER MASON: A couple of months ago --

21 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: I mean we can appeal to the state,
22 again.

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Here's what I'd like to put on there
24 is all the intersecting roads in the middle of town on both
25 sides. I'd like to -- we need to hammer it.

26 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: We can put it on there.

27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I don't care about the two highways.
28 I think all these roads going this way or that way need to have
29 a stop sign one way or another. We have -- 30% of our roads
30 don't have a stop sign going either way. And I almost got hit
31 three times in the last month.

32 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: People don't know how to yield to
33 the right.

34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Either we make them go this way or go
35 that way.

36 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. We can put it on the agenda. Got
37 that, Soveida.

38 SOVEIDA ROBINSON: The intersections with the stop signs.

39 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: There was a request. I don't think we

1 need to put it on the agenda. But there was a request on
2 scheduling a workshop with POOL/PACT regarding our personnel
3 issues. And they had asked for the days that we might be
4 available. So are we going to do that at the same time a
5 commission meeting or -- we'll have to discuss it?

6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: What do they want?

7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Yeah, I'm a little lost here.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, it's regarding our personnel
9 policies.

10 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Oh, yeah. That's -- Soveida will set up
11 a workshop for that.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, but she needs to have the dates
13 we're available, right?

14 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's for her.

15 SOVEIDA ROBINSON: You can -- all five of you can give
16 dates you're available. And I can go to make sure all of you
17 are kind of the same date.

18 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: As long as you're talking dates, we need
19 to put this on the agenda next time. But you guys need to look
20 at your schedules for November due to the way it's going to fall
21 on Thanksgiving. There is five Thursdays in October, which we
22 easily have it the first and third Thursday and avoid
23 Thanksgiving.

24 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Yeah.

25 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: But we'll put it on the agenda just so
26 you can take a look at your calendars.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We might as well have November and
28 December both on then.

29 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Pretty much. We're going to run in --
30 well, Rogene is going to add us an extra one in December
31 anyways. So -- okay.

32 Okay, anything else to be put on?

33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Nope.

34 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: Nope.

35 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Okay. Public comment for non-agendized
36 items only.

37 (No comment.)

38 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Seeing none.

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1 ADJOURNMENT

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3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to adjourn.

4 COMMISSIONER STIENMETZ: I'll second.

5 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Any public comment? _____

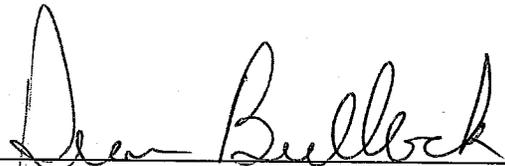
6 (No comment.)

7 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: All those in favor.

8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN BULLOCK: Anybody opposed?

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11 [Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.]
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27 **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF LANDER**
28 **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE**
29 **LANDER COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD**

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32 **ATTEST:** 
33 **LANDER COUNTY CLERK**

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