

1 The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in
2 special session for the Special Agenda Budget Workshop in the
3 Commission Chambers of the Lander County Courthouse and
4 Administration Building in Battle Mountain, Nevada, 50 State
5 Route 305, on March 18, 2019, at 8:57 a.m. Transcript produced
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8 **PRESENT: PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER**
9 **ART CLARK III, COMMISSIONER**
10 **JUDIE ALLAN, COMMISSIONER**
11 **BRYAN SPARKS, COMMISSIONER**
12 **KATHLEEN ANCHO, COMMISSIONER**
13 **KEITH WESTENGARD, COUNTY MANAGER**
14 **SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK**
15 **THEODORE HERRERA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
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18 (Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of five
19 commissioners. Let the record reflect the presence of Austin
20 via teleconference.)
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22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- our special agenda for our budget
23 workshop. Lander County Commissioners' meeting, Town Board of
24 Battle Mountain and Austin, Board of County Highway
25 Commissioners, March 18th, 2019.

26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I (indiscernible) lost my cord.

27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we do have Austin on the phone.
28 So we'll start off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

29 And, Kathy, would you lead us in the pledge this morning.

30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Who?

31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Kathy.

32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh, sorry. I did not hear you.
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34 (Pledge of Allegiance)
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36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
37 And now if you'll join us in a moment of silence, please.
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39 (Moment of silence)
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1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
2 Lander County Commissioners may break for lunch from 12:00 noon
3 to 1:15.
4 Any agenda item may be taken out of order, may be combined for
5 consideration by the public body, and items may be pulled or
6 removed from the agenda at any time.
7 We welcome all of you this morning to our special meeting. And
8 we ask that you please take care of your cell phones and put
9 them on mute or jiggle or anything that you're -- you're
10 comfortable with so we don't have them on the record.

11 Our commissioners' reports we do at our regular meetings, not
12 our special. But I am going to ask if Keith has anything to share
13 with us on the staff reports.
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16 **STAFF REPORTS**
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18 KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I just wanted to let you know that
19 I gave each of you a copy of what we discussed at last week's
20 meeting that had to do grants.
21 I can go over the seven items if you'd like. But you do have it
22 in front of you.
23 So if there's any questions on that --

24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Why don't -- why don't you go ahead and --
25 and read them in for the record. That's fine.

26 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. So the total of all grants shall
27 not exceed 100.
28 000. That was the cap that was put on it last year.

29 Quarterly financial reports shall be submitted to the Lander
30 County manager. If they are not received quarterly, the applicant
31 will no longer be eligible to -- eligible to apply for future
32 grants.

33 Grant amounts will not be submitted in full on July 1st from
34 here on out.

35 The grantees will submit invoices with back up explanation
36 for each bill to the administration office. They will be, then,
37 forwarded to the county commission for approval or denial of the
38 payment.

39 Grants shall not be used for personnel, i.e., wages, benefits,
40 et cetera.

1 If an agency applies for grants continuously from year to year,
2 each request needs to be substantially lower from previous years
3 until it is no longer needed.

4 No grant request applications shall be accepted after the
5 application due date.

6 All applications -- all applicants of grants must be in a sound
7 financial state, i.e., no debt due, taxes paid, et cetera.

8 That's it.

9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.

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12 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We'll move into public comment. This is
15 for nonagendized items only.

16 Persons are invited to submit comments in writing and/or attend
17 and make comments on any nonagenda item on the board meeting, if
18 any, and discussion of those comments at the discretion of the
19 board. All public comment may be limited to three minutes per
20 person, again at the discretion of the board. Reasonable
21 restrictions may be placed on public comments based upon time,
22 place, and manner, but public comment based upon viewpoint may
23 not be restricted.

24 I'm also going to remind our commissioners here, we -- we're
25 really close, of course, to the recording device.

26 But whenever we start clicking pens or -- or turning our pages,
27 that really interferes with our teleconferencing. That's all
28 they can hear is somebody is -- but we have so many pages to go
29 through.

30 So if we're just more cognizant about that and maybe move those
31 away -- a little bit away or move those closer when you're
32 talking. So --

33 Because this is a critical one with -- with most everything that
34 people want to hear that pertains to them.

35 So thank you.

36 Is there any public comment?

37 LORI PRICE: May we -- the grantees have a copy of that?

38 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yep. They're right up here.

39 I think I put one up here.

40 Oh, I think it's over there.

1 CINDY BENSON: Probably back --
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: We'll have to -- do we have enough --
3 SADIE SULLIVAN: I'll go --
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- there?
5 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- make some more copies.
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
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9 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. We'll move on to the consent
12 agenda.
13 All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered
14 routine and may be acted upon by the Board of County
15 Commissioners with one action, without extensive discussion.
16 Any member of the board or any citizen may request that an item
17 be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon
18 separately during this meeting. Consent agenda materials are
19 available at the Lander County Clerk's Office for viewing, and
20 copies are available for a nominal charge.

21 On the agenda, Number 1, approval of March 18th, 2019, agenda
22 notice; Number 2, approval of February 28th, 2019, special meeting
23 minutes; and Number 3, approval of March 14th meeting minutes.

24 We do not have two and three. So I'll entertain a motion to
25 approve Number 1 under the consent agenda.

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So moved.

27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you, Judie.

28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second.

29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Seconded by Kathy.

30 Any discussion?

31 (No comment.)

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?

33 (No comment.)

34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?

35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.

39 Thank you. Any opposed?

40 (No comment.)

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.

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4 **COMMISSIONERS**

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6 1) **Overview of FY 2019-2020 revenue projections, and all other**
7 **matters properly related thereto.**

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9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Moving into Commissioners,
10 Number 1. Overview of fiscal year 2019-2010 revenue
11 projections, and all other matters properly related thereto.
12 So who's doing revenue projections?

13 CINDY BENSON: That would be, I guess --

14 On this one, the handout I gave you, I guess we'll skip to
15 part of that.

16 Okay. So --

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Under the budget workshop notes?

18 CINDY BENSON: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Cindy --

21 CINDY BENSON: Cindy B- -- sorry.

22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Cindy, could I see which -- which one
23 that is, please.

24 CINDY BENSON: What's that?

25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Which one that is.

26 CINDY BENSON: It's the handout I laid -- laid on the desk.

27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: It looks like this, Judie.

28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

29 CINDY BENSON: Okay. Cindy Benson, for the record.

30 So the Lander County's main source of revenue is derived from *ad*
31 *valorem*, consolidated tax, gas tax, --

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Just a minute, Cindy. I'm going to be
33 sure.

34 Austin, can you hear that?

35 MITESHELL LANHAM: Yeah.

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Thank you.

37 CINDY BENSON: Okay.

38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Cindy, if you wouldn't mind, if you
39 could speak up. I just -- I'm having a hard time hearing you.

40 CINDY BENSON: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Sorry.
2 CINDY BENSON: Lander County's main source of revenue's
3 derived from *ad valorem*, consolidated tax, gas tax, PILT tax.
4 For '19 -- fiscal year '19/'20, the total amount of tax revenue
5 is \$27,265,283 compared to last year's \$26,074,675. It's
6 a \$1,190,608 or 4.57 percent.
7 The FY '19/'20 revenues and operating expenditures, which the
8 expenditures include the salaries, benefits, and operating
9 expenses for your main operations are as follow:
10 General Fund: Revenues, \$12,917,126. Expenditures, 17,285,733.
11 Road and Bridge: \$2 million 207 dollars -- sorry -- \$2,207,386.
12 Expenditures, \$2,718,405.
13 Indigent Fund: \$464,684. Expenditures, one million fifty-eight
14 dollars eighty-five -- sorry. I've got this all messed up --
15 \$1,058,085.
16 Ag Extension revenues is 92,321. Expenditures, 127,332.
17 Aged Services revenues: Revenues, 620,824. Expenditures,
18 661,105.
19 Landfill: 460,738. Expenditures, 570,650.
20 Airport: 275,690 for revenues. Expenditures, 223,305.
21 Austin Town Fund revenues: Forty thousand, 365 thousand --
22 sorry -- 40,365. Expenditures, 36,000.
23 Battle Mountain Town Fund: 344,146. Expenditures, 371,000.
24 Culture and Rec. 1 million in revenues -- 1,639,125. And the
25 expenditures, 2 million, 804 thousand, five hundred -- 547.
26 Total revenues is 19,062,405. And the total expenditures are
27 25 thousand [verbatim] 856,162.
28 The '19 -- for '19/'20 General Fund expenditures includes
29 salaries, which is 5,962,642. And their benefits are
30 \$4,965,605. And operating costs, 6,357,486.
31 Battle Mountain Town Fund beginning fund balance for fi- --
32 fiscal Y '18/'19 was \$949,573, with revenues budgeted at 335,343,
33 and with expenditures at 536,500.
34 This year's is 201 thousand five -- 157 of the ending fund
35 balance for fiscal year '18/'19.
36 For '19/'20 revenues, our budgeted for 344,146 and expenditures
37 for three -- 371,000.
38 Battle Mountain Town Fund will be using an additional \$26,854
39 from the ending fund balance. This will leave an ending fund
40 balance of 721,562 for fiscal year '19/'20.

1 Austin Town Fund beginning fund balance for '18/'19 was \$114,638
2 with revenues budgeted at \$33,327 and with expenditures at
3 30,500. This increases the ending fund balance \$2,827 for
4 fiscal year '18/'19.
5 For '19/'20 revenues are budgeted for forty thousand three
6 hundred and sixty-five thousand and expenditures for 36,000.
7 Battle Mountain Town Fund will be increasing an additional 4,365
8 to the ending fund balance. This will leave an ending fund
9 balance of \$121,830 for fiscal year '19/'20.
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Cindy?
11 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: On that, it should say Austin Town
13 Fund will be increasing.
14 CINDY BENSON: Oh.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Is that --
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, it's both.
17 CINDY BENSON: Yes. Yes.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Just Austin?
19 CINDY BENSON: I cut and pasted.
20 Sorry.
21 Yes. It's the Austin Town Fund.
22 Yes.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: 25,000. For the record, it's
25 25 million.
26 CINDY BENSON: Okay.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any current questions on our revenue
28 for --
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: Just for --
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- right --
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the record.
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- now? I know we'll have more as we go
33 along.
34 CINDY BENSON: Okay. For the record, I need to make a
35 correction.
36 The total fiscal year '19/'20 expenditures is 25 million eight
37 fifty -- eight hundred and fifty-six thousand, one hundred and
38 sixty-two dollars.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
40 Okay. No questions?

1 (No comment.)

2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?

3 (No comment.)

4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. We will move into, then, Number 2.

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6 **2) Discussion and possible action regarding presentation of the**
7 **FY 2019-2020 Budget highlights. This meeting is the first**
8 **public hearing on the FY 2019-2020 budgets. The Board of**
9 **County Commissioners is required to hold budget hearings in**
10 **accordance with NRS 354.569. The county offices,**
11 **departments, and boards will present and discuss their FY**
12 **2019-2020 budget proposals with the Board of County**
13 **Commissioners during the budget workshops. The budget**
14 **workshops may include the presentation, review, and**
15 **discussion of revenues, expenditures, and transfers to and**
16 **from county funds and specific funding requests, including,**
17 **but not limited to, additions or deletions to personnel,**
18 **equipment, supplies, and services used or received. The**
19 **Board of County Commissioners may take action for approval of**
20 **the proposed budget but all budgets are subject to final**
21 **approval and action at the time final budgets are submitted;**
22 **and all other matters properly related thereto. Backup**
23 **materials for each department request, including amounts**
24 **requested, anticipated future budget increases/decreases from**
25 **existing fiscal year budgets, capital and equipment**
26 **expenditures, and additional full-/part-time personnel**
27 **positions are contained in the packet which is available from**
28 **the Clerk's Office, 50 State Route 305, Battle Mountain,**
29 **Nevada 89820, (775)635-5738, and is also available at the**
30 **meeting hereon; and all other matters properly related**
31 **thereto.**

32 **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION TODAY: Grant requests,**
33 **Departmental Information Requests, Capital Outlay Requests by**
34 **Department, Airport Capital Improvement, CCP Projects,**
35 **Building and Equipment.**

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37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

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39 fiscal year 2019-2020 Budget highlights. This meeting is the
40 first public meeting on the FY 2019-2020 budgets. The board of

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6 presentation, review, and discussion of revenues, expenditures,
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8 requests, including, but not limited to, additions or deletions
9 to personnel, equipment, supplies, and services used or
10 received.

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12 of the proposed budget but all budgets are subject to final
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14 all other matters properly related thereto.

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16 requested, anticipated future budget increases/decreases from
17 existing fiscal year budgets, capital and equipment
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20 the Clerk's Office, 50 State Route 305, Battle Mountain, Nevada
21 89820, (775)635-5738, is also available at the meeting hereon;
22 and all matters properly related thereto.

23 Okay. So that's our introduction.

24 Our topics for discussion today start with our grants request,
25 departmental information and requests, capital outlay requests
26 by department, airport capital improvement, CCP projects,
27 building and equipment.

28 Any public comment on our introduction?

29 Okay. Then we will move into Agenda Item Number 3, grant
30 requests.

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1 **GRANT REQUESTS**

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3 3) Discussion and possible action regarding submitted grant
4 requests for:

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6 **General Fund Grant Requests**

7 Agape Hospice and Palliative Care, \$9,800.00
8 Austin Chamber of Commerce, \$20,000.00
9 Battle Mountain Archery Club, \$3,000.00
10 Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce, \$35,000.00
11 Lander Economic Development Authority, \$26,000.00
12 Lander County Conservation District, \$27,423.00
13 Lander County Conservation District, \$50,000.00
14 Lander County School District, \$30,000.00
15 Lander County Sewer and Water District #2, \$3,990,300.00
16 Lander County Sewer and Water District #2, \$260,000.00
17 Town of Kingston, \$3,397.00
18 Town of Kingston Fire Co., \$4,000.00.

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20 **Battle Mountain Town Grant Requests**

21 Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce, \$500.00
22 Frontier Community Action Agency and WIC, \$25,000.00
23 Lander County Kids Club, \$40,000.00
24 Lander County Historical Society/Cookhouse Museum, \$7,000.00
25 Lander County Historical Society/Cookhouse Museum, \$22,000.00
26 Miscellaneous Grants, \$5,000.00

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28 **Austin Grant Requests**

29 Austin Historical Society, \$9,195.00

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31 **And all other matters properly related thereto.**

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33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Discussion and possible action regarding
34 submitted grant requests for the General Fund Grant Requests:
35 Agape Hospice and Palliative Care, \$9,800; Austin Chamber of
36 Commerce, 20,000; Battle Mountain Archery Club, 3,000; Battle
37 Mountain Chamber of Commerce, 35,000; Lander County Economic
38 Development Authority, 26,000; Lander County Conservation
39 District, \$27,423; Lander County Conservation District, 50,000;
40 Lander County School District, 30,000; Lander County Sewer and

1 Water District #2, \$3,990,300; Lander County Sewer and Water
2 District #2 for 260,000; Town of Kingston, 3,397; and then the
3 Town of Kingston Fire Company for 4,000.

4 Battle Mountain Town Grant Requests: Battle Mountain Chamber
5 of Commerce, 500; Frontier Community Action Agency and WIC, W-I-C,
6 25,000; Lander County Kids Club, 40,000; Lander County Historical
7 Society/Cookhouse Museum for 7,000; Lander County Historical
8 Society/Cookhouse Museum for 22,000; Miscellaneous Grants for
9 5,000.

10 Austin Grant Requests: Austin Historical Society, 9,195.
11 And all other matters properly related thereto.

12 Okay. So all those that we have just read in is what we will
13 be taking.

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15 **General Fund Grant Requests**

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17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we will begin with the Agape Hospice
18 and Palliative Care for \$9,800.
19 Counselor?

20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioner, on this -- in --
21 in the budget, my -- the DA's budget, we have approximately
22 \$20,000 of restitution that we don't know where to apply it.
23 So I'm just bringing that to the -- to the -- for -- for
24 elucidation purposes so you -- so you know that if you would
25 like to take the money and apply it to, like, that -- that one,
26 you're more than happy to. Because I don't know where else to
27 put it.

28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's wonderful. That's --

29 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yeah.

30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- something we've already collected in
31 restitution --

32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- is \$20,000?

34 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So we have an extra 20- that we can work
36 with for these ones -- for these ones -- oh, that's --

37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes, ma'am.

38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- good English. For the ones in front of
39 us?

40 Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Hos- -- no, it has to be for
3 hospice only --
4 JEANNE FALZONE: Yes.
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- because it was stolen from
6 the hospice.
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh.
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh.
9 I see.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, well, that's interesting.
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Uh-huh.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So my question is, regarding that,
13 last year when we set the cap for grants -- and I believe it was
14 just for the General Fund grants. I don't know if that applied
15 to Battle Mountain town or Austin town grants.
16 CINDY BENSON: I believe it was all of them combined.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. I'm not sure that my --
18 CINDY BENSON: I know my --
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- we might want --
20 CINDY BENSON: -- (indiscernible).
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to look into that. But, anyway, so
22 we've kind of set -- the -- the commission agreed last year to
23 set the cap for the grants at a hundred. And whereas you're
24 offering this, is it going to change our -- our -- the deci- --
25 decision for that cap?
26 ELIZABETH BARELA: Elizabeth Barela, for the record.
27 The 20,000 that we have is restitution funds that's collected by
28 the DA on a criminal case.
29 All we're saying is if you -- if they need that money, we can
30 actually provide them with the 20,000 versus the 9,000 from you
31 guys.
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So we'd -- we'd be taking --
33 ELIZABETH BARELA: Yes.
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that under --
35 ELIZABETH BARELA: So if you --
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the grant --
37 ELIZABETH BARELA: -- cut it --
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- process.
39 ELIZABETH BARELA: -- completely -- if you cut that 9,000,
40 we have 20- that can give to that.

1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So it --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- would -- it wouldn't be part
5 of a grant.
6 ELIZABETH BARELA: Yeah. It's --
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Great.
8 ELIZABETH BARELA: -- it's just restitution money that we
9 have already collected --
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So we're --
11 JEANNE FALZONE: -- that we have to apply it --
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We're just trying --
13 JEANNE FALZONE: -- (indiscernible).
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- give you some wiggle room.
15 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Very nice.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So that's just almost 10,000 that we still
18 have to work with it. We don't need to give them. And they get
19 double what they asked.
20 Last year was really their startup amount. And that's why it
21 was such a large amount because they were really trying to -- to
22 get everything in line because they didn't -- until they get
23 their licenses and approved by Medicare, which is the -- the
24 main contributor actually to the hospice funds, they were just
25 all in the introductory part.
26 So I think that would really help.
27 So I don't know. We -- we can just give you a little guidance
28 and give you our preference, but you're the one that really does
29 it. Is that --
30 So --
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'm just asking for -- you --
32 you guys make the policy. If you'd like -- if you'd like to see
33 that happen, it's going to happen.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: What I'm saying is we don't need a -- a --
35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, you --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- a special --
37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- can get -- you can --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- motion --
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- just --
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- or --

1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- say, --
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- anything.
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- we're going to --
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We can just --
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- turn down the --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- do that.
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- grant.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I think it's wonderful. If that's where
9 it came from, I think that's where it needs to --
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Absolutely.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- go back to our -- our seniors for
12 hospice.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So do you want these individual? Do
14 you want a -- a motion on each individual grant application?
15 So if I were to make a motion that we deny the grant to
16 Agape Hospice --
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Probably on --
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I don't think --
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we --
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- on -- on this --
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- one would probably be the
24 best.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But we're going to make -- aren't going to
26 make one motion at the end? Or are we going to do motions as
27 you go along? Do you want to do them as you go along?
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think we should do motions as we --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- go along for clarity.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All right.
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I'll make a motion that we deny the
33 grant to Agape in the amount of \$9,800.
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Do we need to put any verbiage in
35 there with the intent of --
36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, it -- I'll put it on the
37 record that I have 100 percent intent to -- to give the
38 restitution --
39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- money for \$9,800 to -- to

1 Agape.
2 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.
3 Then I'll --
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- second it.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. It's been moved by Judie and
7 seconded by Kathy.
8 And, of course, that's -- that's with the understanding that
9 they will be getting the income from the \$20,000 restitution
10 from the DA's office.
11 Any public comment?
12 (No comment.)
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Anybody here from Agape?
14 No?
15 Oh, darn.
16 All in favor?
17 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
20 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
22 Okay. Thank you.
23 Austin Chamber of Commerce.
24 Miteshell, you have somebody on from there?
25 ROBIN VEACH: Robin Veach from the Austin Chamber of
26 Commerce.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Hello, ladies. Thank you.
28 Did you hear what we just read into the record to start with?
29 That we have been chastised for using grant funds for personnel
30 payroll and we are not allowed to do that?
31 And, of course, our history funding with Battle Mountain and
32 Austin Chambers were actually so that -- that we could have the
33 chambers open with some full-time staff rather than volunteers.
34 So I think that puts us in quite a predicament. But I'm -- I'm
35 going to look to our legal advice and is there another way
36 around this outside of just paying for their --
37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- additional costs?
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- they have to have other
40 costs other than wages. So if -- if we applied to the grant to

1 the other costs, it would work out the same way.

2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: How would that work, though, Ted,
3 if -- because --

4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well --

5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- we made it as a stipulation that
6 anything -- and any expenditures come forth to the commission
7 that we approve, if it's being used for wages, we would see it
8 at that point; right?

9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They have to -- on their
10 accounting, they -- they can't apply the grant to the wages.
11 They have to apply it to events and other things.

12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, in reading the information from the
13 Austin chamber, we -- they don't have those -- those --

14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They don't have other --

15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- kinds of --

16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- things?

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- costs. No.
18 The costs are bas- -- basically salaries and wages.
19 If we did the rest, it would be under \$5,000.

20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If -- if you'd like to table it
21 and let me do some more research, I'd be happy to.
22 But right off the top of my head, I -- we have a policy against
23 paying wages.

24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Robin? Dee?

25 MITESHELL LANHAM: Could you repeat what he said?

26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: He -- he said that we were okay paying
27 for, like, your service and supplies and -- and things like
28 that.
29 You don't have any utilities really other than in the website
30 and the phone because you're in a county office. So we provide
31 the office and, you know, the fuel and that type of thing.
32 So there's really not a lot of extra. I think, like I said,
33 when it comes to, like, I have forty -- \$4,375 that you folks
34 actually have in costs other than your wages.
35 And if we can no longer pay wages, is there -- is there --

36 DEE HELMING: Okay.

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- anything else we can pay along with the
38 wages? Like, for example, we could pay workman's comp?

39 DEE HELMING: There you go.

40 ROBIN VEACH: Yeah. I mean, there are withhold- -- I mean,

1 if you're not paying wages anymore, then there's no argument. I
2 have to ask for the wages. I'm --
3 So --
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I -- I'm going to --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. That's what -- that's what keeps
6 you open. We understand that.
7 ROBIN VEACH: Yeah.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we're going to --
9 ROBIN VEACH: I mean, --
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- go back to the years when --
11 ROBIN VEACH: We're here --
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- we did --
13 ROBIN VEACH: -- as a chamber.
14 We -- we have a staff person three days a week, a total of 12
15 hours that also works on our events. And this is what keeps us
16 open as a chamber, this grant.
17 Without that, we -- we do not have the funds for an employee,
18 therefore, to be open.
19 We have been asking for volunteers for months and recruiting
20 volunteers for months because we have that new secretary for the
21 last two or three months to help out with special projects. And
22 the volunteer pool is close to nothing right now.
23 So without -- without this -- being able to pay for someone,
24 we -- we don't have an open office hours.
25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Ted?
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, it's -- it's going to make a major
27 impact on several of -- of our grantees. We understand
28 that.
29 And unfortunately this puts us back years and years ago when
30 we just had volunteers and --
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- the volunteers staffed it.
33 But things have changed, and we do so much more. I don't know
34 another way around it, currently, other than giving you what we
35 can allow under your services. And --
36 And, of course, now this isn't the end of the budget. We're
37 still looking to see what we can do.
38 But, currently, on this, there's \$15,000 that we -- we actually
39 can't even consider, Robin.
40 ROBIN VEACH: All right. Well, I'll take what I can get.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay. That --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll --
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- policy that we have that states we
4 don't pay, when did -- when did that come into effect? Just out
5 of curiosity.
6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It -- well, it's been in effect
7 quite a while. And then you readopted it at the last meeting.
8 And -- and it states, specifically, that grants shall not be
9 used for personnel, i.e., wages, benefits, et cetera.
10 So that -- that's a policy thing. If -- if --
11 I can spend the next couple days and see if there's anything I
12 can -- to get around that.
13 I mean, it -- it goes back to the -- the -- they're not
14 501(c)(3)s. They're --
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: They're an extension of the county in
16 a way.
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Let --
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's the problem.
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's how they function, --
21 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: They're -- I mean, --
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- as an extension --
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- they promote --
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- of the --
25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- our --
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- county.
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- county, you know.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No. The Austin Chamber is a nonprofit.
29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. But I don't think it's a
30 501(c)(3).
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes, it is.
32 ROBIN VEACH: Yes. We are a 501- --
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes. They are.
34 ROBIN VEACH: -- (c).
35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay. Then -- then --
36 JEANNE FALZONE: I think they're a (c)(6) or --
37 ELIZABETH BARELA: They're a --
38 JEANNE FALZONE: -- a (c)(7)?
39 ELIZABETH BARELA: -- (indiscernible).
40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. I think so.

1 ELIZABETH BARELA: So they're not a (c)(3).
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They're not a --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You're -- you're --
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- a (c)(3).
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- a 501(c)(6)?
6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Six, I think. Yes. That's the
7 problem.
8 So I can -- I'll -- I'll look this --
9 501(c)(3) is easy, --
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- Commissioner. Because it --
12 you -- you can give them money for any purpose.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. At this point, then, rather than
14 just a motion for what we can do, shall we just hold it open?
15 And see --
16 Because we're -- we're -- we're going to have more problems as
17 we go on. This is --
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- just --
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- I'll --
21 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- to first.
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- I'll -- I'll look it -- I'll
23 try to look it up. But I've looked it up before and couldn't
24 find anything.
25 But that's why the -- the initial policy was established.
26 But --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- I'll be happy to look it up.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So no action on Number -- Number 2 right
30 now for the Austin Chamber; is that correct?
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, why wouldn't we just approve
32 what we know we hav- -- we can give them and be done with it?
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We can do that. That makes sense.
34 Go ahead and approve the forty -- 4,375. And then since we're
35 coming back anyway, then we can discuss additional.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So you want a motion up to \$5,000?
37 Is that what you're willing?
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make a motion for \$4,375 --
39 ROBIN VEACH: (Indiscernible) the right final.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to the Austin Chamber of Commerce.

1 ROBIN VEACH: We don't have it in the top (indiscernible).
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second that.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. It's been moved by Judie and
4 seconded by Bryan that we allow currently \$4,375 to the Austin
5 Chamber.
6 Any other discussion?
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I -- I think that we should
8 fund these grants, look at the total, and discuss that.
9 But I'm in favor of funding these -- these types of things.
10 They're important for the county.
11 I wasn't in favor of the cap.
12 I am in favor of a better accounting process.
13 But I think that a hundred thousand dollars -- as long as we
14 have the money, a hundred thousand dollars doesn't cover what --
15 what the community needs.
16 So that's -- that's my statement on the grants.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any other public comment?
18 (No comment.)
19 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Do you agree --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
23 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
25 ROBIN VEACH: Thank you very much.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, we'll -- we'll be --
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We're --
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- back on this one, like I said, when --
29 you're not alone.
30 Battle Mountain Archery Club for \$3,000.
31 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: Bronwyn Schroeder, secretary Battle
32 Mountain Archery Club, for the record.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Good morning.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Good morning.
35 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: Good morning.
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You have all volunteers; right?
37 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: We do. And we are a 501(c) or a
38 501(c)(4), but we're not -- we're still a 501(c).
39 But all of our volunteers -- and nobody's paid to do anything.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So can you explain? You're requesting

1 funding for different shoots and also for some targets. But
2 when you are talking funding for the shoots, what is that money
3 for?

4 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: Basically -- let's take it back a sec
5 and we'll go -- we're trying to bring more people into the area,
6 get the name out there, have people avidly doing something other
7 than video games, you know, being on TVs.

8 So we're adding more shoots, more club stuff, you know, trying
9 to get involvement.

10 So the money that we're asking for is going towards the small
11 things that kind of help us out, which is, you know, the
12 plaques, the -- the medals that we do to give out.

13 The targets for the May shoot, that one -- those are smaller
14 ones. If anybody here does archery, they understand that the 3D
15 targets go out after a while. And it's a little pricey to
16 replace them. So we're avidly working on that.

17 But we're definitely trying to get it to a point where this time
18 next year I don't even have to be here sitting here before you
19 and asking for it is where I want to move the club into.

20 So, basically, it's like the lucky loser prizes. The raffle
21 prizes we get donated for each shoot.

22 We contact -- I've been on the phone for a month now contacting
23 big corporations, trying to get locals as well as people from
24 Reno and stuff. We're actively working on that on top of
25 everything else for the shoot itself.

26 So most of it goes towards the plaques, a little bit of
27 concessions, but mostly the plaques, which are kind of
28 outrageous priced.

29 But we have lessened the amount we spent last year on plaques at
30 2100 to we're right at about 900 at least for the May shoot.

31 The Ironman competition is going to be a new one. We're hoping
32 we see quite a number of people because it's going to be a night
33 shoot, something that's never been done before.

34 So that's adding to bringing people into the county and, you
35 know, getting local involvement as well.

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So when you say "concessions," what --

37 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: I mean, water, soda, stuff like that.

38 That helps out with small things, kids being able to eat, drink,
39 stuff like that.

40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So you --

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well --
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- don't have a concession stand per se
3 that you sell things?
4 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: No, we -- we don't.
5 We --
6 At each one of our events, we basically set up a canopy. Here's
7 the table. We have our concessions there. We don't
8 have anything that we don't, you know -- we don't have a -- a
9 dedicated ground or any land at this moment, which is another
10 thing I'm actively trying to change.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So the -- the water and everything
12 is free?
13 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: The water will be free.
14 The soda -- when I -- when I say concessions, I'm mostly talking
15 about the water for the course and the water for the concession
16 stand. Yeah.
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So what is your total budget?
18 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: My total budget?
19 Well, like, for the Ironman shoot, my total budget I'm
20 looking at about 2200. But that might change. It depends.
21 With this being the first year we've done this, I'm not a
22 hundred percent sure where we're going to end.
23 I can give you more numbers on, like, our May shoot going off of
24 what we did years prior.
25 We're looking at this next year because we've got one this year
26 coming right around the corner. They usually run anywhere from
27 15 to 5 grand, depending.
28 And I'm adjusting that avidly because that's quite a bit of
29 money out for a small shoot, not necessarily a small shoot, but
30 when the -- this will be -- this year will be our fourth annual.
31 Next year will be our fifth.
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: What is the merchandise?
33 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: The merchandise is shirts that we have
34 at this point. That's about it.
35 Those things are costly no matter what you do.
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I guess asking for this grant,
37 purchasing these things. You know, you're going to buy the
38 T-shirts and then --
39 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: Uh-huh.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- turn around and sell them.

1 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: The T-shirts come out of our pocket.
2 Yes.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So that is not part of the
4 grant request?
5 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: That is not part of the grant request.
6 If I put that on there, I apologize.
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, I -- I'm just -- I'm looking at
8 your --
9 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: Oh. My --
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Your --
11 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: -- breakdowns.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- pie charts and -- and --
13 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: Got you.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And then concessions, same thing. Is,
15 you know, if we contribute to concessions, then -- you know,
16 water is one thing. But --
17 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: Right.
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- if you're selling soda --
19 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: Mostly --
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- for --
21 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: -- when it comes to the Save the Chukar
22 Tournament, the Ironman competition, and the May shoot, I am
23 looking for the May shoot, yes, help with the targets because
24 that helps us be able to bring more people in, stuff like that.
25 But I am mostly, with these, looking for the water and, like,
26 the plaques and the medals because those are so pricey.
27 Everything else, I will bust to get on our own. And that's
28 just -- I wanted to show you guys this is what I'm looking at
29 budget wise. This is how each one of them is going to fall.
30 It might change, give or take.
31 The only thing I can go off of definitely would be last
32 year's Save the Chukar and then, you know, the last couple of May
33 shoots or --
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Do you --
35 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: -- at least last --
36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- do --
37 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: -- year's.
38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: These shoots you have, do you -- do
39 you actually profit when you have one?
40 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: We're trying to get it there.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So you're not profiting?
2 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: Last year -- hold on. I don't even
3 know if I have that one. We profited a little over \$900 on that
4 one.
5 But we're -- to be frank, we're bouncing back from a couple of
6 issues. Shawn and I took over the archery club last January.
7 And so we're pulling it out of a hole is what we're doing at
8 this point.
9 So yeah.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So right now on your balance sheet
11 you're red, is what you're saying?
12 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: If red is good, we're -- we're good.
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No, red's not good.
14 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: That's what I thought. I always get
15 those two confused.
16 No, we're actually in the black right now. So we're --
17 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay. Good.
18 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: -- we're doing good. Yes.
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'll make a motion to give the
20 Battle Mountain Archery Club \$3,000 in accordance with the rules
21 that we've set up.
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll second that.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. It's been moved by Art, seconded by
24 Judie that we approve the 3,000.
25 Any other discussion?
26 (No comment.)
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?
28 (No comment.)
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Thank you so much.
36 BRONWYN SCHROEDER: Thank you.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Now, once again, we'll reiterate, these
38 are all tentative even though we've approved them because
39 everything is finalized in the May judge- -- in the May budget
40 when we find out that we have to -- to jockey some of the

1 figures around.

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3 (Commissioner Clark left the commissioner chambers.)

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5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce,
6 \$35,000.

7 FALICIA OCHOA: Good morning.

8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Good morning.

9 FALICIA OCHOA: My name is Falicia. I'm the executive
10 director of the Chamber of Commerce.

11 And I actually made a slide show for you guys --

12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Perfect.

13 FALICIA OCHOA: -- just to kind of give you guys an insight
14 as to what we do at the chamber so you'll visually be able to
15 see it once I get in because it -- do I (indiscernible)?

16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: How -- how long is --

17 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- this?

19 FALICIA OCHOA: No more than six minutes.

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Because this really is just budget,
21 not what you do, but what --

22 FALICIA OCHOA: This --

23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- you want.

24 FALICIA OCHOA: -- slide show actually shows exactly where
25 your money is going to be going to, --

26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Perfect.

28 FALICIA OCHOA: -- exactly specifically what you've asked.

29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All right.

30 FALICIA OCHOA: Okay. Do I pick administrative?

31 It's pretty quick. And I'll -- I'll speak pretty clearly.

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Is it the one that we have in our book?

33 FALICIA OCHOA: Yes.

34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

35 FALICIA OCHOA: It is.

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Then I -- I'm -- I'm going to go ahead and
37 scratch this on it, --

38 FALICIA OCHOA: Okay.

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- because I -- I think we've looked at
40 the book. We know where it is. We're going to have some long

1 days. And -- and, --
2 FALICIA OCHOA: Okay.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- I mean, we -- we've worked with the
4 chamber for a long time. We appreciate what you do. We
5 appreciate you being there.
6 FALICIA OCHOA: Thank you.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But I'm -- I -- I don't want to go into
8 the video right now.
9 So --
10 Those of you on the board will go ahead and look at the original
11 bill --
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13 (Commissioner Clark reentered commissioner chambers.)
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15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- with what it has and all the different
16 things that they do do, which is all excellent.
17 The main problem we have, again, is the wages, of course.
18 FALICIA OCHOA: In this instance we're actually not asking
19 for wages. My wages are actually funded by the income that
20 comes from the event, which last year we made 32-. And it also
21 comes from our membership dues.
22 So we're specifically only asking for funding for our events,
23 which I have a breakdown in our request that shows how much goes
24 into each event specifically.
25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Cool.
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I do have a question,
27 Falicia.
28 FALICIA OCHOA: Yes.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And -- and it is broken down. And,
30 you know, we don't see anything for wages. Although,
31 interestingly enough, your grant request has gone up \$3,000 in
32 the last couple of years. It was typically around 32,000. And
33 now it's up to 35-. But that 32- before did include wages.
34 So if you look at it from that perspective, now all of a
35 sudden, you know, four or five years ago, the chamber's asking for
36 32,000 that included wages. Now you're asking for 35- and it
37 doesn't include wages?
38 FALICIA OCHOA: Correct. Actually, our total expense for
39 the total events is actually 39,000 is what we spent last year,
40 but we're only requesting the 35-, specifically because we're

1 able to get other sponsorship through other people and other
2 organizations to make up that cap.

3 But I -- I do understand what you're saying.

4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. What's the explanation for
5 that?

6 FALICIA OCHOA: To be honest, I'm -- I'm just going based
7 off of what we spent last year specifically on each individual
8 event, which adds -- adds up to 35,000.

9 ALICIA PRICE: Alicia Price. I'm the president
10 of the chamber. And I was there when that happened.
11 So we have added a ton of events to pay these wages because we
12 know that -- we've known for several years that the chamber does
13 -- or the commissioners do not want to pay wages. So we have
14 stepped up our game and done several -- and she -- she had those
15 in her presentation -- if you guys looked at those before -- if
16 not, please look at them now -- of what we do to pay her wages.

17 Because we're doing several events within the community to
18 pull people into the community from other communities.

19 But she was not there so she wouldn't know that.

20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, I understand --

21 ALICIA PRICE: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that, Alicia.

23 ALICIA PRICE: So --

24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I just --

25 ALICIA PRICE: So, yes, you --

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I didn't --

27 ALICIA PRICE: -- probably --

28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- know.

29 ALICIA PRICE: -- are correct that that was in there now.

30 And we are not asking for it this time. Or last year, we did
31 not ask for it either.

32 But they are for the events that we -- we do. And we do
33 several of them.

34 She could probably tell you exactly how many because I'm not --
35 I'm there a lot, trust me -- but I'm not there all the time.

36 So --

37 But that -- that is -- that -- you are correct. That was asked
38 in the past, but it's not being asked for now.

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And -- okay. You --

40 ALICIA PRICE: You have another --

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- did --
2 ALICIA PRICE: -- question for --
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- explain --
4 ALICIA PRICE: -- me?
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it. No.
6 ALICIA PRICE: Do you want to go through things?
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. She explained it that --
8 ALICIA PRICE: Okay.
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that the events themselves are --
10 ALICIA PRICE: Yeah.
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- are --
12 ALICIA PRICE: Yeah. She just wasn't there then. She's
13 really -- she's been with us --
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
15 ALICIA PRICE: -- for a few months. So I just wanted to
16 make sure that --
17 Thank you.
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Which I'm not trying to be really
19 negative here.
20 Basically requesting the grant money for these events, but in
21 turn the events pay for the wages. It's just kind of a shell
22 game.
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's the way it should be. I mean,
24 that's what these organizations do is they promote our community
25 to bring people in.
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I understand that, Bryan.
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
28 So it's --
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But I guess one of the things is we do
30 have -- we do have our cap.
31 And looking at these grant requests, total, is we've got to
32 start cutting because we're way, way, way over the cap.
33 And this one -- this one itself is one-third of -- of all of
34 our grant requests.
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's -- that's --
36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Let me just --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- my concern. We didn't -- there's
38 just not enough money for the things that we -- there's some
39 things here that we really need to do.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think they're all valid requests,

1 Art. And I'd love to, you know, --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, I -- I know, Judie. I'm just
3 emphasizing that it's --
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And -- and maybe the hundred thousand
5 was low. But, you know, it was approved last year.
6 And unfortunately --
7 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It looks good on paper until you start
8 to divvy it out. And then it --
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, I mean, --
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- doesn't look --
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- hear everybody's side and the
12 story. And, yeah, --
13 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Uh-huh.
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- absolutely.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, yeah. And I do feel for
16 everyone that -- you know, I mean, all of these serve a really
17 good purpose.
18 You know, you really don't want to deny anybody. But then,
19 on the other hand, you kind of have to do put some limits to it.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, it puts a lot of pressure back on
21 the events that some of them are intended to make some funds for
22 the chamber. And that's the way it has to be.
23 And not all of them have been that because they haven't had
24 that, you know, kind of a -- a critical punch right there.
25 But is there an amount that you want to start with?
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I do have a question for our county
27 manager. I know that he and our finance director had gone
28 through and come up with an amount. Do you want to share that?
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: So, yeah. We did cut the -- the
30 administrative costs of 32,000 and the payroll tax of 3,000 for
31 35,000 that we did cut out of the budget.
32 And I was unaware that it was for events. So --
33 ALICIA PRICE: Yeah. She only put -- Alicia Price, for the
34 record -- she only --
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Alicia.
36 ALICIA PRICE: -- put that in there for --
37 Yeah.
38 And had we done the slide show, you might have understood it a
39 little better. But --
40 FALICIA OCHOA: I did put that in there just so that you

1 guys know -- knew our total --
2 ALICIA PRICE: Yeah. So you'd --
3 FALICIA OCHOA: -- operational --
4 ALICIA PRICE: -- know --
5 FALICIA OCHOA: -- costs.
6 ALICIA PRICE: -- what we did pay for wages and how we
7 acquired those funds for wages, for --
8 FALICIA OCHOA: And the --
9 ALICIA PRICE: -- the --
10 FALICIA OCHOA: -- breakdown --
11 ALICIA PRICE: -- application.
12 FALICIA OCHOA: -- I did turn in the breakdown to send.
13 I don't know if you guys have this copy. We didn't see it in
14 the actual records.
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. I d- -- I saw that one.
16 FALICIA OCHOA: Okay. It was --
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: Everybody.
18 FALICIA OCHOA: -- just our total operational so you
19 guys --
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, when you --
21 FALICIA OCHOA: -- would get the --
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- showed --
23 FALICIA OCHOA: -- provisions.
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- your administrative costs, --
25 FALICIA OCHOA: Yes.
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that 32,000, to me that's says
27 administrative personnel. And then --
28 FALICIA OCHOA: Got you.
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the 3,000 in payroll taxes. So --
30 FALICIA OCHOA: Yes.
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- when Cindy and I sat down, that's how
32 we cut it out, based on what -- those -- those two numbers and
33 how they were related to your line items, which was 35 --
34 ALICIA PRICE: So what --
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- thousand.
36 ALICIA PRICE: -- you have there wouldn't be accurate to
37 what we were technically asking --
38 FALICIA OCHOA: Yeah. In our --
39 ALICIA PRICE: -- for our grant.
40 FALICIA OCHOA: -- grant, what we asked for.

1 ALICIA PRICE: Yeah.
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. If the --
3 ALICIA PRICE: And -- and I'm not --
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that's where --
5 ALICIA PRICE: -- saying.
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it is.
7 ALICIA PRICE: Maybe you should have called so one of us
8 could have -- someone should have called and said, hey. But I
9 know you've -- but that -- she only put that on there so you
10 actually knew what our wages were, so that you knew that we were
11 raising funds to pay those wages with those events and with --
12 with the --
13 FALICIA OCHOA: With our membership --
14 ALICIA PRICE: -- membership.
15 FALICIA OCHOA: -- dues.
16 ALICIA PRICE: Yeah. So --
17 FALICIA OCHOA: Uh-huh. And I attached our membership dues
18 so that you guys could visually see what we get as that income
19 as well.
20 ALICIA PRICE: But, for the record, we are not asking for
21 funds for wages.
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
23 I mean, and that's part of our -- our requirements too is
24 that each year they ask for less and less. So if they're taking
25 the money and they're using it wisely, which it sounds to me
26 they're promoting these events and they're going to get stronger
27 hopefully. So like any business, --
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- they're going to make more money.
30 You --
31 FALICIA OCHOA: Yeah.
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- see what I'm saying? Their
33 requests are going to be less.
34 But there's got to be a point of, you know, where they're making
35 that happen. You know what I'm saying?
36 So, I mean, I don't have a problem with the 35,000. That's my
37 personal opinion. I just think it's going for a good cause.
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And -- and I don't either. But
39 that's -- that's 35 percent of the hundred --
40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It -- it --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- thousand.
2 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- did.
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's the issue. And then when we
5 get down a little bit further, we have real issues. And -- and
6 I'll discuss those when we get to the conservation district.
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. I know, Art.
8 I'll make a motion that we approve 17,500 as a grant to the
9 Battle Mountain Chamber Com- -- Chamber of Commerce.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Seventeen five?
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I just cut it in half.
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'd like to hear from these guys on
13 that.
14 FALICIA OCHOA: I -- I would like to say that we have
15 adopted, like I said, extra events to make up some of our wages.
16 And in the previous years, based off of our -- our income and
17 our profits and losses, we are -- like, we -- we are perfecting
18 those events so that we do make more income.
19 As of right now -- and which I was going to present -- we are
20 not self-sustainable with these events yet.
21 But we are tweaking them just like the -- the crab feed. This
22 is only our second year hosting it, which we've learned has been
23 something that ultimately is able to generate more revenue.
24 This is going to be our third year as we move into it. And we
25 are perfecting it, which would give us more funds.
26 But 17,000 just isn't going to be enough as of right now.
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, --
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I also --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we understand. And it's the same. But
30 we have to start somewhere.
31 FALICIA OCHOA: Right.
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And the -- the whole thing is, is
33 everybody's going to cut. I mean, there's no question. We
34 don't know how they're going to sustain. With more volunteers?
35 With less hours? I mean, whatever. But this is what we have to
36 start with.
37 So do I have a second?
38 Okay. That dies. Let's go with another amount.
39 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll make a motion for 28-.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. The motion has been made for

1 28,000.
2 Is there a second?
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second it.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Kathy made the motion for 28,000
5 for the Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce and seconded by
6 Bryan.
7 Any other discussion?
8 (No comment.)
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any other public comment?
10 (No comment.)
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
12 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
14 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: (Indiscernible.)
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye. (Indicating Commissioner Sparks'
16 vote) Aye. (Indicating Commissioner Ancho's vote.)
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You have to --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And --
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- have some money.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- those opposed?
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Nay.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Nay.
25 Okay. That passes for 28,000.
26 FALICIA OCHOA: Thank you, guys.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
28 Lander Economic Development Authority for 26,000.
29 Paula, just pull up a chair.
30 PAULA TOMERA: Okay.
31 KYLA BRIGHT: Kyla Bright, Lander County planning
32 coordinator and LEDA liaison.
33 PAULA TOMERA: Paula Tomera, Lander County Economic
34 Development Authority.
35 KYLA BRIGHT: Hi. So do we start? Or do we just start off
36 with the questions?
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Whatever you'd like.
38 KYLA BRIGHT: So in your -- in your packets, the grant --
39 the grant form that's in there, we are asking for this mostly --
40 I broke it down in number 3, as you can see.

1 Advertising, Travel and Training, that won't be touched at all
2 by this grant.
3 It's going to go -- dang near all of it -- to the professional
4 services and Dues and Subscriptions. Dues and Subscriptions is
5 paying off NNRDA for our yearly, also our Chamber of Commerce.
6 And there's a little bit of extra that would be in there for any
7 other possibilities of maybe other chambers or things of that,
8 that can be --

9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So let me ask, one of the -- the big
10 amounts, of course, is to finish up the -- the trail system --

11 KYLA BRIGHT: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that you were looking at.
13 And have you looked anywhere else for those funds?

14 KYLA BRIGHT: We have. So -- well, we haven't, but we're
15 intending to.

16 So we wanted to kind of see what -- what this does first.
17 Because reaching out for those funds, we're going to be able to
18 get a little bit to help out with that.

19 What we're doing is -- let me see here. In your packet, you
20 should also have the support form, like -- kind of looks like
21 this, has the pictures, tells you what -- how much.

22 So we're reaching out to different businesses, personal --
23 myself, you know, you, if you choose to, to do -- to purchase
24 either one of the benches, one of the light posts, or a tree.
25 And in return, if you do those, we'll put your plaque either
26 with your business, your family name, your in-memorial name. Or
27 there's an option to purchase all three at a discounted price to
28 do the whole site.

29 That's -- that was one of our ideas of reaching out to
30 everybody to try and receive some funds.

31 So then that, of course -- I think also in your packet it shows
32 how much of a difference that would be in here.

33 I think it's -- it looks like this. This page. I don't have
34 page numbers on there. I'm sorry.

35 So that kind of shows you what might -- a little bit might be
36 left over at the end. And we requested that we use that to go to
37 our next project for planning on our next project, which would be
38 the main streets and gateways.

39 And that's not just focusing right here. We also would like
40 to reach out to Austin, invite them into conversation, see if

1 there's a possibility of doing that in their areas too.

2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So, Judie, what do you think? We haven't

3 had anything, I think, on RTC on that, have we?

4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, we haven't.

5 CINDY BENSON: I would also like to add that I am trying to

6 -- I would like to increase the town beautification line item in

7 Fund 25 to help cover some these projects.

8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: With some of these things?

9 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.

10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I think we just -- you know, it seems like

11 there's always some grants for trails and things like that

12 somewhere, --

13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well --

14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Just seems like --

15 KYLA BRIGHT: so --

16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we --

17 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- on a state level. That's what I

18 was going --

19 KYLA BRIGHT: Yes. And we --

20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.

21 KYLA BRIGHT: -- did. Unfortunately, ours did not meet

22 their requirements so we were denied just a few months ago for

23 that.

24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Maybe you'll have to bring another

25 association in to assist with it.

26 KYLA BRIGHT: We could do that.

27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Because we want to see the trail system go

28 through. But I don't think we need to fund it at this point.

29 I really think there's some other ways we can work with you and

30 most certainly through some of the beautification and stuff too.

31 Which leaves us to a different amount.

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I do --

33 I haven't heard yet when the federal funding for Department of

34 Transportation's going to be cut loose. But from my

35 understanding is that they've relaxed a lot of the -- the

36 stipulations, requirements for that.

37 So the park system, the trails, you might be able to get

38 something out of that -- that now coming out.

39 PAULA TOMERA: See, some of our problem was that we didn't

40 have a engineer design the system. And we don't really have

1 funds for that, being an advisory board. And so we're kind
2 of --

3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And that was one of things that was
4 mentioned was -- I know same thing with our pedestrian bridge
5 was we didn't have it engineered yet and so we didn't get much
6 of a grant. The grant that we did receive was for engineering.
7 But now my -- from what I've been told is they are more willing
8 to give money for more -- other projects without, you know,
9 being so far ahead, you know -- you know, not having it
10 engineered or that it could be a possibility.

11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And then we could use money out of
12 the beautification program -- right? -- for engineering and that
13 type of -- that sort of stuff?

14 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Uh-huh.

16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So that leaves what? Your Dues and
17 Subscriptions, basically? Travel, training? Something like
18 that?

19 KYLA BRIGHT: So if you -- I guess if you're going to take
20 the whole amount out of -- and leave us without a line for
21 professional services, then, yeah, that would take 25,000 off.
22 And we just need the 1,000 for the Dues and Subscriptions.

23 But if you are going to actually, you know -- if we can keep
24 a little bit in there for professional services that would be
25 great because we have to pay to even do plans for anything. We've
26 reached out. We've paid Marty Ugalde out of that
27 line. We've paid -- oh, what is it? -- that graphics company --
28 JJ Graphics out of that line just to start these plans for us and
29 get them good enough to where we could even turn them in for a
30 grant. We --

31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So we're looking --

32 KYLA BRIGHT: -- that --

33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- somewhere around 7500 to 9,000?
34 Something like that? Are you comfortable with that? To start?

35 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well, my -- the question that I have
36 is if we're trying to entice businesses here through these
37 services, the things that we have here, we're kind of -- we want
38 to do -- expand out by the airport, but we don't want to be able
39 to bring people in to look at that stuff.

40 The services they do are the little bits that start off the

1 building blocks to get people in here.
2 Just like the -- the services they had this last week with the
3 vendors for the mines was huge. And if you don't have the money
4 to fund those, then you don't get those people in here.
5 I attended the meeting that they put on, which was wonderful. I
6 met these -- you know, these people from Canada who were truly
7 interested in, you know, --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. That's all part of the dues and
9 subscriptions and --
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- belonging.
12 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- I don't know. I mean, I don't know
13 how that -- how that whole --
14 KYLA BRIGHT: Right. And --
15 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- process --
16 KYLA BRIGHT: -- and --
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- works.
18 KYLA BRIGHT: -- you're --
19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: But --
20 KYLA BRIGHT: -- you're both right. That is part of the
21 dues and subscriptions because we have NNRDA to help us with
22 those things and GOED.
23 But she's right on the spectrum of if we have those funds and we
24 can actually start moving forward with these projects before we
25 get businesses moved in here, we're more likely to entice these
26 businesses to our communities when we have them looking nice and
27 ready to go, places that they've -- they come and they look that
28 they'd like to take their families.
29 That's -- that's kind of what your economic development board
30 is about.
31 I know there's been a lot of questions of why would a trails
32 system be in our -- our venue. But that is exactly why. We're
33 trying to -- to get it.
34 And if we have to wait for a grant application through the state
35 or things of that sort, it's pushing it back that much further.
36 I'm -- I'm okay with the fact if you guys want to -- to take
37 some of the money back and we'll look for other venues. We'll get
38 it done. I know we will. But it just -- it would help a lot if
39 you'd give us a little leeway in there to kind of get us started.
40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: And how much money are we looking in

1 the beautification to offset that?

2 CINDY BENSON: We usually keep about 10,000 in there. And
3 I was looking to increase it 15,000.

4 PAULA TOMERA: So our entity is just taking this out
5 because we have -- we've had several things go on in town, the
6 pots that everyone planted their flowers in.

7 And -- and it just seems like, you know, the volunteers keep
8 going for a while and then they're gone.

9 And so our board kind of wanted to take some on some of these
10 projects so that we would be able to see them to completion.
11 And we're hoping that some of the things that we're doing
12 wouldn't have a lot of maintenance in the end. And it would
13 just make our town look a lot nicer. So we're trying to pick
14 one area to focus on so we get something started, you know, in
15 our community. So --

16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I think --

17 PAULA TOMERA: -- I think --

18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- I think that we can, Paula. I don't
19 think anybody up here is saying that we don't want you to do
20 that. We're going to say we need for you to look some other
21 ways. And there are some ways we can help, not to the full
22 extent that you're looking for, but we -- we can identify some
23 for you.

24 And it may take a little bit longer. I'm sorry. But we've got
25 to cut. And I think this is a place to cut because we know that
26 you can still accomplish this in some other ways. And that's
27 not true with all of the ones that we look at for grants.

28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So you actually -- it says 7,000
29 remaining after possible donations plus shipping and taxes. So
30 that's the remaining if you were to sell all the benches,
31 lights, and trees; correct?

32 KYLA BRIGHT: If we sold everything --

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

34 KYLA BRIGHT: -- we've got sponsors --

35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So 7,000 --

36 KYLA BRIGHT: -- for.

37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- and then a thousand dollars for
38 your grants -- or for your dues and subscriptions. So that's
39 eight.

40 Professional services. How much could you get by with?

1 KYLA BRIGHT: Well, if you're going to have us go out to --
2 to search for other grants through the state, then we need to
3 hire an engineer to look at this project and to kind of make it
4 work for us, create some sort of plan -- phased plan for it.
5 So --

6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Have you done anything on it?
7 I mean, you have some -- you've done some already, haven't
8 you?

9 KYLA BRIGHT: We have. The -- we just created a map is all
10 we did. We didn't actually ask them to -- to look at it from an
11 engineering point of view, just create the map for us. Because
12 that's what we could afford.

13 I really couldn't tell you. I know looking just at the --
14 out there to hire an engineer is actually getting up higher than
15 this.

16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I guess my --

17 KYLA BRIGHT: But --

18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- question is, on something like
19 that, couldn't that be put under capital projects?

20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. Why wouldn't it be --

21 KYLA BRIGHT: There's --

22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- able to?

23 CINDY BENSON: Most of those are 50,000 or over. I guess
24 it would just depend on the cost of the whole project.

25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I mean, honestly, if you're going to
26 make Battle Mountain beautiful to appeal people, there's a lot
27 of work to be done if we're going to be honest about it.

28 CINDY BENSON: We could increase --

29 KYLA BRIGHT: And we're trying.

30 PAULA TOMERA: And we're just an extension of you. So
31 whatever, --

32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.

33 PAULA TOMERA: -- you know, I mean, if this is not where
34 you want us to focus, you know, let us know. So --
35 Because we'd be happy to help in any way that we can.

36 CINDY BENSON: We could --

37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I just don't know why we couldn't put
38 it under our capital project.

39 CINDY BENSON: We could increase the beautification line
40 even more and just take care of all the projects out of that.

1 PAULA TOMERA: And then if some -- if a project did come
2 up, we could come in front of you again. Even though you have
3 it in there, it wouldn't be committing specifically to XYZ.
4 CINDY BENSON: Right.
5 PAULA TOMERA: If we have a project, we could come before
6 you and just present that. And you can just award it at that
7 time, whatever you see fit.
8 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'm all --
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- right with it being out of the
11 beautification because that's obviously what it is.
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Uh-huh.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, I'm okay with -- with the focuses
14 they do because they choose one individually and go. We're a
15 work in progress. It's been that.
16 And that's no problem. They can put it back on LEDA, whatever.
17 But I do think there's other sources that they can go to.
18 So I'm saying anything we do is an improvement. Whether the
19 county is going to fund it or not --
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- is the key.
22 And so we aren't going to fund it at this point, apparently.
23 But what is your -- your number for them for professional
24 services for LEDA? 7500? Or 9,000? 9,000 --
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Not for professional services.
26 Looking at -- I -- I guess it's --
27 KYLA BRIGHT: There's only --
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
29 KYLA BRIGHT: -- a thousand that we're asking dues and
30 subscriptions.
31 So if you guys would be willing to give us a couple thousand in
32 our professional just in case there is little things that you
33 guys say, yes, go forward with the planning of it. If we bring
34 the project to you, you guys say, yes, please, look into it, do
35 some planning and then bring it back to us when you have hard
36 numbers, that way we have that little cushion so that we can
37 hire the graphics person or things of that sort to go in there.
38 Then I --
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So if I --
40 KYLA BRIGHT: -- think we could be okay with that.

1 PAULA TOMERA: But if we needed an engineer, we'd have to
2 come to you and --
3 KYLA BRIGHT: Right.
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Uh-huh.
5 KYLA BRIGHT: Exactly.
6 PAULA TOMERA: Uh-huh.
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: If I said 3,000, would that --
8 KYLA BRIGHT: I'm -- I'm going to go with -- with what you
9 guys feel comfortable with at this point.
10 We need the three -- if you'll do the three in there and then
11 the one for the -- for the Dues and subscriptions, then that
12 would -- that would probably go -- be okay.
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So you've got Dues and Subscriptions.
14 You're asking for 7500 or just a thousand?
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. Just a --
16 KYLA BRIGHT: Just --
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- thousand.
18 KYLA BRIGHT: -- 1,000 --
19 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Just a thousand?
20 KYLA BRIGHT: -- of that. Uh-huh.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So \$4,000.
22 I'll make a motion to approve \$4,000 for --
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm sorry, --
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- Judie. How much?
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Four thousand --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Four?
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- for the Lander Economic Development
29 Authority.
30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second it.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Motion's been made for 4,000 by
32 Judie and seconded by Kathy.
33 Any other discussion?
34 (No comment.)
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?
36 FALICIA OCHOA: I (indiscernible, off mic) to attend the
37 LEDA meetings as well. And --
38 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: She'll need to come forward.
39 FALICIA OCHOA: -- anything that we've seen --
40 Sorry. Falicia with the Chamber of --

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Falicia, --
2 FALICIA OCHOA: -- Commerce --
3 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: She'll have to come to the --
4 (indiscernible, off mic.)
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- could you please come forward?
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You have to --
7 FALICIA OCHOA: (Indiscernible, off mic)
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- come up front.
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: When you guys are talking, please come
10 up to the table.
11 FALICIA OCHOA: We do attend these meetings as well. And
12 we are offering to -- any assistance as well, be it the
13 volunteer work or anything that we can do as the chamber.
14 Because we ultimately want the town to look beautiful as well.
15 So any way that we can help possible, we're more than willing to
16 do so by even bringing in businesses, sponsorship, things like
17 that as well. So we'll do --
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
19 FALICIA OCHOA: -- our due diligence and -- and also --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
21 FALICIA OCHOA: -- assist and help. And I've been
22 attending the meetings as well. So we're more than willing to
23 offer.
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: All right. Thanks, Falicia.
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you.
26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Thank you.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
29 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: (Indiscernible.)
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any --
34 PAULA TOMERA: Thank you.
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- opposed?
36 Thank you. Okay. Moving down to --
37 Thank you, ladies. We're putting you through some tough times,
38 I know.
39 Lander County Conservation District asking for 27,423.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: This one's going to be a hard one.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Paul, you have -- you -- you do this
2 all volunteer; right?
3 PAUL TOMERA: Now what's that?
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Your projects are volunteer; right?
5 PAUL TOMERA: Our sage hen projects? Are you --
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
7 PAUL TOMERA: -- talking, Art?
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
9 PAUL TOMERA: Right now what we've got is we have an
10 application.
11 And for the record, I'm Paul Tomera, chairman of the Lander
12 County Conservation District.
13 We have an application that needs to be filled out, people --
14 landowners requesting funding for sage hen habitat enhancement
15 projects.
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Being on PLUAC and SLUAC,
17 these -- these two requests are probably, after the kids, these
18 two are probably the most important for the county as far as
19 keeping us ahead on this program.
20 PAUL TOMERA: Uh-huh.
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I hear it --
22 PAUL TOMERA: I --
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- at SLUAC.
24 PAULA TOMERA: -- I agree with you.
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We talk about it at PLUAC. This is an
26 example why we need more money for grants too.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I certainly agree with what they're
28 saying. I think it's an entirely different of a request when I
29 combine 501(c)(3)s and I combine the conservation districts. I
30 don't consider them --
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: The same.
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- apples to apples. And they're not.
33 So that's when I'm going to look to our -- our legal counsel
34 here and say, is there another way that we can look at this type
35 of thing and pull that out of our hundred thousand?
36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioner, the -- the
37 statute's pretty clear on -- on 501(c)(3)s, which -- which they
38 call nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable,
39 or educational purposes.
40 The county can give any or all of their grant money to these

1 organizations. They may give them buildings to use. They may
2 go around all the laws. And -- and they can give them a lot of
3 things.

4 They cannot do that for the other nonprofits. The -- what
5 governs -- the law that governs the other nonprofits states
6 specifically -- and -- and it's really broad -- a Board of
7 County Commissioners may expend money for any purpose, which
8 will provide a substantial beneficial to the inhabitants of the
9 county. And then it goes on to talk about 501(c)(3).

10 So based on that first sentence, I have advised you in the last
11 four years that you're able to give to other nonprofits as long
12 as the county commissioners -- and it's supposed to be by
13 resolution -- decide that it provides a substantial benefit to
14 the inhabitants -- inhabitants of the county.

15 That's all it says on it.

16 But when we talk about 501(c)(3) charitable, it goes into great
17 detail on what we can give. And we can give for -- for wages,
18 anything.

19 But when you're asking me specific question about wages and
20 stuff on the other nonprofits, it's really hard for me to give you
21 an answer because we're just taking half of that sentence.

22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I see.

23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And that's what's backing us
24 up.

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we separate the five-ohs from the
26 others?

27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The statute --

28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.

29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- separates it.

30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Cindy?

31 CINDY BENSON: Yes.

32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Maybe that's what we need to do if
33 we --

34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Plus we'll --

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- can do it with this agenda.

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Is there any place else we could take
37 this money out?

38 CINDY BENSON: Well, Keith and I were talking and he was
39 talking about taking her wages and taking it out of his
40 department's. So all that she would be asking for here would be

1 the 6,000.

2 SHANNON BERUMEN: And then it's our understanding --
3 Shannon Berumen, for the record -- that the sage grouse money
4 comes out of a separate fund for you guys as well.
5 So that should not actually be considered in that -- in that
6 same fund is what -- is what we're understanding it.

7 PAUL TOMERA: That money's available through the state.
8 The county can draw from a pool of sage grouse money. Is that
9 correct?

10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Is that right, Art?

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Didn't we have 50,000 that we had set
12 aside for sage grouse? Or did we spend that? Or is that a
13 perpetual budget iss- -- is that --

14 CINDY BENSON: That's given to the --

15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

16 CINDY BENSON: Remember their --

17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But if -- if we take out Shannon's
18 wages and the pro- -- fund the project, then we can fund 6,000.

19 SHANNON BERUMEN: And that's solely for operating us.

20 PAULA TOMERA: Uh-huh.

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make a motion that we approve
22 6,000 to the Lander County Conservation District.

23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second.

24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Motion by Judie that we pay the 6,000 to
25 the conservation district and seconded by Bryan. Any other
26 discussion?

27 PAUL TOMERA: That is with the understanding that Shannon's
28 position will be funded through county manager's --

29 CINDY BENSON: Yes.

30 PAUL TOMERA: -- department, then?

31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Absolutely.

32 PAUL TOMERA: Okay.

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Keith is that --

34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any other --

35 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- public comment?

37 KEITH WESTENGARD: That is correct.

38 We put it in both of them to see which way you guys wanted to
39 go.

40 But ultimately that was the -- the plan was to move her entire

1 package under me.

2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.

3 KEITH WESTENGARD: And that wouldn't be grant requests
4 every year from -- for -- for Shannon's position.

5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?

6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any opposed?

12 Thank you.

13 And that passes. So now we're down to --

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: The big one.

15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: How -- yeah. How --

16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Sage grouse.

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And this is -- this is --

18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: This is the big one?

19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is specifically sage hen --

20 SHANNON BERUMEN: Correct.

21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- stuff. Yeah.

22 PAUL TOMERA: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So, again, my question, Cindy, is
24 there any place we can take this out of something else?

25 Because right now if we approved the whole amount out of
26 our -- our grant cap, that leaves us with less than five grand.
27 And I do think it's a very important project or projects. So is
28 there any place else we can take this?

29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, and it will continue to be. You're
30 absolutely --

31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- right.

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It's --

34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's the key. It isn't just this year.
35 It's -- it's ongoing. We're --

36 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yeah. So is the funding you guys
37 received earmarked specifically for sage grouse for that? Or do
38 you guys -- is it in your overall funding that you receive?

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, that's our key. Right now --

40 SHANNON BERUMEN: Okay.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it's in the overall. And maybe it --
2 maybe we can do a resolution or something to -- I don't know --
3 look at the --
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I was going to say, what if we just
5 created a line --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I don't --
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- item?
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- know. What do we have to do to put it
9 in another --
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You could say that --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- department? What -- what other
12 department do we have to put --
13 CINDY BENSON: We could create a line under -- under
14 intergovernmental.
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Uh-huh. That's what we could do.
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And do a resolution saying
17 that -- that it provides a substantial benefit to the
18 inhabitants of the county?
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make a motion that we create a
20 line item by resolution -- future resolution for funding \$50,000
21 per year for the Lander County Conservation District for the
22 sage grouse priority area population stabilization.
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It invites a substantial
24 benefit to the --
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And it's --
26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- county.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that it will sub- -- provide
28 substantial benefit to the citizens of Lander County.
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Don't make me repeat that.
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You did good.
32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I didn't hear --
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Art --
34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- it either.
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- seconded it.
36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Art -- Art had seconded -- seconded
37 it.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I didn't hear him. Thank you. Motion
39 made by Judie. We're going --
40 SHANNON BERUMEN: (Indiscernible.)

1 CINDY BENSON: (Indiscernible.)
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to remove the --
3 CINDY BENSON: That's the --
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- Lander County --
5 CINDY BENSON: -- 50,000 --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- conservation --
7 CINDY BENSON: -- that they're --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- district --
9 CINDY BENSON: -- talking about.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- request of 50,000 to a line item. And
11 seconded by Art.
12 Any other discussion?
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: So just for clarification, we'll treat
14 this the same as a grant. Invoices will come to the county.
15 Or -- and then it'll be presented to the commission for
16 approval. Is that the way you guys want to do it?
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well --
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Conditions need to be set in
19 the --
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: They're saying --
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- resolution too.
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh.
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And -- and -- well, that can come up
25 during a resolution. But I --
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- think, actually, --
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: (Indiscernible) clarification.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- just like any other line item, any
30 other ex- -- you know, expense item on -- in the county, it all
31 comes through to you or -- or you know department --
32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, yeah, I just want clarification
33 because it's not a county employee's budget. So if -- if --
34 however you guys want it. It -- I just want to be clear on it
35 that if -- if we're going to treat it the same as a grant that
36 the invoices would come in and go through the regular process
37 and for approval and so forth.
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think --
39 SHANNON BERUMEN: So currently --
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- so.

1 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- we receive the funding, the full
2 amount. And then those invoices come to the CD and we write
3 those checks out. And then we splice those copies of those
4 checks under that information.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Would it -- would it cause a
6 problem --
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I --
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- to --
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- I --
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- send us invoices to get paid, Paul?
11 PAUL TOMERA: I don't see why it would.
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We're just going --
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That --
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to --
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- that may --
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- change?
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- cause --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We're just going to change it. You do the
20 request and then you can write the checks.
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That --
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. that may cause a
24 problem. You -- you have to list the conditions in the --
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, that's -- yeah. We can't really
26 do anything until we do the resolution.
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right. In the resol- -- the
28 resolutions control when I (indiscernible).
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So it'll be handled the same, not quite
30 like you did.
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
32 SHANNON BERUMEN: Okay?
33 All right.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
38 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
40 Any opposed?

1 (No comment.)
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
3 SHANNON BERUMEN: Thank you.
4 PAUL TOMERA: Thank you.
5 SHANNON BERUMEN: Good luck, Paul.
6 PAUL TOMERA: Yeah. Thank you.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Lander County Board -- Lander County
8 School District, \$30,000.
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: Discussion with Superintendent Russ
10 Klein, he is withdrawing that request.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: He's withdrawal?
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yep.
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's withdrawn.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, with the extra of the *ad valorem*,
16 anyway, that more than --
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- pays for that for his third portion
19 that he wanted. So that's extra this year. And that would be
20 great. Thank you.
21 Lander County Sewer and Water District #2, three million, nine
22 hundred and ninety thou- -- three hundred -- three million nine
23 hundred and ninety -- three -- and three hun- --
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Three.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm not reading that right. Okay. One
26 more time. \$3,990,300.
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: There you go.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm going to open both of them at the same
29 time.
30 Lander county Sewer and Water District #2, 260,000.
31 Okay. Here we go again. This is a government improvement
32 district. And we're treating it like a grant under the 501- --
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- -(c)(3) with a limit of a hundred
35 thousand.
36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Good morning.
38 GWEN JONES: Good morning.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I know we had a problem when we did the
40 discussion at the last meeting. And we asked to put this on the

1 agenda to discuss the whole future of the Lander County Water
2 and Sewer District #2. So I don't know what kind of action you
3 want to take until after that one has been looked at next --
4 week? Yeah. Next week's our meeting?
5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. Probably.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But if you have some questions --
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: (Indiscernible) --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- while Gwen --
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- (indiscernible) --
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- is here...
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
12 GWEN JONES: Absolutely.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I don't think there's any question
14 on -- on whether or not it needs to be done. It's just how are
15 we going to pay for it? And --
16 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: And not under the grant.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And not un- --
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And we've --
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- yeah. It's where -- I mean --
20 well, of course, do we want to spend the money for -- because it
21 is basically separate from the county. But do we want to get
22 involved? And do we want to pay it?
23 Which me, personally, I -- I feel we should.
24 Then the next question, where's -- where's the money coming
25 from?
26 CINDY BENSON: It would probably have to be moved to the
27 CCP.
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
29 And can we do that? Because they are a special improvement
30 district.
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well --
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I mean, at that --
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Is that --
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- point --
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- part --
36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- are --
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- of the discussion that's going to
38 happen?
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The -- the discussion needs --
40 I -- it's my understanding -- and I believe the discussion needs

1 to -- you -- the county commissioners need to decide whether or
2 not Sewer and Water District 2 stays as a viable entity. Or
3 does the county take it over?

4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.

5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I believe that's -- that's the
6 question.

7 And I may be wrong. And I'm not --

8 But -- but if we keep on giving millions of dollars to them and
9 they keep on coming and asking us for millions of dollars,
10 there's got be a -- a break point there where it may be in the
11 best interest of the county -- and that's what the county
12 commission decides -- that the county take over and provide the
13 services themselves.

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I think -- yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: They have --

16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- to ask us; right?

18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, you guys -- no, you --
19 the procedure basically is you do up an ordinance. We do up a
20 real short ordinance. And you say it's in the best of Lander
21 County that Lander County takes over the services of -- and then
22 you send that to their board. And their board decides whether
23 or not they're going --

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- to go along with that or
26 not. And if they decide not to go along with it, then we might
27 have to look at a court action or something if you want to
28 proceed.

29 And if not, you can't do it.

30 So it's -- there -- there are ways around it, particularly if
31 they're -- they're not considered a viable entity year to year.
32 And that's the question that -- county commissioners have to
33 decide whether or not it's in the best interest of the county to
34 take over those services and just pay the money yourselves
35 and --

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So that, like you mentioned, that will
37 be a future agenda item for --

38 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Didn't he ask --

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- our next meeting.

40 So basically remove these two from the -- the grant requests at

1 this time.

2 KEITH WESTENGARD: I would -- yeah, I would recommend we
3 table it until --

4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And -- and --

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: We'll -- we'll put it on next Thursday's
6 agenda, commission -- regular commission meeting. And you guys
7 can discuss which direction you want to go.

8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It -- it appears either way that the
9 county's going to have to pay this money. But how we're going
10 to pay it is -- is the real question.

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.

12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right. And it'll --

13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So --

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You want --

15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- it's a lot --

16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- with that --

17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- easier out of your budget.
18 I mean, the --

19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. So with that, we're going to remove
20 it from the request for a grant.

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: To table it.

22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right?

23 KEITH WESTENGARD: Table it.

24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, yeah.

25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Do you want a motion? Do we need a
27 motion for that?

28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The -- the --

29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Either way.

30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Patsy can do it or by motion.

31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We'll just table it.

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Travel safely. I'm sorry you had to come
34 all this way.

35 GWEN JONES: That's okay. Any time.

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you for --

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- coming.

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We're going to finish up the next two with
40 Kingston and then take a quick break.

1 So Town of Kingston, \$3,397.
2 Miteshell, anybody there from Kingston?
3 SHANNON THISS: Yeah. This is Shannon Thiss, deputy clerk
4 for Town of Kingston?
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Hi, Shannon.
6 SHANNON THISS: Hi.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So this was for our chairs; right?
8 SHANNON THISS: Yes. I sent up pictures of our old chairs.
9 They're extremely ancient. And also we need more chairs because
10 we have these fundraisers like we had this Saturday. And we
11 wanted to re- -- eventually replace all those old ones. But
12 we'd like to start with the 60 chairs and a tree to store them
13 on.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Got it.
15 You know there's more requests for chairs this year in -- in
16 this budget than I've ever seen before. Everybody's chairs are
17 so old.
18 But the new ones are so much better. They're bigger. They
19 conform better. They're lighter. I mean, I understand why
20 everybody wants it.
21 The question is: How much do you want to give them? How many
22 chairs can they buy?
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, they're just not going to have
24 the shelf life as these good old metal ones here. These things
25 last forever.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: This is true.
27 We need -- we need to limit our fundraisers -- fundraisers to
28 less than a half an hour, and our meetings.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, Shannon, I want to -- how'd the
30 benefit go this weekend? I'm sorry I missed it.
31 SHANNON THISS: You know, I -- I haven't -- we -- I left my
32 cohorts down there in Kingston to count the tickets and find out
33 how much. And we haven't counted the money because I had to
34 come up here.
35 But from what I could see, it went very well.
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Good.
37 SHANNON THISS: We're hoping that we made some more money
38 to put towards that hangar that you guys got for us.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I'm glad to hear that. Like I
40 said, I'm sorry I missed it.

1 SHANNON THISS: Well -- well, there's always next year.
2 And there's always the picnic.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yes. Definitely.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And a good time was held by all. Yeah.
5 Okay. She's got the breakdown for you. It's \$2,755 for 60
6 chairs and 466 for the cart to put them in and then the freight.
7 So what is your pleasure?
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make a motion we approve \$3,397
9 to the Town -- Town of Kingston for their chairs. And -- well,
10 their grant request.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No second?
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll second it.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, Art seconded. Okay.
14 Moved and seconded for the whole amount of \$3,397 for Kingston.
15 Any other discussion?
16 (No comment.)
17 Public comment?
18 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I have --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Nay -- well, did you --
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oppose?
25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- have something to say?
26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I had something to say.
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I've -- you know, even though it's not
29 very much money, if we're cutting from everywhere else, I --
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- think that --
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That was mine.
33 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- it's only fair that we cut from
34 them some as well. Even though they're not asking for much,
35 these other people are making sacrifices as well. So that was
36 just where --
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I -- I understand your point. But it does
38 pass.
39 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.
40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: But it doesn't mean it won't be cut

1 later. I mean --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That's true.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. It does pass for right now.
4 SHANNON THISS: Thank you.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Uh-huh.
6 Town of Kingston Fire Company, \$4,000.
7 Now, Ms. Cindy is here for this one.
8 And that's -- let's see. This is for our PACT insurance?
9 CINDY BENSON: PACT insurance.
10 SHANNON THISS: Yeah. Shannon Thiss, firefighter for the
11 Town of Kingston Fire Company. We're asking for 4,000 to cover
12 our PACT insurance.
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'll --
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Why isn't that --
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- make a motion to give Kingston Fire
16 \$4,000 for their insurance.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll second that.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Moved and seconded we approve the
19 PACT insurance of 4,000. Moved by Art; seconded by -- Judie?
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right? Thank you.
22 Any other discussion?
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I have a question. What, Kingston's
24 fire department is -- they're kind of separate so that's why
25 it's not covered under the county? Or --
26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No. They are part of the
27 county. They're unincorporated. So they're an extension of the
28 county, 100 --
29 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: SO why isn't --
30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- percent.
31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- it incurred --
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- but --
33 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- by the county?
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- so why -- why isn't that covered by
35 the county automatically?
36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's -- I don't know.
37 CINDY BENSON: I don't know either.
38 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They should be.
39 CINDY BENSON: It's just been that way for years.
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: Because it -- because there's -- they've

1 always been considered a separate entity.
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Oh.
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: So it's -- it's been --
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's because they had a
5 corporation as --
6 CINDY BENSON: Oh.
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the volunteer fire
8 department.
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But they had it.
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They don't --
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: They don't --
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- anymore.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- anymore.
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I know. But I'm telling you in
15 the past why.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right. Okay. So that really needs to
17 be put into --
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I would suggest so.
19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I -- yeah.
20 CINDY BENSON: We could just put that under --
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. We do --
22 CINDY BENSON: -- wages?
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- have -- we do have a motion on the
24 floor. Do you want to withdraw the motion? Or just --
25 CINDY BENSON: The benefits.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we can vote on it.
27 Okay.
28 All those --
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll vote.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- in favor?
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, hold on a second.
32 I made this motion. If we should cover it with different funds,
33 --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right. That's what --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- are we --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we're --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- going to --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- discussing.
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- cover it with different funds?
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: We -- we can move that into -- into the
2 line item that we cover Battle Mountain and -- and --
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- Austin.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We can. But we need --
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But we need -- but we have a motion on the
8 floor. So since you didn't withdraw it, we need to vote. And
9 --
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And then we'll just move the money
11 later.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.
13 All those --
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- in favor?
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those opposed?
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Nay.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Nay.
21 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Nay.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So the motion dies. And now we can
23 move it.
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I will make a motion that we move
27 the \$4,000 for the Kingston Fire Company for PACT insurance to
28 the county budgetary line items that it would apply to.
29 CINDY BENSON: Okay.
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll --
31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll --
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- second.
33 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- second.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Moved by Judie that we move this to a line
35 item and seconded by Bryan. Okay.
36 Shannon, you understand what we just did; right?
37 SHANNON THISS: Yes. Thank you very much. I appreciate
38 it.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. All in favor?
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
3 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
5 Okay. That's done. And we're going to take a break, Austin.
6 Thank you.
7 MITESHELL LANHAM: Okay.

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9 (Break taken between 10:25 a.m. and 10:37 a.m.)
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11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Back to order.

12
13 **Battle Mountain Town Grant Requests**

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15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we are now under Battle Mountain --
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- town grant requests.
18 Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce, \$500.
19 (Indiscernible side conversation.)

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Hello, --

21 FALICIA OCHOA: Hello.

22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- again.

23 FALICIA OCHOA: Falicia, again. Hello. Good morning,
24 guys.

25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. This 500 is a request from the
26 Chamber of Commerce for their Parade of Lights and Santa gifts.

27 FALICIA OCHOA: Correct.

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll make a motion to give the Chamber
29 of Commerce \$500 for the Parade of Lights and the Santa gifts.
30 That's a great activity for the kids and for the rest of the
31 adult kids.

32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second it.

33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Moved and seconded that we approve
34 the \$500 for the Chamber.

35 Any other discussion? Public comment?

36 (No comment.)

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?

38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.

39 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.

40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
3 FALICIA OCHOA: Thank you guys.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Well, that was a lot easier, wasn't
5 it?
6 FALICIA OCHOA: Yeah.
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's only 500.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. But that puts us up to -- what? --
9 almost 50,000?
10 KEITH WESTENGARD: Forty-nine --
11 CINDY BENSON: Forty-nine.
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- percent.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So, Cindy, I do want --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Frontier Community --
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Patsy!
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm sorry.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Hold on. I really, really believe
18 that when that motion was made last year was just on the General
19 Fund grant requests. Because you specifically commented that
20 Battle Mountain town -- it doesn't include Battle Mountain town
21 or Austin grant requests.
22 So I don't think that -- that the hundred thousand will apply to
23 these other grants.
24 CINDY BENSON: I don't --
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What kind of -- what kind of -- I
26 missed a word in there when you said the type of grant.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Did I say --
28 ELIZABETH BARELA: (Indiscernible.)
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- type? Well, coming out of funds.
30 I think --
31 ELIZABETH BARELA: (Indiscernible.)
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- I think the motion last year was
33 for --
34 ELIZABETH BARELA: (Indiscernible.)
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the general -- General Fund grants,
36 not the town fund grants.
37 CINDY BENSON: And I'm not too sure there was a
38 clarification made.
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: In -- in your paper there, it says the
40 total of all grants. So that -- it would encompass every grant

1 that you guys request outside of county line items -- county --
2 county departments.

3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: As far as the re- -- the stipulations
4 of what they follow.

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. Yeah. All grants.

6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: All grants. And I -- and I -- I -- I
7 totally agree with that stipulation.

8 But I do believe that, like I said, last year the motion was
9 only for the General Fund.

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, this should have clarified it then
11 when you guys -- when you guys amended -- addend- -- made an
12 addendum to the -- to that policy with all grants, including all
13 grants.

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right. But -- and I understand that,
15 Keith. Is -- is, you know, qualifications. But -- but the --
16 the cap. The cap was for the general grants, not the town fund
17 grants or the town grants.

18 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I --

19 ELIZABETH BARELA: Elizabeth Barela.

20 But it is my understanding that was the agenda item on Thursday
21 where you guys amended -- approved all those stipulations. Part
22 of that stipulation was to approve the hundred thousand. It was
23 for all grants that you changed and amended on Thursday.

24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Good question.

25 ELIZABETH BARELA: The way I understand it --

26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, that's --

27 ELIZABETH BARELA: -- is that you amended --

28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- the way --

29 ELIZABETH BARELA: -- it for --

30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- I was understanding --

31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's how --

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, if --

33 ELIZABETH BARELA: -- all --

34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- I understood it.

35 ELIZABETH BARELA: -- grants.

36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So --

38 ELIZABETH BARELA: Yes.

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- if we did that, I guess the -- the
40 question is, then, is -- are we uncomfortable with the way that

1 we did that? And do we need to do something over? Is that what
2 I'm picking up?
3 Because apparently --
4 ELIZABETH BARELA: No, I --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that's --
6 ELIZABETH BARELA: -- think the --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- what we did.
8 ELIZABETH BARELA: -- intended purpose of the entire
9 hundred thousand was for all grants.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I thought it was, but --
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and -- and, you know, trying to
12 remember that.
13 ELIZABETH BARELA: And I get what you're saying in the
14 past. But that last Thursday, you amended it and changed it to
15 affect all grants.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: To clarify it.
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yes.
18 ELIZABETH BARELA: Yes.
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. I don't think we changed it. I
22 think we were just clarifying. That's the way I understood it.
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Because, like I said, I mean, I
24 -- I remember Cindy making comment the comment that the town
25 grants, people could -- could get more under the town grants.
26 So, anyway. I just wanted to throw that out there because --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that would -- would actually, you
29 know, give us a little bit more money under the town grants for
30 these other requested grants.
31 And I don't know if we want to check into that to make sure
32 the --
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, I don't think it's a matter of
34 checking into it. It's a -- it's a matter of do we want to
35 change it?
36 And if we do, I mean, we still have time to change it. We'll
37 just put it on the agenda for next Thursday.
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: So -- so that's what I was going
39 recommend or suggest to -- to you -- to the board is if you feel
40 that the grant -- the grant cap needs to be higher, I would

1 recommend that today you approve or tentatively approve what you
2 want to approve. We'll get it on the agenda for next week to
3 set the cap at what this -- this board feels comfortable with.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think we need to do that, Keith.
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
6 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: May I make --
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- that's --
8 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- a --
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- that's --
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- suggestion?
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- my feeling. I -- because --
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Is that okay with you, Commissioner?
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- we have the money to do these
14 things. We should do them while we can. And, you know, it's
15 all for the town.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Kathy?
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's for the county.
18 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: May I make a suggestion?
19 I was rolling this around -- I think I mentioned it to Bryan
20 once -- is taking the interest off a certain amount of the net
21 proceeds, just the interest off -- say, an example, I'm throwing
22 it out there -- you take the interest off of 3 million of the
23 net proceeds. And that's what the -- we use regardless of how
24 much from year to year it is. That's what we use. So we're not
25 ever out. We're just using the interest off of a certain --
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Also --
27 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- amount of money.
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: And that -- that was what we -- that was
29 the intent of the last year was that we would -- the interest
30 off of the net proceeds would be used or not -- not all the
31 interest, but --
32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well, no. A specific, --
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- you know, amount that --
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- that's what we use.
37 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is the interest? About a million
39 and a half?
40 CINDY BENSON: I don't know what it is.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It was with Gene. I think it was a
2 million eight.
3 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: That's right.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: 1.8?
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. With that in mind, then, we are on
6 the Frontier Community Action Agency and WIC for 25,000.
7 ALICIA PRICE: Can I ask a question, please? No? Okay.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Re- -- regarding?
9 ALICIA PRICE: I just want to know the difference between
10 the town grant and the general grants? What's -- what's the
11 difference in those?
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Two different funds.
13 ALICIA PRICE: Okay.
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: One, you have the General Fund and
15 you have the Battle Mountain Town Fund. Is that correct, Cindy?
16 ALICIA PRICE: Are there --
17 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.
18 ALICIA PRICE: -- specifications --
19 CINDY BENSON: And the Austin --
20 ALICIA PRICE: -- for --
21 CINDY BENSON: -- Town Fund.
22 ALICIA PRICE: -- specification for asking funds for both
23 of those is the exact same; correct?
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right. And -- and there's -- and the way
25 we get the revenue from each one is different.
26 ALICIA PRICE: Okay.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So --
28 ALICIA PRICE: I'll get some information from Keith. Thank
29 you.
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: One -- one other thing I wanted to
31 clarify to the board. Even if you -- whatever you raise the cap
32 to is your -- your choice? But it still doesn't affect or
33 change the wages part of it?
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No.
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: We're still --
36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh. No.
37 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- restricted by that.
38 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: No.
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. Thank you. I just wanted to make
40 that clear.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Ladies, good morning.
2 BRENDA THOMAS: Good morning.
3 I'm Brenda Thomas. And I am the WIC coordinator for the --
4 for WIC.
5 ANDREA ARAIZA: Andrea Araiza, case manager with the Action
6 Agency.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I was looking for my backup on this. Did
8 you --
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I don't have any.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I don't have any backup on it. No? I
11 guess there -- you didn't turn in any?
12 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: I do.
13 BRENDA THOMAS: I did. I -- I submit my work -- the
14 spreadsheets, like, a month ago.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Hm.
16 BRENDA THOMAS: I have them on --
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I have this. I have it.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, here it is.
19 No, it's -- it's further -- it's further back.
20 Okay. Got it. Thank you.
21 BRENDA THOMAS: Okay.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Not in vain. There it is. Okay.
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So your average monthly budget is
26 \$2,083. Well, you've got -- you've got two. You've got an
27 estimated monthly budget of 2,083 and then down -- estimated
28 total on your expenses as 2,240.
29 BRENDA THOMAS: Right. And that would just be like the
30 25,000 divided by 12 would be --
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So --
32 BRENDA THOMAS: -- the --
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that's -- that's --
34 BRENDA THOMAS: (Indiscernible.)
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- what you're using --
36 BRENDA THOMAS: (Indiscernible.) Yeah. So --
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is the 2240?
38 BRENDA THOMAS: Yeah. And then what we -- and then the
39 services that we provide with that money are the indigent and
40 the housing and the back-to-work assistance.

1 And this is kind of a general breakdown of what our month could
2 look like. But I -- it's never the same.

3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm sorry. Did I miss that? Or did you
4 identify yourself for us?

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Uh-huh.

6 BRENDA THOMAS: Brenda Thomas.

7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: She did.

8 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: She did.

9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: She did.

11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Because I was still looking for
12 things, I think. So I apologize. I wanted to be sure --

13 BRENDA THOMAS: Uh-huh.

14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- you were on the record. Thank you.

15 BRENDA THOMAS: So some months are big. Some months are
16 smaller. And we just never have, you know, anything.
17 But we definitely are needed because, you know, we have -- last
18 month we had 186 duplicated families. That's -- that's just
19 families. That's not individual clients.
20 We -- we have all the resources, you know, for the low income.
21 We have the emergency food pantry.
22 And then we also, you know -- we try to help people that need to
23 get out of town, need to -- you know, need transportation costs,
24 through hotel costs, through other kind of stuff, job
25 assistance.

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So, Cindy, you know, the indigent fund
27 that we pay into -- and I know the senior center also has
28 services available for -- I'm sure just the seniors. But do we
29 have a -- kind of a crossover on this?

30 CINDY BENSON: I'm not sure what you're talking about.

31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, the --

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well --

33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- in- -- the Indigent Fund; right?

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. We have --

35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- an indigent fund --

37 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.

38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that we're required to pay into.
39 Is how much of that is duplicated here?
40 You know, is -- or is any of it?

1 CINDY BENSON: We would actually have to ask Sandy. She
2 was here earlier.
3 BRENDA THOMAS: Yeah, she was.
4 CINDY BENSON: She was.
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and that's just --
6 CINDY BENSON: I don't know --
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it is Sandy is in control of the
8 Indigent Fund. And --
9 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- I know that -- that they have
11 programs through the senior center. But that's for anyone?
12 That's not just for seniors?
13 CINDY BENSON: Yeah. I believe so.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
15 CINDY BENSON: I know that they -- they've turned in
16 invoices for people needing assistance when they're down,
17 they're traveling through.
18 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: But that's usually -- that has to do
19 with they get \$5 worth of gas or --
20 CINDY BENSON: It's not --
21 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- because --
22 CINDY BENSON: -- much.
23 BRENDA THOMAS: Five gallons.
24 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Five gallons' worth of gas.
25 BRENDA THOMAS: Five gallons.
26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Because the -- that was -- part of
27 that was -- is ran through the sheriff's department. They come
28 in and they're allowed -- the deputies are allowed to give them
29 five gallons' worth of gas or, you know --
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I do know also that she
31 commented one time that -- that certain, you know, you can go --
32 if you have issues with your utilities bills that you can go to
33 get help from them from --
34 CINDY BENSON: That would be the seniors.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the seniors. And that's why I was
36 curious is, is it all strictly the seniors? Or would it be
37 everybody?
38 CINDY BENSON: I -- and I'm not sure because she takes care
39 of the Aging Services and she also does the Indigent. So I
40 don't know how much -- what she actually uses her budget for on

1 the in- -- indigent.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Are you --
3 BRENDA THOMAS: So --
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- kind of wondering if part of this
5 could be paid out of that indigent fund?
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, yeah.
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And that's what I mean duplicating
9 is -- and I don't -- you know, I mean, I think it's a good deal.
10 We defin- -- definitely need it.
11 ANDREA ARAIZA: So she has the Safe Program, which is for
12 the electric company. And so she has that program. But it's
13 just for the light.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So, Counselor, do we have any problem with
16 the payroll on this one?
17 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
18 BRENDA THOMAS: Payroll?
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I'm not sure. They're asking
20 for 25,000. And if you look at the one sheet --
21 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It doesn't show any.
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it doesn't show payroll at all.
23 BRENDA THOMAS: No. Pay- -- zero payroll comes out of
24 this.
25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: What's this where it says "grant
26 money is being used for personnel"?
27 BRENDA THOMAS: The grant money that the Frontier Community
28 Action Agency in Winnemucca receives -- they -- they receive,
29 like, the block grant, family resource center grant. And that
30 money is -- is towards personnel.
31 So zero dollars of this would go into anything like that.
32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Then we could just put the best
33 interest of the county. Again, a resolution.
34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yeah.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, but see now --
36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: As long as -- as they went on
37 record saying it's not for personnel --
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- is all I'm saying.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: This page is -- is what -- the

1 explanation of -- of their request is for a breakdown. You know
2 indigent services, lodging, and gas cards, housing assistance,
3 move-in deposit, shut-off notices, rental assistance. And then
4 back-to-work assistance. MSHA, birth certificates, steel-toed
5 boots.
6 That's what the --
7 BRENDA THOMAS: Yeah.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the grant money request is for.
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And what you can do,
10 Commissioner, is -- is in the resolution where you put adopt the
11 conditions, you put a specific condition to prohibit -- if you
12 want to prohibit paying for personnel or whatever.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I guess my question is: Do we
14 even need a resolution if we approve this grant? Because it's
15 spelled out of what they need the money for. It is to benefit
16 the community, but it's not -- there is no payroll involved --
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right. What --
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- for personnel. It's -- it's
19 strictly for the --
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Then you don't have to do it.
21 But if -- if -- if you want to get in the habit of doing
22 resolutions for all these --
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, to make it a yearly stipulation --
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that -- that every year we're going
26 to do this?
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Got you.
29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That -- that's all I'm
30 suggesting. I mean, --
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- we can do that. We can
33 start doing a resolution for every -- every noncharitable grant
34 grantee.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I don't think that's a bad idea. Do
36 you guys?
37 I mean --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Can we lump them? Or do we have to do a
39 resolution for every single one?
40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, I -- I just -- I'd just

1 do a resolution and follow -- and follow it. And you guys tell
2 me how many you want to do and -- and I'll have them prepared
3 for you.
4 They would -- it would just be short. And -- and each one may
5 have a -- a different condition that you may want to put in
6 there. And I just put the condition in there and say it's in
7 the best interest of the county and boom boom.
8 Like -- not that easy -- boom boom, but --
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: How much did we approve last year for
11 Frontier?
12 Is it 10,000? Is that -- am I reading that correct?
13 BRENDA THOMAS: 10,000.
14 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: For 2018?
16 CINDY BENSON: 10,000.
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's not (indiscernible).
18 JEANNE FALZONE: They're talking -- it's Winnemucca and
19 Lovelock too.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So with that, though --
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We just change it.
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Last year was ten. Is this a
23 new service? Or were you --
24 BRENDA THOMAS: No.
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Why were --
26 BRENDA THOMAS: I just --
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- what is the difference?
28 BRENDA THOMAS: Since the money was reallocated from the --
29 the money that was given to the Family Resource Center before
30 they dissolved, I had, like, half a fiscal year, basically, for
31 the \$25,000 that was given to us.
32 So with that, with the money left over from that fiscal and then
33 the 10,000 from --
34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh, I --
35 BRENDA THOMAS: -- the last --
36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- see.
37 BRENDA THOMAS: -- grant, then I -- you know, we've been
38 balancing.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. That's --
40 So --

1 BRENDA THOMAS: Yeah.
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- so last year theoretically you
3 still needed the 25-, but you only needed 10- from the county?
4 BRENDA THOMAS: Well, I asked for 25-, but I -- I wasn't --
5 I don't know what happened because I wasn't present for the --
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh.
7 BRENDA THOMAS: -- meeting.
8 So I was -- you guys granted us 10,000. And we appreciated it.
9 And we've been able to help a lot of people with it. So --
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I'll make a motion that we put this
11 request to -- to a future agenda item as a resolution for the
12 benefit of the citizens of Lander County.
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: For that amount?
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: For twenty -- well, do we have to put
15 an amount? Or can we just --
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You should.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, we --
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: For --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- should.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- 25,000.
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Before you do a resolution.
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. For 25,000.
24 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Can I say --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any second?
26 Okay. That dies.
27 Is there another --
28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I want --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- amount that --
30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yeah.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- you're looking --
32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I would --
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- at?
34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'd like to do a resolution for the
35 best interest of the community for maybe 21,000?
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm sorry. How much?
37 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: 21,000.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: 21,000.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll second that.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Moved and seconded that we look at

1 the amount of 21,000 and do that under a resolution.
2 Any other public comment?
3 (No comment.)
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor? Oh, --
5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm --
7 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- sorry. Moved by Judie, seconded -- I
9 mean --
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, Kathy.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- moved by Kathy, seconded by Judie.
12 Okay. All in favor?
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
14 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. And that passes. Thank you.
19 BRENDA THOMAS: Thank you.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Lander County Kids Club for 40,000.
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Just most (indiscernible).
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Good morning, ladies.
23 LAUREN CAMPBELL: Good morning.
24 SHAYNE VILLANUEVA: Good morning.
25 MITESHELL LANHAM: We're picking up a lot of typing.
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That's Bryan playing on his
27 calculator.
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. It's just me on my calculator.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Crunching the numbers.
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: It wasn't when anybody was talking.
31 So just to point that out.
32 I did listen to Patsy when we started.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So last year we granted you \$20,000.
34 LAUREN CAMPBELL: Yes, ma'am.
35 So I am Lauren Campbell. I am the president of the Lander
36 County Kids Club.
37 And what our grant is for is for a scholarship program for the
38 day care and preschool center that we operate.
39 That's part of it.
40 We also run the Movie in the Park Program each summer and the

1 Halloween Carnival and Bingo for the community in October.
2 So those are our three main programs.

3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I did see something in here where it said
4 actually you could have used more scholarships. You actually
5 turned some families away?

6 LAUREN CAMPBELL: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Like --

8 LAUREN CAMPBELL: Unfortunately, we had a lot of
9 scholarship applicants for fall. So we generally separated out
10 fall and spring.

11 And we reserve half of our scholarship for fall.

12 We did have to turn some down, which is something we -- we
13 absolutely hate doing.

14 And then for spring -- and you guys don't have these, because I
15 was totally tardy to the party and got my stuff in this morning.
16 For spring, we had less applicants.

17 And I think it's because we did have to make those cuts in fall.
18 And so parents could not afford even partial of what we were,
19 you know, able to give them. And so they did not come back,
20 which is very disheartening.

21 So --

22 We do our very, very best to give everybody who applies -- as
23 long as they qualify under those requirements, we do our best to
24 give them something.

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: If there's anything that's good for
26 the town of Battle Mountain it would be this Kids Club and the
27 Christ Lutheran preschool program. I don't see Christ Lutheran
28 up here.

29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: They're faith-based so they can't get
30 grants.

31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: They put in for a grant?

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.

33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No.

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: They quit putting in. They used to,
35 but it was denied because they were on a faith-based school.

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'll make a motion to give the
37 Lander County Kids Club \$35,000 for their scholarship program so
38 that they can get more kids in and have them happy and learning.

39 LAUREN CAMPBELL: That's our goal.

40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Second. I'll second it.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. It has been moved and seconded.
2 Art made a motion for 35,000 for the Kids Club and Kathy
3 seconded that.
4 Any discussion?
5 (No comment.)
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I -- I'm not -- I'm not opposed to it,
8 Art. I know last year was 10- or 20-. This year they're asking
9 for 40-.
10 I -- I agree with the program.
11 I'm just a little hesitant on the money because we are kind of
12 watching our pennies. And that's the only reason I -- I'm going
13 to be a little opposed to this.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
15 All those in favor?
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
19 Opposed?
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Nay.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Nay.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. It does pass for 35,000.
23 Okay, --
24 LAUREN CAMPBELL: Thank you --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- ladies.
26 LAUREN CAMPBELL: -- so much.
27 SHAYNE VILLANUEVA: Thank you. We appreciate it.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Lander County Historical Society and
29 Cookhouse Museum for 7,000.
30 And I'm going to open the second one, Lander County Historical
31 Society/Cookhouse Museum for 22,000, so we can talk about them
32 all at the same time.
33 LORI PRICE: Lori Price, president Lander County Historical
34 Society and director of the Cookhouse Museum.
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Hi, Lori.
36 LORI PRICE: Hi.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Good morning, Lori.
38 LORI PRICE: I have a clarification just first.
39 On Number 3 of your new -- I don't know what these are, policies
40 or something for your grant appli- -- applicants.

1 So does this mean that for our -- if -- if everything is passed
2 for utilities, you want me to give you all of our bills and
3 you're going to pay them?
4 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.
5 LORI PRICE: And we aren't.
6 CINDY BENSON: Unless you pay them, then we will do a
7 reimbursement.
8 LORI PRICE: Okay. So you'll let me know what -- if it --
9 if it's passed what you want us to do? Okay.
10 I just didn't know if you wanted every power, water, sewer,
11 whatever, all of that.
12 So --
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You could --
14 LORI PRICE: Okay.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- go ahead and invoice them for us if you
16 wanted to. And we can even do estimates with backup; right?
17 LORI PRICE: Yeah. I have it --
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So --
19 LORI PRICE: -- all --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- so --
21 LORI PRICE: -- on --
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that you're --
23 LORI PRICE: -- the chart --
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- so --
25 LORI PRICE: -- so you know exactly how much each one is
26 for.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right. But that way --
28 LORI PRICE: But --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- you're in --
30 LORI PRICE: I just wondered --
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- charge of --
32 LORI PRICE: -- if -- it just seemed like a lot of work --
33 but that's fine -- for you guys, for whoever has to do this.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, we really don't want to pay your
35 bills per se. But if you have a little bit of cash, you have a
36 cash so if you can pay them, we can reimburse you that would be
37 a whole lot easier. But everybody's in different situation.
38 So --
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make motion that we approve grant
40 requests from the Lander County Historical Society/Cookhouse

1 Museum in the amount of \$7,000.
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How much, Judie?
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Seven.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Seven. I'll second that.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. But I'm back to the 7,000 was what
6 we originally gave you for your new administrative assistant;
7 right?
8 So it's payroll.
9 LORI PRICE: No. No, this is just utilities. This is just
10 utilities.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Because it says in here
12 approximately 7,000, help with administrative assistant's costs.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Patsy, there's --
14 LORI PRICE: There's --
15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: There's a -- there's a -- right here.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- a breakout.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Keep going.
18 LORI PRICE: Me keeping --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh.
20 LORI PRICE: -- going?
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh. Okay. So 7,000 instead of 7100.
22 Okay. Got it.
23 Was there a second?
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Art seconded it.
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I seconded.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. Moved and seconded that we
27 approve the \$7,000.
28 Moved by --
29 LORI PRICE: Thank you.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- Judie; seconded by Art.
31 Any other discussion? Public comment?
32 (No comment.)
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
39 Okay. That passes. Thank you.
40 And now the 22,000?

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll make a motion for the \$22,000 for
2 the Lander County Historical Society/Cookhouse Museum. It's one
3 of the best museums on I-80.

4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. But that one is for the
5 administrative assistant; right?

6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So --

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, that's salary?

9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

11 CINDY BENSON: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Uh-huh.

13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: There's --

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: But we said we can do this with
15 resolution.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Is it -- are they a five -- are they
17 -- are you a 501- --

18 LORI PRICE: 501(c)(3).

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- (c)(3)? Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So by resolution -- I'll modify my
21 motion by resolution. I submit that we give the Cookhouse
22 Museum \$22,000.

23 And, again, it's one of the nicest museums on I-80.

24 LORI PRICE: Thank you. And we're getting recognition from
25 several media. I don't know if you saw the article in the
26 Nevada Magazine about Battle Mountain?

27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes.

28 LORI PRICE: The museum was in there. Travel Nevada
29 with -- I can't even think of the name of the -- it was on
30 television.

31 And so many people that stop are -- are very surprised when they
32 walk in the door.

33 So it's -- it's -- it's been a -- a great focal point for many
34 people. They come to the museum and say, where else can we go?
35 We're so glad you have a museum. Where else can we go in Battle
36 Mountain?

37 Because they're here for either vacations or maybe their husband
38 works here and they're just here visiting for the summer. It's
39 really nice to have a place for them to go. And the -- send
40 them to the recreation center. And so it's -- it's been a place

1 people love to come. So --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How are you --
3 LORI PRICE: -- we appreciate --
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- comi- --
5 LORI PRICE: -- your support.
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How are you coming along with the
7 train depot?
8 LORI PRICE: We just finished with our electrical engineer.
9 He has it all designed.
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
11 LORI PRICE: And so hopefully next -- maybe next week or
12 the week after, we're going to go -- try to get -- go out to
13 bid.
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Because that'll be a really
15 nice addition.
16 LORI PRICE: Yes. Every time we do a farmer's market or a
17 craft fair, it's -- really when that depo project's done, it's
18 going to be nice to be able to have --
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And --
20 LORI PRICE: -- it --
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- it's --
22 LORI PRICE: -- in there.
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- going to look like the one that
24 used to be on --
25 LORI PRICE: Well, it won't look so --
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Close to it.
27 LORI PRICE: -- dilapidated. But it'll -- still, it'll be
28 a nice place to go.
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
30 LORI PRICE: More room for displays and --
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Art made the motion that we do the
32 resolution to pay for the \$22,000 for the --
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- museum.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- second.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And Judie seconded.
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll second. I'm sorry. Yeah.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any other discussion? Public comment?
39 (No comment.)
40 ALICIA PRICE: I do. So if -- if you're going to do that,

1 are you going to make a Resolution for the Austin Chamber as
2 well for their --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Mind -- up -- can't --
4 ALICIA PRICE: Alicia Price, for the record.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Can't hear you, Alicia.
6 ALICIA PRICE: Alicia Price, for the record.
7 So if you're going to do that, are you going to make a
8 resolution for the Austin Chamber of Commerce as well?
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Not at --
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: My --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- not at this --
12 ALICIA PRICE: Because theirs --
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- point. We didn't --
14 ALICIA PRICE: -- would be --
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- do them for any --
16 ALICIA PRICE: Theirs would --
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- of the --
18 ALICIA PRICE: -- be wages as well; correct?
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The difference is one's a
20 501(c)(3), which is --
21 ALICIA PRICE: One is a five-oh -- got you -- six. Okay.
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's --
23 ALICIA PRICE: Okay.
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's -- yeah.
25 ALICIA PRICE: No. Okay. That makes sense. Okay. Thank
26 you.
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: They're under different grants.
28 They're under --
29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. They're --
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- the General Fund.
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's easy to give 501(c)(3)
32 anything.
33 ALICIA PRICE: Just trying to help somebody out.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
37 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
40 Any opposed?

1 (No comment.)
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. And that passes. So we're down to
3 an easier one for you all. Thank you. Lori.
4 LORI PRICE: Can I make -- make one comment?
5 Just -- just about the hundred thousand. I'm -- I'm really
6 happy to hear that you're -- you might raise that because you are
7 after all the lifeblood of all of us that are trying to get
8 grants.
9 And we're all here to try to help the community. And I'd really
10 hate to see that it, you know, a hundred thousand doll- --
11 dollars doesn't go very far.
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Doesn't go very far anymore. I agree.
13 LORI PRICE: Thank you.
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Thanks, Lori.
15 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Thank you.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
17 Okay. Board, here's an easy one for you. Miscellaneous grants
18 of 5,000.
19 And these are for the -- some of the folks that don't know they
20 were going to do something but decide to do it throughout the
21 year and come forward and ask for it.
22 So it's not on their timely. And we couldn't consider it. So
23 it's an --
24 CINDY BENSON: And --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- extra catchall.
26 CINDY BENSON: And this one was above the 100,000.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, cool.
28 I'll make a motion we approve 5,000 for the miscellaneous
29 grants.
30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second it.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Moved by Judie; seconded by Kathy.
32 Any other discussion?
33 (No comment.)
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Public comment?
35 (No comment.)
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?
37 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
2 Thank you.

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4 **Austin Grant Requests**

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6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Austin grant requests. So the first one
7 is the Austin Historical Society for \$9,195.

8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And that is for utilities.
9 And I guess since we're going to discuss our overage on our cap,
10 this would put us a little bit over.
11 But I'll make a motion to approve the 9,195 to the Austin Hist-
12 -- Historical Society for utilities.

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll second it.

14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. Moved by Judie and seconded by
15 Art.

16 Any other discussion?

17 (No comment.)

18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Public comment?

19 (No comment.)

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Miteshell, anybody from Austin there?

21 MITESHELL LANHAM: No.

22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Darn. Okay.

23 All in favor?

24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.

29 Okay. And that passes.

30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So just on a curiosity note --

31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm sorry. What?

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I said just on a curiosity note. I
33 don't know about Bryan's little fingers over there on his
34 calculator. I came up 103,967.

35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: On what?

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: In grants.

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You're running it, Cindy. What have you
38 come up with?

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Did I miss something?

40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I have --

1 CINDY BENSON: I came up --
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- a hundred and forty-two --
3 CINDY BENSON: -- with --
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- thousand four hundred and
5 sixty-seven.
6 CINDY BENSON: How much did you come up with?
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: 142,467.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, a couple --
9 CINDY BENSON: Oh.
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- of them aren't --
11 CINDY BENSON: I wasn't counting the ones with the
12 resolutions.
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh, got you. Okay. That's where
14 I'm --
15 CINDY BENSON: So I only --
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- that's where I'm --
17 CINDY BENSON: -- came up --
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- different.
19 CINDY BENSON: -- with --
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
21 CINDY BENSON: -- \$100,467.
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Huh. Pretty close.
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What do you have, Bryan?
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, I was counting the all- --
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. All of it.
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- -inclusive.
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to --
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- know all.
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: 142,467.
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: 142-?
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Uh-huh.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That last grouping was almost a hundred
34 thousand by itself.
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's why.
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So if we bump it up to 200,000, we'd
38 be in good shape. And we'd have the money.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Or if you break it. Yeah. Either way you
40 do it.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We have the money.
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So we -- we're going to put that on the
3 agenda, then?
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think one of the other things to
7 encourage, though, is I'm not sure each requestee if they're
8 able to get -- get other kind of grants.
9 But try and -- try and, you know, get them to, you know, push
10 them a little bit to try and get other -- other grants from
11 other --
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, and I --
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- entities.
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- kind of thought what was the
15 reason why we did the list was to kind of encourage them to do
16 that, you know.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right. Yeah.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Lander County is continuing with
19 Number 4.
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1 4) Discussion and possible action. During this year's budget
 2 process, the tax rates changed by 0.0020, reducing the Youth
 3 Services rate to 0.0009 and increasing the General Fund to
 4 1.2670. This year's assessed valuation of 647,891,230 for
 5 Lander County will generate \$12,467,371 compared to last
 6 year's total of \$12,429,356 up 38,015 or 0.0306 percent,
 7 excluding the hospital and the school district.

| Tax Rates For | FY '18/ '19 | FY '19/'20 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund | 1.2650 | 1.2670 |
| Road & Bridge | 0.1909 | 0.1909 |
| Indigent | 0.0755 | 0.0755 |
| Ag Extension | 0.0150 | 0.0150 |
| Aged Services | 0.0850 | 0.0850 |
| Airport | 0.0400 | 0.0400 |
| Culture & Rec | 0.0895 | 0.0895 |
| Subtotal: | 1.7609 | 1.7629 |
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| Youth Services | 0.0029 | 0.0009 |
| State Indigent (NACO) | 0.0150 | 0.0150 |
| State Medical Indigent | 0.0655 | 0.0655 |
| Capital Acquisitions | 0.0300 | 0.0300 |
| Override Rate: | 0.1134 | 0.1114 |
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| L. C. Landfill: | 0.0500 | 0.0500 |
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| COMBINED RATE: | 1.9243 | 1.9243 |

25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Discussion and possible action. During
 26 this year's budget process, the tax rates changed by .0020,
 27 reducing the Youth Services rate to .0009 and increasing the
 28 General Fund to 1.2670. This year's assessed valuation of
 29 \$647,891,230 for Lander County will generate \$12,467,371
 30 compared to last year's total of \$12,429,356, which is up
 31 \$38,015 or .0306 percent, excluding the hospital and the school
 32 district.

33 CINDY BENSON: So in this, I was just changing from the
 34 Youth Services, we have been taking out .0029 on our taxes that
 35 we receive to go towards the Youth Services. And on our levy
 36 it -- we only have to do zero -- .0009.
 37 So I was taking the .0020 from there and moving it up into the
 38 General Fund.

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So I need to read into the record
 40 the tax rates.

1 Tax rates for fiscal year '18/'19 will be read first and then
2 fiscal year '19/'20 will be read second.
3 General Fund, 1.2650, which is now 1.2670.
4 Road and Bridge, .1909. That stays the same at .1909.
5 Indigent, .0755. Stays the same at .0755
6 Ag Extension, .0150. Stays the same at .0150.
7 Aged Services, .850 [verbatim]. Stays the same at .850
8 [verbatim].
9 Airport, .0400. The same at .0400.
10 And Culture and Rec, the same as .0895. And .0895.
11 Subtotal, 1.7609. And the new one is 1.7629.
12 Youth Services, .0029, now will be .0009.
13 State Indigent, which is paid to NACO at .0150. Stays the
14 same at .0150.
15 State Medical Indigent -- Indigent, .0655. The same at .0655.
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17 (Commissioner Ancho left commissioner chambers.)
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19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And Capital Acquisitions, .0300. The same
20 at .0300.
21 Override rate, .1134 will now change to .1114.
22 Tax rates for fiscal year '18/'19.
23 Lander County Landfill, .0500. Stays the same for fiscal year
24 '19/'20 at .0500.
25 Combined rate is 1.9243. And that stays the same at 1.9243.
26 Departmental information and requests.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Patsy?
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Do we need a motion to accept that?
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: The tax rate?
31 CINDY BENSON: I believe we do.
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes, yes.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I will --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- I will make a motion that we accept
36 the tax rate changes as listed.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: As read --
38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll --
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- into the record.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And read into the record.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you, Judie.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second it.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Motion by Judie to accept the new tax rate
4 and seconded by Bryan.
5 Any other public comment or discussion?
6 (No comment.)
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. Any opposed?
13 (No comment.)
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. And Kathy has stepped out.
15

16 **DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION AND REQUESTS**
17

- 18 5) a) All departments were affected by a 15 percent increase
19 to medical coverage because of unknown premium increases,
20 which could possibly change again before the final budget;
21 b) Payroll increased 2 percent for CPI and 2 percent for
22 step-and-grade promotions for all full-time employees;
23 c) Longevity bonuses, if approved, the total cost would
24 be \$107,000.00.
25

26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Move on to Agenda Item Number 5.
27 A) All departments were affected by a 15 percent increase to
28 medical coverage because of unknown premium increases, which
29 could possibly change again before the final budget.
30 Number B, payroll increased 2 percent for CPI and 2 percent for
31 step-and-grade promotions for all full-time employees.
32 And Number C, longevity bonuses. If approved, the total cost
33 would be \$107,000.

34 CINDY BENSON: This is where I would also like to include
35 the PERS contribution rates that increased.
36 Regular member rates went from 28 percent to 29.25. Police
37 member rates went from 40.5 to 42.5. And volunteer fire
38 members' rates stayed the same.
39 But this won't take effect till July 1.

40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Looking at July 1, then we need to

1 go ahead and -- and at -- at least start with approving the
2 15 percent increases you have put into the budget; right?

3 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.

4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And the -- the 4 percent. Okay.
5 So the question then is, we're accepting that, longevity
6 bonuses, which are projected everywhere along and what your
7 feelings are about giving bonuses along with the rest?

8 CINDY BENSON: So my question is were -- that was not a
9 mandated agreement in the bargaining.

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't hear you.

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That was not mandated in the
12 bargaining.

13 KEITH WESTENGARD: No, it was --

14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.

15 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- not.

16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It was not.

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: It was --

18 CINDY BENSON: No.

19 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- specifically left out because it was
20 agreed last year that it would be reviewed on a year-by-year
21 basis by the current commission.

22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I think with the extra amount that we did
23 on the insurance that that covers a lot of -- of our employees
24 as an extra bonus. I -- I'd look at it that way. But --
25 And with the 4 percent, which is normal, we're still getting
26 that. So I'm personally not in favor of the bonuses.

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, one thing that came about last
28 year, it was supposed to be either/or -- and the merit increase
29 or the bonuses. And so it got included as.
30 So I'll make motion that we do not include the longevity bonuses
31 this year.

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You want to just make it one inclusive
33 motion to approve A and B and not C, then?

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yes. I'll make a motion to approve A
35 and B as read into the record.

36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: And can I ask -- ask a question or do
37 we have to wait for the second?

38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You can ask a question any --

39 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I have a --

40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- time.

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- question. So does that -- like
2 other contracts -- for example, the sheriff's office -- that
3 doesn't include them because they are under their own contract;
4 correct?

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: No. So this has nothing to do with --
6 with -- I'm sorry, Cindy, do you want to --

7 CINDY BENSON: I just wanted to stipulate that on B for the
8 2 percent and the 2 percent step and grade that is in our union
9 contracts.

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: The bonus part is.

12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Long- -- longevity --

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'm asking --

14 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- is --

15 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.

16 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- is not in any budget, any of them.

17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: But the bonus part?

19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Is that --

21 KEITH WESTENGARD: The longevity bonus is not --

22 CINDY BENSON: This is -- this is -- does --

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.

24 CINDY BENSON: -- not include the bonuses that the
25 sheriff's office --

26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.

27 CINDY BENSON: -- gets for their incentives for --

28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.

29 KEITH WESTENGARD: That's a different --

30 CINDY BENSON: -- bilingual --

31 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- different --

32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.

33 CINDY BENSON: -- and all that.

34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: All right. Very good.

35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I guess I -- I'd like to further
36 comment on that was, like I said last year, it was supposed to
37 be either/or -- a merit increase or a longevity bonus.
38 And it didn't get taken out that way. The motion got made to
39 include both.
40 And as stated, we do have the -- the merit increases is

1 mandatory or in the contract; correct?
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So basically the collective bargaining
4 have -- have put in there that the mer- -- the merit increase
5 will be as long as the contract goes.
6 So, you know, it was supposed to be either/or. And I'm not
7 opposed to bonuses, but when you're getting your cost-of-living
8 increase and your merit increase and whatnot, is we do have to
9 look at payroll and slow things down a little bit.
10 And that's why I -- I was kind of opposed to this -- longevity
11 this year. If that makes sense.
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So is there a motion on the floor?
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I made a --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: A second?
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- motion.
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. It has been moved by Judie that we
18 approve the 15 percent increase for medical coverage and the 4
19 percent CPI and -- and step-and-grade promotion total, but not
20 the longevity bonuses. It was seconded by Bryan.
21 Any other discussion?
22 (No comment.)
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?
24 (No comment.)
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. And that passes.
32 And Cindy had asked me about the budget workshop notes to
33 actually put in the record. But we read this in first thing
34 this morning. So I don't --
35 CINDY BENSON: All except --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- need to --
37 CINDY BENSON: -- for the --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- do any --
39 CINDY BENSON: -- PERS.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- of that; right?

1 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We're cool. Okay.
3 CINDY BENSON: We're good there.
4
5 **6) COMMISSION: Discussion and possible action.**
6 **a) An increase to operations of \$44,500.00;**
7 **1) Dues and subscriptions increased \$17,500. for**
8 **rate changes, Service and Supplies increased \$6,000.00**
9 **to cover extra costs, Travel and Training increased**
10 **\$21,000.00 for NACO activities and travel**
11 **expenditures;**
12 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**
13
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Then we move to Number 6 under our
15 Commission.
16 Discussion and possible action and increase to operations of --
17 that's a point so it's 44,500.
18 CINDY BENSON: I would like to take some out of order if we
19 could.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We're already on this one, though. Can --
21 CINDY BENSON: Yeah. After --
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- you --
23 CINDY BENSON: -- this one.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Do you want to take this one out of order?
25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No, after this --
26 CINDY BENSON: No.
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- one.
28 CINDY BENSON: After this one.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, after --
30 CINDY BENSON: I was --
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- this one.
32 CINDY BENSON: -- just thinking, the only people that I
33 have with scheduling is the -- all of the judges. And I do have
34 Denise here this morning. So we could get hers out of the way
35 because they have such a busy schedule.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. I'm still confused. Do you want me
37 to -- do you want me to wait on Number 6?
38 CINDY BENSON: No. Go ahead and do Number --
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Go ahead with --
40 CINDY BENSON: -- 6.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- Number 6?
2 CINDY BENSON: And then --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And then you want to take one out of
4 order?
5 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Got --
7 CINDY BENSON: Then --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it.
9 Okay. I'll finish Number 6.
10 Okay.
11 CINDY BENSON: Okay.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Number 1 under Number 6, Dues and
13 Subscriptions increased \$17,500 for rate changes.
14 Service and Supplies, increased \$6,000 to cover extra costs.
15 Travel and Training increased 21,000 for NACO activities and
16 travel expenditures.
17 Okay. So under our commission one -- okay -- operations is
18 okay. And it looks so -- so hard with Dues and Subscriptions,
19 you're going, wow. But we do belong to a lot of associations.
20 So our dues have increased there.
21 The Travel and Training is mostly for a couple things. Number
22 one, we're doing a lot of -- of traveling and -- and covering
23 our -- our different activities very well for the boards that we
24 sit on.
25 Also the fact that there'll be a national convention for NACO
26 and we're expecting that most all of us will be able to attend
27 that because that will be in Clark County this year. So that's
28 added.
29 And also we were adding some additional for NACO for the annual
30 meeting, which would actually help with the president's
31 reception and dinner.
32 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So we're raising that one.
34 I'll also note for the record that we have never hosted in our
35 county a NACO annual meeting before. And hopefully at some
36 point we will when we get enough -- enough of our -- our motels
37 and -- that can hold everything.
38 But some of the smaller counties go in together and host it. So
39 this cost is quite expensive to counties even that share it. So
40 this is a very small amount that we are doing and kind of

1 stepping up to -- to put in that we have not done before.
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I have a couple comments.
3 As we go through these -- each department -- I've been kind of
4 looking through the last three years on what's budgeted and
5 what's actually been used. So I'm going to be commenting on --
6 on totals that, you know, you're not use a lot of. I don't know
7 why you need to keep them. We can probably drop some of those.
8 That's just a fair warning to everybody.
9 CINDY BENSON: Okay.
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I guess on this one, when you're
11 adding \$21,000 to the Travel and Training budget, which
12 basically that's a -- that's a one-time thing that we're only
13 going to be hosting the NACO dinner one time. Do we really -- I
14 mean, add it to the Travel and Training or can we just take it
15 out of something else? Because next year, I want to make sure
16 that we take it off.
17 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Because we add it to --
19 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that budget --
21 CINDY BENSON: And I have a note.
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- line item.
23 CINDY BENSON: And I have note next to it so that next year
24 we take it off.
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So long as -- as that's the
26 case --
27 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- because I don't want to be adding,
29 you know --
30 CINDY BENSON: Through here. Yeah.
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to one -- one event to a line item
32 and then have to remember to take it off.
33 So with my first comment being, I'm looking at Telephone and
34 Fax. We've got \$10,000 budgeted in that. I'm -- I'm taking
35 figures based on basically at the half year. So this is December.
36 We've used 16 percent of that.
37 I really sit here and think that -- that some of these items
38 that we don't use --
39 CINDY BENSON: We could cut.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- we could cut.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: On the Dues and Subscriptions, it's
2 probably just been customary we just every year we approve it
3 and we pay it. Whoever has really sat down and looked at the
4 efficiency of what we're subscribing to? And -- and are they
5 representing us properly? And is -- or do we do that?
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Actually, that --
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We get our --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that -- that --
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- bang for --
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- becomes --
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- the buck.
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. Do we get our bang for the
13 buck? Yeah.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That comes before us before we
15 automatically renew most all --
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- of them.
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But, yes, excellent idea. But we do.
20 Because a lot of times we come in and decide whether we want to
21 continue with that association or not --
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- and what they're doing. So it's not an
24 automatic.
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And -- and as far as that one goes,
26 the -- the increase in it, we are -- well, December 31st, which
27 is what I'm taking these numbers are -- at 60 percent -- 67
28 percent of that. So, I mean, we definitely do use that one.
29 And --
30 So I guess I'm curious if anybody has any suggestions on cutting
31 the Telephone and Fax budget?
32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well, did you say 16 percent is what
33 we're at?
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We have used 16 percent of the budget
35 so far. So basically --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm sorry, --
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it's --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- Judie. I can't hear you.
39 (Indiscernible.)
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It's budgeted at \$10,000. And year to

1 date effective December 31st, we've paid \$680 out of 10,000.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Is the reason it's 10,000 just -- is
3 it just kind of just rolled every year -- ten, ten, ten -- and
4 we've never really taken a look at what is the actual cost?
5 CINDY BENSON: It increased when we moved into the building
6 because we had a lot of extra costs.
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Hm.
8 CINDY BENSON: And our -- our AT&T long distance bills were
9 quite extensive.
10 Now we're with AT&T One Net, and it's a lot cheaper. So I guess
11 that's the de- -- decrease.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --
13 CINDY BENSON: And it's just not been reduced.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Do you think five would be sufficient?
15 CINDY BENSON: If we're only at 16 percent, yes.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I'll make a motion that we approve
17 the increase in operations for the commissioners in the amount
18 of \$44,500. And we decrease the line item 53930, Telephone and
19 Fax, in the amount of 5,000 to make it \$5,000.
20 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Judie made the motion. Kathy
22 seconded that.
23 Any other discussion?
24 (No comment.)
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So that's just the operations
26 expenses; right?
27 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Not the Dues and Subscriptions; right?
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That's in -- that's everything.
30 That's this whole 17,5- for Dues and Subscription, 6,000 for --
31 to Service and Supplies, 21,000 for Travel and Training.
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. It's everything.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It's encompassed in one lump --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- sum.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And one. Everything under Number 6.
37 Okay.
38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So Dues and --
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right
40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- Subscriptions. Just to point out,

1 it's not 17,5-. It increased 17,5-. It's actually --
2 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: It was fixed --
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.
5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- right? Correct?
6 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Uh-huh.
7 CINDY BENSON: It's 55,000.
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: 55,000. Right?
9 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
12 Any other discussion? Public comment?
13 (No comment.)
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?
15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
20 Okay. Thank you.
21 Now you want to take something out of order; right?
22 CINDY BENSON: Yes. Sorry.
23 I would like to jump to -- on Number 23 for Argenta Justice
24 Court.
25 SADIE SULLIVAN: Page 9.
26 CINDY BENSON: There is a mistake on the agenda.
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: What did you say Cindy?
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Twenty-three.
29 CINDY BENSON: There is a mistake on the -- the --
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh.
31 CINDY BENSON: -- agenda.
32 On the Service and Supplies, they decreased instead of increased
33 the \$1500.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Cindy, wait till I read it in the record.
35 CINDY BENSON: Okay. I'm sorry.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's okay. Thank you. I'm still
37 digging --
38 CINDY BENSON: Oh.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- out 23 here for us.
40 CINDY BENSON: Sorry.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: Twenty-four -- or three.
2
3 **23) ARGENTA JUSTICE COURT: Discussion and possible action.**
4 **a) Operations decreased \$20,500.00.**
5 **1) Drug Court Service and Supplies moved to Fund 284,**
6 **decreasing budget by \$25,000, Travel and Training**
7 **increased \$3,000.00, and Service and Supplies**
8 **increased \$1,500.00;**
9 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**
10
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Argenta Justice Court. Discussion
12 and possible action.
13 Operations --
14 A) Operations decreased \$20,500.
15 Number one, Drug Court Service and Supplies moved to Fund 284,
16 decreasing budget by \$25,000.
17 Travel and Training increase \$3,000.
18 And Service and Supplies increased to \$1,500,
19 And all other matters properly related thereto.
20 Okay. Thank you.
21 CINDY BENSON: Okay. So operations decreased 234,500. And
22 the Supplies -- Service and Supplies is not an increase. It's a
23 decrease of \$1500.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Got it.
25 Has everybody found theirs okay? Are you all on the right page?
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I was missing a page on my --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: On your agenda?
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- on my agenda. I didn't have --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- four and five.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You're on -- the one we're --
32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It's page --
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: The one --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- at --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: here. I got --
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Huh?
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- this 23.
38 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: (Indiscernible.)
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. The one we're at --
40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Right here.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- right now is 001023.
2 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'm (indiscernible).
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: In your book. Zero, zero, one, --
4 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It's this one.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- zero, --
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Huh?
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- two, three.
8 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It's this one.
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: (Indiscernible.)
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: One more.
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Denise, I just want to -- no biggy,
12 but in your breakdown, you had 53075 for DUI defense
13 evaluations. That's actually 53095. Just a little typo.
14 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Oh. Okay.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I loved the note that she put under
16 Service and Supplies because it decreased. The reason for the
17 difference was fiscal competence.
18 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: I didn't know how to word that.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I thought it was great.
20 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: I'm trying to be fiscally
21 responsible a little bit, because I did ask for an increase in
22 the Travel and Training.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: The only --
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Understandable.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- question I had, Judge, was on the
26 overtime.
27 CINDY BENSON: I didn't give you that.
28 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Sorry. I don't have this page.
29 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You're anticipating overtime when you
31 bring your employees in -- what? -- after hours? Or --
32 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: We do have overtime. It's just
33 usually we give comp time. But we work two Saturdays. Every
34 year we work two Saturdays for the (indiscernible) panel.
35 And on top of that, of course, I'm on call 24/7 365 days out of
36 the year. If I get called in for a search warrant or a
37 temporary protective order in the middle of the night, sometimes
38 my clerks also need to be there. So that's why that's in there.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Got it.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So, Denise, I have a question that --

1 something that came through payment of the bills was to -- to
2 pay on a contract while you were out of town or something, --
3 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Yes.
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- someone to cover?
5 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Yes.
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And you -- it's standby?
7 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Well, he's a senior judge.
8 We have quite a bit of money put away for judge pro tems and for
9 Travel and Training, especially right now because I am a new
10 judge.
11 And there's school in January, which I already did, which I did
12 not have a pro tem for that because my pro tem was also with me
13 at school, which is Judge Bunch. So he's my judge pro tem. And
14 he is -- he's a senior judge.
15 I also have to call in other senior judges from out of town if
16 there's a conflict for myself or for Judge Bunch, which I just
17 had to do this weekend.
18 So judge pro tems -- I can't always do cases. I can't always be
19 here. If I can't be reachable by phone, which is what happened
20 on this trip -- it was my 32nd wedding anniversary. I was in
21 the Dominican Republic. And I was not able to be reached by
22 phone. And that was set up last year.
23 So there will always be -- if -- if I can't be -- and I am most
24 of the time, except for when I take vacations, which I will
25 continue to do.
26 I've worked for the county for 27 years. We all need vacations.
27 We all need breaks. And I have a husband who likes to travel
28 every now and then with his wife. That is not going to stop.
29 So I do need a judge if I'm unavailable by phone, which is two,
30 three times a year for a few days.
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So what -- where does that money come
32 from?
33 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: It comes from our line for -- and
34 Cindy would have to tell you exactly which line in the fund
35 because I don't know.
36 But we actually have it under -- where is it? -- it's judge
37 pro tems. It might not be on here. But I have it on -- I have it
38 on mine, which I don't --
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Well, I'm kind of curious. I'd
40 like to know which line item it's under.

1 CINDY BENSON: I --
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I don't see --
3 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: If you hang on, I can go grab mine.
4 And -- and -- I wasn't expected to be called this morning
5 because I'm supposed --
6 CINDY BENSON: I'm sorry.
7 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- to be in court. So my court got
8 done earlier.
9 But if you don't mind, I can actually just run right here and
10 have one of them bring it down to me.
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Would you be able to pick it off this?
12 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: I have it broke down on my board
13 differently than what you guys have.
14 Let's see. It's broke down even further on --
15 (Indiscernible.)
16 If you don't mind, I can have them run it down here real quick.
17 Do you mind?
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.
19 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Just one second?
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So when -- counselor --
21 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: I just need to call my office real
22 quick.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Ted, would we do -- when we start doing
24 these for the departments, how are we going -- how do you want
25 the motion made? That we just approve the budget as presented?
26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The tentative budget. Yeah.
27 You put the word "tentative."
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: The tenta- -- yeah. The tentative budget.
29 But I'm saying, do you want us to do it all in one motion for --
30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You --
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- the tentative budget? Not --
32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Since --
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- individually?
34 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- it's a tentative budget, I
35 think that would be all right.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Because individually when we have
37 them in our books, it also includes the bonuses, which we did
38 not approve.
39 So --
40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we can't be quoting them out is what --

2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- I'm saying. So --

4 Okay. So we'll just wait after we finish discussing these --

5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.

6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- areas. And then we can do one for just
7 general; right?

8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yep.

9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. With that, then we can wait for her
10 to come back; right?

11 We can go on is what I'm saying. And then -- because we
12 don't have to do a motion or anything. Then she'll come back and
13 answer your question; right?

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Whatever you want.

15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Well, let's do that.

16 We'll move over to Number 7 on the Clerk.

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18 **7) CLERK: Discussion and possible action:**

19 **a) An increase to Salaries and Wages and Benefits up to**
20 **\$85,000.00, and an increase to Operations of \$33,000.00:**

21 **1) Requesting to hire a full-time elections clerk or**
22 **change the part-time archives records position into a**
23 **full-time position to do both elections and archives**
24 **records duties;**

25 **2) Maintenance/Contract Agreement increased due to**
26 **increasing costs;**

27 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**

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30 increase to Salaries and Wages and Benefits up to \$85,000, and
31 an increase to operations of \$33,000.

32 Number one. Requesting to hire a full-time elections clerk or
33 change the part-time archives records position into a full-time
34 position to do both elections and archives records duties.

35 Number 2. Maintenance, Contract, and Agreement increased due
36 to increasing costs.

37 Good morning, Sadie.

38 SADIE SULLIVAN: Good morning.

39 Sadie Sullivan, for the record.

40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh. And all other matters --

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: (Indiscernible.)
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- properly related thereto.
3 Excuse me.
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It is two.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So which is your recommendation? The
6 full-time? Or --
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I have a question.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- change to part-time?
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have question before we get started.
10 Sadie, did you lose Judge Jim's work? You're not doing that
11 anymore?
12 SADIE SULLIVAN: Correct.
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So how -- what percent of your
14 workload's been decreased? 20, 30, 50, 70, 80?
15 SADIE SULLIVAN: What's been decreased is actually
16 increasing for our elections. Or even back when I probably
17 should have asked for an employee at that time to increase and
18 felt like I could hang in there and do it, whatever have you.
19 So, yes, there's a decrease.
20 I don't have a percentage for you as far as the courts.
21 But there are several things with the new system for all the
22 elections, all the systems that are taking the place of ADS that
23 there's those type of things.
24 So I don't have a percentage for you at this time.
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: But it's been pretty hefty?
26 SADIE SULLIVAN: It's been --
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
28 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- kind of crazy.
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Pretty hefty. Yeah. That's --
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: All --
31 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah. It's --
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- what --
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Can we --
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- I thought.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Since we haven't really started much,
36 can we go back to Denise?
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So what is your recommendation? The
38 part-time to full-time? Or --
39 SADIE SULLIVAN: I would -- in order to have things run
40 properly and smoothly and efficiently, legally, everything, a

1 full-time would be the best fit for the office.
2 I do have people that have been missing appointments, haven't
3 been able to schedule because we're short. I have not been able
4 to go to a NACO meeting in the eight years that I've been here
5 because I have not had the proper coverage, whether courts,
6 commissioners, whatever's going on.
7 I've gone to one last day of CFOA.
8 Those are things that I feel are important for the county but
9 are not mandatory.
10 So with staffing to be able to have the proper coverage for --
11 you know, whether it's vacations, you know, medical leave for
12 them to be able to do their everyday -- not everyday, but annual
13 things, it's been very tough.
14 So, of course, I would prefer and it would work really well.
15 But I don't want be --
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many employees --
17 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- a beggar.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- do you have?
19 SADIE SULLIVAN: Pardon me?
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many employees do you --
21 SADIE SULLIVAN: Two --
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- have?
23 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- and a half.
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Two and a half?
25 SADIE SULLIVAN: Currently. Correct.
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many part-times?
27 SADIE SULLIVAN: The half? The part-time. So I have two
28 full-times and one part-time.
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So you have three employees?
30 SADIE SULLIVAN: Correct. And I have never asked for --
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And how are your halftime employees
32 paid?
33 SADIE SULLIVAN: They have 19 1/2 hours a week. So there's
34 no benefits for them.
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: They're paid through the county?
36 SADIE SULLIVAN: Correct. Yeah. And --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
38 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- then what happens is during election
39 time when I hire them on, I ask them if they can adjust that 19
40 1/2 hours a week to where --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Uh-huh.

2 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- at times they're working two full
3 months -- two to three full-time for those months. And then I
4 have to adjust it later on in the year. So then that causes me
5 to be short on staff at that time. Because then I can't go over
6 the thousand ninety-six?

7 CINDY BENSON: Yeah. It's a thousand thirty-nine.

8 SADIE SULLIVAN: Thousand thirty-nine in a fiscal year.
9 So I'm shuffling that part-time person.

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, if you lose a percentage of your
11 workload, all you need to do is adjust your employees to do
12 other things.
13 And I -- I just don't see the need for more money when you lost
14 a large percentage of your work.

15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Is that -- is that Account 53560
16 Maintenance/Contract/Agreement of 60,000?

17 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah. So on that, for the maintenance, I
18 was paying the transcriptionist out of my maintenance and
19 contract. And Keith has picked that up.
20 And then I have a breakdown in the packet that provides to show
21 that -- that 33,000. So my only increase that I'm asking for in
22 that portion of it is because it's all mandatory.
23 So --

24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So but -- so you op- -- last year you
25 operated on 27,000. And now you're asking for 60,000 this year?
26 Is that correct?
27 I'm just trying to see why it's such a significant change there.

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. That's my --

29 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay.

30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- concern.

31 SADIE SULLIVAN: So --

32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: With less work, you want more money.

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and, Sadie, also, back to
34 six-month expenses, that Maintenance/Contract/Agreement
35 December 31st, you used 9 percent of it.

36 SADIE SULLIVAN: Right. So on this page here -- and the
37 reason why there's not as much being taken out of it -- because
38 Keith has taken over paying Tiffany through -- our
39 transcriptionist -- through the maintenance and contract.
40 And then on this page here that should be in your packet, it

1 breaks down where I'm coming up with the 33-.

2 I don't know. Does that -- can you find -- oh, right there.

3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: For the computers, basically.

4 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah. So basically ADS, they'll be here

5 till the end of the year. So I had to keep on a portion for

6 them. Precision Document, that's for our scanning system.

7 VOTEC is -- is our actual company that has our election

8 machines.

9 Dominion Voting is the company -- and it has in our program, our

10 software, that type of thing.

11 OPI is my -- my usual for our copier.

12 DevNet is replacing ADS. So next year I'll be able

13 to lower -- hopefully as long as Devnet doesn't

14 increase. I don't have a rate on Devnet for sure yet.

15 And then ADS will be coming down. So there'll be some shuffling

16 next year because ADS will be gone. And then DevNet

17 will be taking over.

18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So you didn't have those last budget?

19 I just -- I don't -- I'm not -- I guess I'm -- I'm just trying

20 to understand is how we go from 27,000 on that line item to

21 60,000. I mean, these are things that are ongoing needs for the

22 Clerk's Office; correct?

23 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah.

24 So ADS -- ADS was a lesser charge. And I'd have to pull that

25 directly. Dominion also was way less. There's a contract that

26 they have with the state -- through the state for us. That has

27 jumped astronomical.

28 And then same with VOTEC. So a lot of our expense actually

29 is because of the elections and what's the state mandating and

30 what we're required.

31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can you find out how much your

32 workload has been decreased by not doing the Eleventh judicial

33 work for us so that we have a more clear understanding? Can you

34 do that? Quickly?

35 SADIE SULLIVAN: Like for employee-wise?

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

37 SADIE SULLIVAN: I mean -- so I had three full-time and a

38 part-time when I had the courts. And then he took the

39 full-time. And then it dropped me down to the two. So --

40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So well, you told me you had three.

1 You had two?
2 SADIE SULLIVAN: Previous years I had three full-time and a
3 part-time. And the part-time was archives only.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And Judge Jim took one?
5 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yes.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Uh-huh.
7 SADIE SULLIVAN: During budget.
8 And so --
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And who was --
10 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- that --
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- that?
12 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- he could save one --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Who did he take?
14 SADIE SULLIVAN: It was Molly at the time -- during
15 the budget.
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
17 SADIE SULLIVAN: And then he's had a couple others staffed.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So it was 27-. And it's a 33,000
20 increase.
21 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. It's a 33,000 increase that
22 I'm --
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's --
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- questioning.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- because of all the mandated stuff.
26 That's what brought it up to 60- --
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So it's all --
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- for the elections.
29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So that's -- that's mandated? Do we
30 have the statute that mandates it?
31 CINDY BENSON: Yeah. (Indiscernible.)
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. She's got quite a few things --
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Does she?
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that --
35 SADIE SULLIVAN: Oh.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- have gone on it.
37 CINDY BENSON: Okay. So 33-.
38 SADIE SULLIVAN: And that I can -- I can get some more
39 information for you on that if you want to come back to that.
40 Or --

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah, I mean, I just -- if it's
2 mandated, I'd like to read what's -- I'd like to read that,
3 actually.

4 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay. And I can bring the invoicing and
5 everything. Like for --

6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.

7 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- instance --

8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That would make it --

9 SADIE SULLIVAN: Actually --

10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- simpler for me.

11 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- actually for VOTEC, I just had an
12 invoice for 11,000. So in here, I had it down for 10,000. So I
13 can go and get those invoices and show you what's actually --
14 it's all factual that's being paid. That's where I pulled it
15 from. So I'm good with that.

16 If --

17 I mean, it's not going to be quick I could do right at the
18 moment. But later on today or have it to come back tomorrow if
19 that's okay with the board.

20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.

21 SADIE SULLIVAN: Also to address, like, what Judie had
22 spoke of, I had pulled up the revenue and expense for mine.
23 Also, on my elections, I have it -- I have budgeted the 35- and
24 then I also have Advertising at 10-. So, as an example, my
25 publications, I actually -- for the elections for -- for our
26 ballot questions, those I paid out of election to where I could
27 have paid those out of advertising. So there's kind of, you
28 know, it could be paid out of either line item. And then we
29 only get a portion back.

30 So my concern is next year with it being a presidential
31 election, we don't know what type of ballot questions there
32 possibly could be.

33 And so with that being stated, our -- our ballot questions
34 average anywhere between 10,000 and 16,000. They have to be ran
35 three times. So it just -- it varies. And it depends on how
36 long they are.

37 So my big concern, basically, is to make sure that we have the
38 proper coverage for the elections. And whatever -- whatever I
39 don't spend, you know, it definitely goes back to the General
40 and not for the one that --

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, one of the -- I -- I see that.
2 Because this year you used 80 percent -- or 88 percent on your
3 elections.
4 And in -- with the presidential election coming up next year,
5 I'm sure you're going to use more.
6 You did decrease your advertising. So that kind of was a wash.
7 Is --
8 SADIE SULLIVAN: Right. I did bring that down and bumped
9 it to --
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is as long as, you know, you have
11 the presidential election, you come back next year with your
12 budgets and --
13 SADIE SULLIVAN: And bring it down.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- and bring it down again.
15 SADIE SULLIVAN: Uh-huh.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: One of the other questions -- now I
17 know you did the county code this book -- this year is you've
18 got 5,000 for the county code.
19 SADIE SULLIVAN: Correct. And that's kind of been hit and
20 miss. So that's something I could bring down. And it just
21 varies on -- and that's something that I've just kept the same
22 since I've came on. So if I haven't used it, it all goes back.
23 But, I mean -- I --
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I understand --
25 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- can bring --
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it all --
27 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- it down.
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- goes back. And -- and --
29 SADIE SULLIVAN: Right.
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- I know --
31 SADIE SULLIVAN: And I could --
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that.
33 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- totally bring --
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I just --
35 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- it down.
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I would like to see these budgets --
37 if you're not using it, instead of giving it back, I want it --
38 want it taken off of the budget.
39 SADIE SULLIVAN: Right.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So do you know -- you did the county

1 code books this -- this year.

2 SADIE SULLIVAN: We repl- -- let's see. I got -- oh,
3 you're talking county code. I was thinking -- yeah. I got one
4 for Cindy. Didn't you get one as --

5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I got one.

6 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- well. Or sorry, Kathy. Kathy. Bryan.

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, do you have any idea how much it
8 cost?

9 SADIE SULLIVAN: Not off the top of my head.

10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. And that's the question is, is
11 -- is --

12 SADIE SULLIVAN: And I --

13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- I know --

14 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- think I may --

15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- you did them.

16 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- have covered that under Service and
17 Supplies. Or did I have you --

18 KEITH WESTENGARD: I paid for it.

19 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay. So Keith paid for it.
20 So some of those things that used to always be under the
21 commissioners, Keith has picked up.
22 So I can totally bring the county code budget down because Keith
23 is picking up those differences to where in the years past the
24 c- -- the clerk has always covered all those to where Keith is
25 picking up quite a bit that is your portion.

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Do -- do you want to just take that
27 line item out? Or decrease it down?

28 SADIE SULLIVAN: If I could decrease it down just so --
29 very minimal -- so when I have to update our portion. On
30 Keith's, what he'll do is he'll do any commissioners, the
31 commissioner chamber, and whomever else he normally does. So he
32 may have to increase his.

33 CINDY BENSON: Okay.

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So if we drop down to, say, a thousand
35 is that reasonable?

36 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah.

37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Do we want to make a motion now?
38 Or -- or if Sadie comes back with any further information?

39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'd like -- yeah, I'd like to see the
40 mandates.

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
2 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. We'll wait till after lunch for
4 that, then.
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Can we go back to Denise?
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You want to bring Denise --
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Denise here?
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- back?
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. I'm going to -- I'm going to have
10 Denise come back up. I'm going to open up Number 23 so she can
11 answer your --
12 SADIE SULLIVAN: Patsy?
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- question.
14 SADIE SULLIVAN: Patsy, real quick. Before you open that
15 back up, just to let you know, some of the things -- just so you
16 have knowledge of this -- for the ABs or SBs that are going
17 through for the elections, currently that are at the legislature
18 level.
19 I have an AB 70, which is open meeting, which is for you -- for
20 any open meeting. So I have other boards and then also for you
21 guys, I have SB 123, which is election day registration that
22 will be that for staffing I will have to have two additional
23 people at early vote because they can do same day. So during my
24 two weeks of early vote, my staffing goes up for that.
25 I have an AB 139.
26 I have a BDR that's the presidential preference primary.
27 They're thinking that that may not go through. It's something
28 that they brought through the legislature last year -- or
29 last -- two years ago.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Two.
31 SADIE SULLIVAN: So they are looking at -- and this is just
32 for your information -- in the future -- that they would like to
33 do a separate election for presidential. So it's only for
34 presidential portion.
35 So that would be an expense for the county.
36 I have a BDR 24-970.
37 I have an SB 118, SB 107.
38 I have an SB 122.
39 I'm going to have an AB 137, which is same day.
40 And then I have an AB 186 and AB 259.

1 And they are looking at extending also early vote. So they're
2 looking at possibly having us work on Sundays.
3 So I'll have staffing --
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Are you okay --
5 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- that --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- with that?
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Hm?
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We're not okay with that. But that's --
9 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah. So my election, just so you know,
10 --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
12 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- that portion is where I'm hiring out
13 for 1099s when think my staff isn't able to work over there or
14 to have that coverage. So it's --
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
16 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- a little bit scary.
17 So just to kind of give you a heads up on that as --
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
19 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- well.
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Thanks, --
21 SADIE SULLIVAN: Thank --
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- Sadie.
23 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- you.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So you want -- you want it in the motion
25 before we break?
26 Are you -- you all comfortable?
27 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: (Indiscernible.)
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Huh?
29 SADIE SULLIVAN: And we're -- I'm bringing it back;
30 correct?
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yes.
32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yes.
33 SADIE SULLIVAN: All the --
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
35 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- information.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I would recommend that it just
37 table for now until she brings back the stuff that Commissioner
38 --
39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Absolutely.
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- Sparks was looking for.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We'll do it --
4 SADIE SULLIVAN: I'd --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- first --
6 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- be comfortable --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- thing after --
8 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- with that.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- lunch.
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Can you have it that quick, Sadie?
13 Or --
14 SADIE SULLIVAN: I'm -- I'll try to get it first thing
15 after lunch.
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: Or -- or maybe first thing in the
17 morning. Because I know Judge Shirley will be here, I believe,
18 at 10:00 is his -- his --
19 SADIE SULLIVAN: So --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
21 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- I'll see what I can do.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, no, that's all right. I mean, we --
23 we can go on. You don't have to. But I --
24 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- I thought you were just going to get it
26 and come back.
27 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah, I'll --
28 CINDY BENSON: Let me see what --
29 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's okay.
31 SADIE SULLIVAN: I'll --
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: For --
33 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- I can --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- right --
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- do it any --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- now --
37 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- time this afternoon. I'll
38 stay --
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- for right now --
40 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- during my --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we'll just --
2 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- lunch hour --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- hold it --
4 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- and do it.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- for Number 7. Okay.
6 SADIE SULLIVAN: Thank you.
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Thanks, Sadie.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And I'm going to open up 23 again, our
9 district court.

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11 **23) ARGENTA JUSTICE COURT: Discussion and possible action.**
12 **a) Operations decreased \$20,500.00.**
13 **1) Drug Court Service and Supplies moved to Fund 284,**
14 **decreasing budget by \$25,000, Travel and Training**
15 **increased \$3,000.00, and Service and Supplies**
16 **increased \$1,500.00;**
17 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**

18
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And Judge Denise had something she wanted
20 to bring back for Judie.

21 CINDY BENSON: Oh, cool.
22 Yes. Okay. It's in her Travel and Training line for the judge
23 pro t- --

24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

25 CINDY BENSON: -- pro tem.

26 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: And -- and --

27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Travel --

28 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- that's what --

29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- and Training?

30 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- I stated a little bit ago is
31 that -- that my judge pro tem and my Travel and Training were in
32 the same line. I just wasn't sure which line it was in.

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So that is part of Travel and
34 Training. And --

35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So basically no changes to her
36 department; right?

37 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: No. Big change in --

38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah, they --

39 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- my department.

40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: She's --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No. No, --
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- had --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- I meant no changes for us over what we
4 have here.
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. She's -- well Service and Supply
6 is decreasing.
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Uh-huh.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And -- which actually it was 1150
9 going down to 10. That's not -- yeah. That's good because she
10 would be at 38 percent, half a year. Well, you didn't, but --
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And then that pr- --
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That was on the user.
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- that pro tem --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, what I meant was we didn't change
15 anything.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That -- that's what I'm saying.
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Is that -- so if I understood you
19 correct, Denise, that pro tem -- the pro tem -- right? -- will
20 decrease as you become more trained? Is -- did I hear you
21 right? Because a lot of this happens because you're not allowed
22 right now or something --
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- because --
25 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: No.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- of the training?
28 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: No, no --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, no.
30 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- no, no, no. No.
31 Judge pro tem is mainly for if I am unavailable by phone --
32 okay? -- which will happen every now and then if -- if I'm on
33 vacation.
34 I have to go to school. It's -- it's the law.
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
36 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: I have to go to school twice a year.
37 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
38 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: This year I actually have to -- I'm
39 gone almost the entire month of June. And that's set by
40 statute. I'm gone --

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Got you.
2 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- almost the whole --
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I got --
4 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- month --
5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- you.
6 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- of June. So I'll have to have
7 judge pro tem. And a lot of it I can do by phone. It's when
8 I'm not available by phone.
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Got you.
10 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: I'm not available by phone when I'm
11 in school. Most of the time I can't just get up out of school
12 and -- and take a phone call.
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
14 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: It's at the judicial college. They
15 kind --
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
17 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- of frown on that.
18 Or I get a case where it is a conflict.
19 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
20 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Like it is my county commissioner's
21 child is sitting in jail. Could that be a conflict --
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
23 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- for a Argenta Justice Court
24 judge?
25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And then what is the breakdown for
26 that line? For the pro tem? Because I don't see it.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It's at 20- -- oh, Travel and Training
28 is at 12 --
29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Twelve?
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- thousand.
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Twelve. And that includes the --
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Uh-huh.
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- judge pro tem --
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And she's --
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- in an --
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- increasing --
37 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- amount --
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it by three.
39 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Yes.
40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay. I understand.

1 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: And I have two new clerks that have
2 just started this year since Judge Bunch retired and I came in.
3 I have two new clerks --
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
5 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- that also need Travel and
6 Training also.
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Good.
8 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: So --
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, thank you for looking at it and
10 bringing some decreases. That's always --
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yes.
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- nice.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you.
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So --
15 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: You're welcome.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I'm -- I'm curious on that, though.
17 If you're gone the whole month June, which you will be available
18 at some point, though. So we had -- what? -- a weekend or four
19 days or something that was on standby.
20 How do you cover a whole month with a judge pro tem? Is it
21 going to be standby 24/7 on these? Or --
22 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: No. No. Because when I'm at the
23 judicial college, I'm at the judicial college from probably
24 8:00 in morning till 5:00. They'll be on standby by -- between
25 8:30 and 5:00 only if they need a judge for something
26 immediately like a search warrant or a temporary protective
27 order.
28 Otherwise, I will call -- kind of like Judge Bunch did when
29 he was the judge -- I'll call on my breaks. I will call during my
30 lunch. I'll call before, during, and after class.
31 But the court will have some situations, again, search warrants,
32 they -- we don't get to wait.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I understand that, Judge.
34 It -- it just -- like I said, that -- that one bill that came
35 through was --
36 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Right.
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- for four days of standbys.
38 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Yes.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And --
40 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: That's for me having a senior judge,

1 which all of my judge pro tems -- Judge Bunch is not my only pro
2 tem. I just --

3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well --

4 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- have to bring in --

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I -- I just think --

6 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Except by statute. That's what we
7 have to pay them. And that is truly less than what is set by
8 statute for a senior judge.

9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Hm.

10 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: It's set by statute what we have --

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It just seems --

12 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- pay senior --

13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- like an awful --

14 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- judges.

15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- lot.

16 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: And it -- and it is, which is why
17 hopefully we don't have to do it a lot. But there are times.
18 It was a vacation that was planned well before I was voted in.

19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, no, I'm not -- I'm just -- like
20 I said, I'm just questioning. I mean, it just seems like an
21 awful lot. I guess maybe part of the standby -- which I realize
22 you're on standby 24/7 as a -- as a judge -- is to have someone
23 else --

24 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: But this --

25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that -- that's --

26 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- is only because I was out of the
27 country and not on standby. My cell phone did not even go with
28 me. My cell phone stayed in the --

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I hope not.

30 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: -- United States.

31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I certainly hope --

32 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: So --

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- not.

34 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: But most of the time, they're only
35 on standby if I -- I don't have phone service or I'm at the
36 judicial college and I can't get up and walk out.
37 For the most part, I am on call and will be on standby. This
38 will happen very rarely unless I leave the country. But it will
39 happen, because I need a senior judge.

40 And senior judges, it is set by statute. And that is less

1 than what the statute calls for.
2 I'm not going to go have somebody cover for me that has been
3 a judge for five minutes when -- even though I'm a new judge, I've
4 been in the judicial office for over 22 years. I'm not going to
5 have somebody come in and cover for me that knows a lot less than
6 what I do. I will always have a senior judge. Always. As long
7 as I'm the judge, I will have a senior judge.
8 I'm not going to call somebody in who -- who does not know what
9 they are doing, covering Lander County when I am unable to.
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'll make a motion that we fund
11 the Argenta Justice Court as presented today.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Minus what we haven't approved?
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right. Minus what we haven't
14 approved.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: A bonus.
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll --
17 CINDY BENSON: (Indiscernible.)
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- second.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Moved by Art that we -- we keep the
20 basic program the same and seconded by Bryan.
21 Any other discussion? Public comment?
22 (No comment.)
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
25 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
29 Any opposed?
30 Thank you so much.
31 JUDGE DENISE FORTUNE: Thank you.
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It pays to grow up in Gabbs.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And with that, we are going to break for
34 lunch, Austin.
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Bye, Austin.
36
37 (Break between 12:00 p.m. and 1:12 p.m.)
38
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- special budget workshop back to order
40 after lunch and getting Austin on the phone.

1 MITESHELL LANHAM: Hello?
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Back on the phone.
3 MITESHELL LANHAM: Okay.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay, Miteshell.
5 Okay. We were just called back to order. And we're going to
6 start where we left off at Number 7 with the clerk. And Sadie
7 is here and has given us some new information.

8

- 9 **7) CLERK: Discussion and possible action:**
10 **a) An increase to Salaries and Wages and Benefits up to**
11 **\$85,000.00, and an increase to Operations of \$33,000.00:**
12 **1) Requesting to hire a full-time elections clerk or**
13 **change the part-time archives records position into a**
14 **full-time position to do both elections and archives**
15 **records duties;**
16 **2) Maintenance/Contract Agreement increased due to**
17 **increasing costs;**
18 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**

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20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So open that back up for discussion and --
21 see what else we need to do with the Clerk's Office today.

22

23 (Indiscernible side conversation between District Attorney
24 Herrera and County Manager Westengard.)

25

26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Gentlemen, you are on record.

27 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay. Sadie Sullivan, Lander County
28 clerk.

29 I handed out a little small packet. And I gave one to Cindy as
30 well.

31 So your first two pages I did number them at the bottom
32 right-hand corner. The first two pages are what you have in
33 your packet.

34 But if you go to page 2 and there's the little table for my
35 maintenance and contracts, what I've done is I've gone back
36 through and I've pulled the bills.

37 Now what I did was I estimated ADS at 6,000. Their -- their
38 invoice came through, which we will no longer have ADS after the
39 end of the year. It is for 13,236. So I did estimate that low.
40 Precision Document Imaging is the scanning system. That is page

1 5. This is an annual support. We pay 2,090. And I estimated
2 it for 3,000.
3 If you go to -- for VOTEC. And this is where on these ones here
4 are a little more confusing because it's for the election stuff.
5 So VOTEC is a portion of our new system that's taking the place
6 of ADS for elections only.
7 So on page 6, I've circled and highlighted. It says total
8 support fee, 3,482.40, on the side there. Sorry. It was
9 rushed. It says VMAX is what is on the computers. Those are
10 the computers that are in my office. So that is for licenses in
11 my office on those specific computers that are taking the place
12 of ADS.

13 On page 7, the VOTEC shows on a sticky note, 1,920. Those
14 are the kiosks. So those are your electronic signature, signage
15 at early vote. So you pay a different software because those are
16 also electronic. So you also pay for support on those as well.
17 Okay. For Dominion, on page 8, that's kind of a little
18 breakdown. And then the backing are all behind it, is the
19 supporting documents.

20 So for Dominion, they've been with -- with the state and with
21 the counties for several years for the elections, but the price
22 has gone up tremendously. So it was based on a yearly table
23 there. So I went ahead and did the fiscal budget amounts off to
24 the right. So what they did is if you look at the second line
25 where it says 2020 and says election setup, 22,000, what I did was
26 I put 11,000 because I needed to do it on fiscal year. So I put
27 11,000 in the top line and then 11,000.

28 So your election setups I've done 11,000 all the way down
29 through.

30 So when you go and look at the right where I've written, you're
31 going to see some years that are 11,000 plus and then the next
32 year is 11,000 difference.

33 So that's to show the annual -- annual support for those.

34 And 9 and 10 and 11 are supporting that breakdown of -- of
35 the little spreadsheet.

36 And then OPI is for the copier. That month it was 309.02 that I
37 paid. I averaged it roughly at 250 a month, give or take. So
38 that's where I came up with the 3,000, where I put 3600.

39 DevNet, that one I don't have because we're supposed to
40 piggyback. There may not be funds. I have nothing yet at this

1 time. And DevNet is taking the place of ADS, which is for
2 our marriage license, notaries, fictitious firm names.
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Isn't that your security system?
4 SADIE SULLIVAN: Pardon me?
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: DevNet? DevNet?
6 SADIE SULLIVAN: VOTEC? Or the VMAX?
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, VMAX. Okay.
8 SADIE SULLIVAN: VMAX. Yeah, VMAX and VOTEC, they work
9 together.
10 So we have software that's for interoffice and then software for
11 our 23 machines that we have for our voting and also a laptop
12 for that as well.
13 And then under Miscellaneous on there, I did add the storage,
14 which that is for our microfilm. So \$618 is what -- what was
15 quoted -- oh, I don't have that on my backup. Sorry -- a year
16 that would be for sure taken out of that Miscellaneous. So
17 there's give or take on -- on those totals.
18 So if it wasn't for Keith taking over the payments for our
19 transcriptionist, my maintenance and contract would even be larger
20 because that 27,000 I paid Tiffany strictly went to Keith. I no
21 longer have it. And this is taking up that huge, whole entire
22 60,000 that I've estimated.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So the 27- was part of the 60-?
24 SADIE SULLIVAN: The 27,000 was when Tiffany was under
25 my --
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.
27 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- budget.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But is that part of --
29 SADIE SULLIVAN: So --
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- your 60-?
31 SADIE SULLIVAN: No. This right here in your table, this
32 adds up to 60,000.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So your --
34 SADIE SULLIVAN: So --
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- daily -- you still need an increase in
36 operations of 33,000?
37 SADIE SULLIVAN: Correct. Yeah. Because he's --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
39 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- taken 27-, --
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

1 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- roughly. And then that's where I came
2 up with the 33-.

3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, it still sounds to me that the
5 only time you're really busy is around election time.

6 SADIE SULLIVAN: Actually, it really isn't, Art, to be
7 honest with you. And I could have my staff vouch and even the
8 other --

9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well --

10 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- previous employees. With --

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have my opinion based upon the
12 amount of time I see people working on it. And --

13 SADIE SULLIVAN: I know you have some --

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- election time --

15 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- personal --

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- is --

17 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- things.

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- your busy time.

19 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay. And in between --

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You lost a --

21 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- elections we --

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- great deal of your -- of your
23 workload because Jim took it away, and --

24 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- you still have the same staff.
26 So --

27 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay. If I can address that for the
28 remaining.

29 So we had -- judge had asked for a full-time employee. So that
30 employee went with him. All my employees were cross trained. I
31 had 3 1/2 people at that time.

32 So then it took me down to one and a -- or 2 1/2. Excuse me.
33 Judge has came back and asked for a part-time to help with that.
34 Then he's asked -- or will be. I'm not quite for sure --
35 timeframe for additional. So there's two full-times that are
36 needed in the courts.

37 We actually have been understaffed for quite some time. The
38 legislature keeps passing things that are implementing for
39 reports, whatever have you. We are busy on off election years.
40 I could go get my calendar.

1 Our election for this presidential will start in August of this
2 year. And it will end the following -- between May and July.
3 So we start anywhere between nine months of your primary,
4 roughly -- six to nine months prior to an election. And then --
5 and that's just per the actual NRS calendar. And then we end
6 anywhere between six to nine months after.

7 So we have monthly reports that are standard that the states
8 request that we have to send out for the elections.

9 In addition, we have different parties, different entities
10 that are calling. And it's required for us to provide those
11 reports for them. It can be a number of things for the elections.
12 So we do have elections that are year round even though you
13 don't see it unless you've worked it.

14 So thank you for letting me share that with you.

15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I'm going to make a motion to
16 increase operations in the amount of 32,000 -- oh, wait a
17 minute -- increase operations in the amount of 33,000, decrease
18 the county code book line item 53155 to a thousand dollars and
19 the increase of operations to go to line item 53560,
20 Maintenance/Contract/Agreement.

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So I have a question. Is that
22 addressing anything that has to do with her part-time employee?

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay. Is that something that's voted
25 on separately.

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.

27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Nope, that's the motion.

28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh.

29 SADIE SULLIVAN: I think it was just to address it
30 separately; is that correct, Judie?

31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. I made my motion to increase the
32 operations.

33 SADIE SULLIVAN: Right. But I mean that's what you're
34 doing. You're -- you're making your motion to address it
35 separately if anybody else chose to?

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: If anybody -- yeah, if anybody else
37 wants to make a motion, that's fine. But my motion is --

38 SADIE SULLIVAN: Correct.

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Is for --

40 SADIE SULLIVAN: For the --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- operations only.
2 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- operations.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Operations only.
4 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.
5 SADIE SULLIVAN: Thank --
6 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll --
7 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- you.
8 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- I'll second it.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. It's been moved and seconded we are
10 voting on the operations only for the clerk. Judie made the
11 motion. Kathy seconded.
12 Any other discussion?
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I just want to clarify that
14 that -- that was my motion for Item Number 7.
15 SADIE SULLIVAN: Seven, two?
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Seven, the entire Agenda Item 7.
17 SADIE SULLIVAN: Oh, okay. Thank you.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any other public comment?
19 Yes?
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'd just like -- there's -- there seems
21 to be a lot of discussion -- there has been in the past -- about
22 your contracted employees.
23 If you could explain how that works. Because we've had the
24 discussion. And -- and I've had discussion with others about
25 your contracted employees and how they fit into the -- the
26 workweek and the scheduling and so forth. Because, if you
27 remember, there was some concern that we might -- PERS might
28 come back on us because of the con- -- so just so it's out in
29 the open, on the record, --
30 SADIE SULLIVAN: Explain it all over again?
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- how that works, --
32 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay.
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- I would appreciate it. And that's
34 just --
35 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- for clarification --
37 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah.
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- on the --
39 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah.
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- contracted --

1 SADIE SULLIVAN: Absolutely.

2 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- employees, the 1099.

3 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay. So to -- to make clarification on
4 that, so under my election expense, the 001-002-53300.
5 So I have had contract employees. So it can be anywhere between
6 the preparation of the elections, through the election, and at
7 the end. Or, in my case, in the instance -- most recent case --
8 is Emily was gone on maternity leave. Am I allowed to say that
9 legally? An employee was gone on maternity leave so I was short
10 staffed.
11 So what's happened is I've done 1099 for those employees during
12 that election expense.
13 The more steady of an employee that I can bring in, then I'm not
14 going to have to contract that out because I have the proper
15 coverage. So my contract of employees for the elections would
16 be much minimal.

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How -- how do -- I'm -- I'm a little
18 bit confused here and -- and really concerned if I'm hearing
19 independent contractor.

20 SADIE SULLIVAN: It's not independent contract. So, for
21 instance, I had a gal that came during the primary election and
22 she helped through -- let's see -- May, June. I don't think she
23 went into July. I think it went to the end of July. So with
24 that being said -- and that's how I pay my early vote people.
25 And if it's anything that's over 500, I have to have them do a
26 1099. And so that's where those people get paid for because
27 it's under my election is 001-002-53300.
28 So they are paid under the election. And so, for instance,
29 like that gal was here for two months.

30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So you hired somebody as an
31 independent contractor because you're providing them the tools
32 and the space?

33 SADIE SULLIVAN: No.

34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're not providing them tools --

35 SADIE SULLIVAN: Well, --

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- or space?

37 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- I'm hiring them to be able to run my
38 elections properly because I need more staffing during the
39 election time.
40 So if I were to get another employee on, that would lessen. But

1 I will still be hiring people for my early vote -- so -- and
2 also for the programming of the election machines during
3 pre-LAT. And so that will come down if I have additional
4 employee.

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do they sign a paper? They sign a
6 contract?

7 SADIE SULLIVAN: No. They never have in the past. It's
8 always just been a --

9 CINDY BENSON: They do --

10 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- 10- --

11 CINDY BENSON: -- fill out a W- --

12 SADIE SULLIVAN: 1099; right?

13 CINDY BENSON: Well, no. They get the 10- --

14 SADIE SULLIVAN: Oh, right.

15 CINDY BENSON: -- -99.

16 SADIE SULLIVAN: Right. W- --

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Counselor?

18 CINDY BENSON: W- --

19 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- -4?

20 CINDY BENSON: -- -9.

21 SADIE SULLIVAN: W-9.

22 CINDY BENSON: W-9.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is -- is this -- are -- are we
24 dabbling in independent contractor territory?

25 CINDY BENSON: This has been going on for years. We
26 always --

27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You have, --

28 CINDY BENSON: -- paid them.

29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- but -- but sometimes some of
30 these offices it's more convenient and more efficient, more cost
31 -- cost-efficient to -- to get an independent contractor for a
32 certain piece of work. And that way you don't have to pay
33 retirement. You don't have to pay all these other --

34 CINDY BENSON: Benefits.

35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- other things to do. And
36 it -- if you know -- if you know the amount of work you have to
37 do, you can just find the appropriate person and say, this is
38 what I want done. This is how much I'll pay for it. And let's
39 do it.

40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I understand that. But --

1 SADIE SULLIVAN: And they get paid the 16 --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Keith mentioned PERS issue.
3 I was on the school board. We had this issue. And the school
4 district got their butts kicked because they did that.
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They provided the tools. They
6 provided the office space. They -- they weren't independent
7 contractors. That's the problem.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You have to make sure that
10 they're an independent contractor and not an employee.
11 And what -- what the -- our problem was, is that we were
12 treating our independent contractors like employees, not just us
13 but all across the country, --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I -- I thought --
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- and the IRS came down on that.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I thought one of the qualifications on a
17 1099 was that they could do it at their own time. You didn't --
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- schedule them.
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Absolutely.
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And here we're scheduling them.
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's -- that's where you
23 could get into trouble.
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And --
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's where --
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So the --
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't like --
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- question --
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- this.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- is rather than 1099s and independent
31 contractors perhaps we should go part-time.
32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Or contract. Or have a
33 contract.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.
35 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay. So may I ask a question on that?
36 So say for instance I have four to five gals that are set early
37 vote. And so they come and they program the machines in our
38 office a couple of weeks prior to early vote. They work the
39 two weeks during early vote, the day of election, and then
40 they're done. So they've always been paid -- right now they get

1 paid 16-something an hour for their hours. And then they're
2 done.

3 So am I going to have to do a contract for each individual
4 person for a -- say a month period of time?

5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Kind of what it sounds like.

6 KEITH WESTENGARD: And -- and I'm not sure, you know, on
7 the contracts to do -- for an independent contractor, if that's
8 what they call them, I think they have to come to board for --

9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's --

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: Is it --

11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- that's quite correct.

12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.

13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Un- -- under our policies and
14 procedures now for any department head or an elected official to
15 hire an independent contractor, they need to get it -- give
16 notice to the county commissioners and get some type of approval
17 that -- that -- so the county commissioners know that it's going
18 on.

19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Sounds like we need to look into this a
20 little --

21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- bit further.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I don't want --

24 SADIE SULLIVAN: So --

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- to get in trouble --

26 SADIE SULLIVAN: Well --

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- with PERS and --

28 SADIE SULLIVAN: So now if -- oh, go ahead, Judie.

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I guess the one thing I want
30 to -- to make a comment on is I do have to correct what I did
31 say is you did change one of your lines i- -- also your election
32 expense line item. And you're -- you're requesting to add 5,000
33 on top of that.

34 So your argument -- you're paying your contract employees out of
35 that expense now. And you're at eight -- you were at 88 percent
36 and you're adding another 5,000. But then -- then you're
37 turning around and saying that if I get a part-time employee or
38 if I get another employee that line item will decrease.

39 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay. Just to make clarification, Judie,
40 so I hear you correctly.

1 So I've been paying the -- my early vote people, and -- and the
2 day of, under the election expense. That one there. And it --
3 I used almost all of it. It's 9.58.

4 And so I've been paying them through the election because they
5 were election workers.

6 The Maintenance and Contract, that one where it's the 80.40,
7 that was the line item that our transcriptionist was paid out of.
8 So that's why there hasn't been the usage out of that maintenance.

9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

10 SADIE SULLIVAN: Did I --

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.

12 SADIE SULLIVAN: Did I clarify --

13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.

14 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- it? Or am I understanding you wrong?

15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, you're -- you're not. And -- and
16 you have to remember I've got -- I didn't get -- I'm not using
17 up-to-date --

18 SADIE SULLIVAN: Oh, okay.

19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- figures because I -- I figure six
20 months, I can just double it, --

21 SADIE SULLIVAN: Oh.

22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- which is close.

23 No. What you're saying is you pay your help for the
24 elections, your early voters, whatnot, out of the election
25 expense.

26 SADIE SULLIVAN: Correct. The 001-002-5330.

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: The 5330.

28 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yeah.

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yes.

30 SADIE SULLIVAN: And I've just followed practice. I mean,
31 we can definitely update it. I don't want to be doing something
32 illegal.

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, what I'm saying, Sadie, is -- is
34 irregardless of all that, which that definitely needs to be
35 looked at, but you're changing your line items on your -- your
36 budget request.

37 So you're adding -- you're taking 5,000 off of advertising.

38 SADIE SULLIVAN: Uh-huh.

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And you're putting that 5,000 onto
40 your election expense.

1 SADIE SULLIVAN: Correct.

2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So now you'll have 40,000 towards your
3 election expense.

4 Well, then you're asking for another employee, whether it be
5 part-time or moving a part-time to full-time, saying that that
6 would eliminate the expense for your election expense for those
7 contract laborers. That's kind of --

8 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- contradictory.

10 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay. So then I can add to it.
11 So on the election expense there, we've paid out of that line
12 item for our publications, which are astronomical. And I was
13 going to grab that. I forgot.
14 Emily, did we print that one?
15 No?
16 So then we've gotten the monies back. So my other thing was
17 is -- and I -- I was going to state that this morning and I
18 don't know if I did or not. But the school board was looking at
19 possibly doing a special election. I don't think that it's
20 going to go that direction, which would be even more than that.
21 So I see what you're saying. It's not for me to have the best
22 of both worlds. It's to have the proper coverage.

23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

24 SADIE SULLIVAN: So --

25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We have a motion on the floor right now
26 for the --

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Operations.

28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- the operations. So let's --

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. Well, just to clarify that,
30 because I think you guys misunderstood, is I have made the
31 motion on Item Number 7 to increase her budget for the
32 operations that she requested for \$33,000.
33 It -- it -- I'm not making -- I'm not splitting these agenda --
34 these -- these items. This is my motion for the entire Item
35 Number 7.

36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So --

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.

38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- basically you're saying increase
39 the 33,000, but yet, we're just going to leave her with her
40 current staffing?

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Exactly.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Are you --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So we're -- but right now we're voting on
6 just the increase in operations? And Judie made the motion.
7 And Kathy --
8 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: If -- if we're just voting on the
9 operations, I'm -- I'll second it.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And that would be -- that would be the
12 first sentence, "and" to the colon.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: What?
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not -- not the reorganization
15 of part-time archiver.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, no. Not in the motion.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right. Just the top sentence.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Now, wait a minute. You're not
21 understanding this.
22 Is my motion is for the entire agenda Item Number 7.
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: She's not approving the Wage and
24 Benefit --
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'm not --
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- increase.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- approving the wages. I am not
28 separating this whole thing.
29 JEANNE FALZONE: Increase to (indiscernible) --
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I am just saying --
31 JEANNE FALZONE: -- (indiscernible) --
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- have made a motion --
33 JEANNE FALZONE: -- up to --
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to approve the increase of
35 operations.
36 JEANNE FALZONE: -- (indiscernible) increased operations.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. And we understand that. But -- but
38 that doesn't mean that somebody --
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: (Indiscernible.)
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- else can't make --

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Absolutely.
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- another motion. We just know your
3 motion is for operations.
4 Okay.
5 So let's go ahead and vote on the operations.
6 Any other public comment?
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Just the operations.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Judy made the motions. Kathy
9 seconded.
10 All in favor?
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
12 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. That one dies. No second.
14 Let's go back to Item Number 7.
15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So okay. Just to clarify. So you
16 said you had 3 1/2 employees and you -- you lost one and then a
17 potential another half to -- to district court? Is that right?
18 SADIE SULLIVAN: I lost one full one and then also the
19 half. And then they realized that I would have only had two
20 people to run my entire staff or to run the office. And so then
21 at the final budget in June -- May or June -- Doug had -- had
22 stated there was a confusion on how many employees I have. So
23 then they gave me back my part-time.
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So you have 2 1/2?
25 SADIE SULLIVAN: So I have 2 1/2 employees right now.
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So this -- I mean, I know the Clerk's
27 Office holds a very vital function that has to be followed to
28 the T. So my question is -- I mean, I would -- I would have no
29 idea what -- it's like what is needed in that -- in that office.
30 And then if we're -- because I like the idea, you need them,
31 bring them in.
32 But if we're -- if we've done something there that we sh- --
33 probably should- -- hadn't been doing and needed to change it or
34 what, I just -- I don't know. I just -- I just --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We're still going to have to bring
36 them in. It's just how we bring them in. We have to be
37 cautious about that.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And how many we would need. We might be
39 able to go part-time for a couple of them -- for -- like we do
40 the swimming pool or something.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right. As the influx --
2 SADIE SULLIVAN: If you --
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- happens, you bring them in to
4 handle that, take care of the business at hand, and then --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I think it's going to take a lot more than
6 what we -- what we know today.
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, when you --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And as --
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- have --
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- far as the part-time or 1099 or
11 contract and so forth, we really need to discuss this in --
12 SADIE SULLIVAN: If we could --
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- full.
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But for right now, what else would you
16 like to do with the clerk's budget? Tentatively, --
17 SADIE SULLIVAN: May I ask --
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- remember.
19 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- a question? Could we sit down and
20 legal and I and whomever so then that way we can understand,
21 okay, on those of the 1099, what can we do?
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Absolutely.
23 SADIE SULLIVAN: What can we not do? I think it would be
24 wise for us to have a full understanding. It's been something
25 that's been practiced even two clerks, you know, before. So I
26 want to make sure that I, you know, have that in their properly.
27 So I would -- I would really like to sit down and see what needs
28 to be addressed. Because I do need the staffing.
29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay. So I --
30 SADIE SULLIVAN: So --
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- with that I'd like to make a
32 motion that we increase the operations of 33,000 and that we
33 come back and address the salaries and employee situation at a
34 later date. Would that be correct, Ted?
35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. You could --
36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Treating --
37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- do that.
38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- it that way?
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Uh-huh.
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Could -- now you're just --

1 SADIE SULLIVAN: Could --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- bumping up 33,000.
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. Because that looks to me like
4 it's all -- the state's throwing that at us. You know, we have
5 to --
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- comply and use these systems and
8 the increases, you know.
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: But you're not increasing the 85,000?
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just what's been --
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. We're going to discuss --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- mandated.
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- that issue later.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. I can buy that.
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll second that.
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I do have a question. One thing
22 with my motion was decreasing the line item for the county --
23 county code book to a thousand dollars.
24 That would be line item 53155. I'm just -- as I mentioned
25 before, these -- these items for these budgets that are
26 minimally used, I'd just kind of like to clean them up a little
27 bit. And this one is -- you know, Sadie had commented that she
28 would be fine with that.
29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay. So can -- I'll amend my motion
30 to include the coding -- the county code book, 5,000 be removed
31 from the budget.
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll second --
33 CINDY BENSON: Reduced.
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- that.
35 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Reduced --
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Reduced.
37 CINDY BENSON: Reduced --
38 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- to a thousand.
39 CINDY BENSON: -- to a --
40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Reduced. Sorry.

1 CINDY BENSON: -- thousand.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: To a thousand. Thank you.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. And the second also voted on the
5 amendment. So we're clear on that?
6 Okay. All in favor?
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
8 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
12 SADIE SULLIVAN: And may I --
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any opposed?
14 (No comment.)
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
16 Go ahead, Sadie.
17 SADIE SULLIVAN: May I request that we do the staffing
18 sooner than later?
19 Just I don't want it to go on --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That was --
21 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- for a couple --
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that was --
23 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- of --
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- part of --
25 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- meetings.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- your motion. So --
27 SADIE SULLIVAN: Yes.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we'll --
29 SADIE SULLIVAN: But I --
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- be sure.
31 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- just wanted to make sure that it didn't
32 get dropped through the -- the work is all.
33 CINDY BENSON: We would need to in order for it to be
34 budgeted.
35 SADIE SULLIVAN: Correct.
36 So maybe on -- I don't know if we would have time on the next
37 commission meeting or one after or whatever, whatever time frame
38 for me to be get -- be able to get -- and who do you need me to
39 address it with? Or to get with? Other than legal?
40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: it -- it --

1 SADIE SULLIVAN: The chair --
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- it's get- --
3 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- or vice chair? Or --
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It would be pretty easy to
5 explain to you the independent contractor law. And then what
6 you do with it, then you pro- -- probably go Keith after that.
7 And --
8 SADIE SULLIVAN: So now --
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- and --
10 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- will we need to it do it for -- if
11 they're only here for a month to two months? Is that still --
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If it's an --
13 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- considered --
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- independent contra- -- yeah.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
16 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay. So maybe could I get, like, a copy
17 of that? Or have that so I can understand it? Or --
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I think the --
19 SADIE SULLIVAN: -- a section? --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- three of --
21 SADIE SULLIVAN: Or --
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- you need to meet, if you would, after
23 so that we -- we know where we are on this one.
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: We'll talk.
25 SADIE SULLIVAN: Okay.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay?
27 SADIE SULLIVAN: I just want to have an understanding.
28 That's all (indiscernible).
29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'll give you an understanding,
30 Sadie.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And it needs to come back before us, which
32 it will do.
33 SADIE SULLIVAN: Thank you much.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you, Sadie.
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1 **8) TREASURER: Discussion and possible action:**

2 **a) An increase in Salaries and Wages and Benefits up to**
3 **\$16,650.00, an increase to Operations of \$25,518.00:**

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5 **3-month period for training to replace an employee**
6 **prior to their retirement;**
7 **2) Dues and Subscriptions decreased \$450.00;**
8 **3) Telephone/Fax increased \$650.00;**
9 **4) Minor Equipment increased \$1,550.00;**
10 **5) Increased Advertising increased \$420.00;**
11 **6) Postage increased \$1,601.00;**
12 **7) Printing increased \$645.00;**
13 **8) Travel and Training increased \$3,100.00;**
14 **9) Service and Supplies increased \$22,402.00 due to**
15 **software agreements;**

16 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**

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18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Moving into number 8, which is the
19 treasurer.

20 Discussion and possible action: a) an increase to Salaries and
21 Wages and Benefits up to \$16,650.00, an increase to Operations
22 of \$25,518.

23 Number 1, requesting to hire an interim employee for a 3-month
24 period for training to replace an employee prior to their
25 retirement.

26 Number 2, Dues and Subscriptions decreased by \$450.

27 Number 3, Telephone, slash, Fax increased \$650.

28 Number 4, Minor Equipment increased to \$1,550.

29 Number 5, Increased advertising, increased \$420.00.

30 Number 6, Postage increased to \$1,601.

31 Number 7, Printing increased \$645

32 Number 8, Travel and Training increased \$3,100;

33 And Number 9, Service and Supplies increased \$22,402 due to
34 software agreements.

35 And all other matters properly related thereto.

36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Wow. There's a lot of increases in
37 there.

38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Excuse me. If you look at your
39 packets on the front page -- or, you know, Jusdi's explanation
40 of whatnot, under Telephone and Fax, she has it decreased by

1 650. The agenda says increase.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: As well as Minor Equipment too.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And Minor Equi- -- Equipment is -- is
4 a decrease. Yeah. I didn't --
5 Is that -- which one is it, Jusdi?
6 CINDY BENSON: I've got it on this one and this one.
7 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Decrease on the telephone and fax?
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
9 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Yeah.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So that's decrease?
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: In Minor --
13 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Equipment.
15 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Is decreased.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Thank you.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So our books are correct?
18 Number 8 is a decrease?
19 CINDY BENSON: Well, two -- two says de- -- decreased
20 right --
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No?
22 CINDY BENSON: -- here.
23 And Minor Equipment. Well, that one's wrong.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Under discussion, one of the first
25 things I have a question on is the -- the interim employee for a
26 3-month period for training.
27 And I understand the period for training. I'm not so sure I
28 want to go a 3-month period. I -- I know they're leaving, but
29 I'm assuming your people are cross trained, are they not?
30 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: They will be.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: They will be?
32 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: I'm one position short right now.
33 And then -- right now we're trying to get into the Tyler system.
34 We're still on that.
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. But -- but you're one position
36 short. You're advertising for that? Okay.
37 That has nothing to do with the new interim coming in. So
38 what --
39 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: No.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- you're saying is the new person that

1 you hire will not be the one that you're actually replacing.
2 I -- I guess I've seen so much in history where we bring people
3 on, we get them trained , and then they leave.
4 And I'm going to, this double stuff -- I mean, what if the --
5 what if somebody just left today? Here's my notice. I'm out of
6 here.
7 We all cram. We all make due. And we all do it.
8 I know you didn't have the training you should have had --
9 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Uh-huh.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- under our last one that was in your
11 position. Very unfortunate.
12 But, unfortunately, we can't go back and make that up.
13 But you handled it. And people have to step up and do it.
14 I don't mind bringing them in for an extra month, but I don't
15 see any longer on that. I think we're lucky to even be able to
16 talk to somebody who's been in the same position.
17 I've never had that luxury to step in and train. Every position
18 I've had, they throw you into it. You read. You watch. You
19 do. You're trained on the job.
20 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Right.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And I think that's part of it. So I'm
22 not in favor of the interim employee.
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I -- I have got a question on
24 that. Are you sure that the person is going to retire? Because
25 we've done this in the past --
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Exactly.
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- only to have come back and be an
28 unnecessary expense. And that's wrong.
29 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Yes. They are retiring.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you have a confirmation?
31 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Uh-huh.
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you have a letter with a date?
33 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: I don't have a letter, but I --
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, --
35 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: -- have --
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- that's the only way. That -- the
37 letter with the date is the only way you're assured. And I
38 don't want to hire people for training and then, oh, hey, I'm
39 going to stay.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I have to disagree with Patsy.

1 And in respect to your office, you're one person short already,
2 as you stated. And whereas I feel your office is very
3 competent, there's still a lot of things that you're all
4 learning together, I think, as a whole, and especially having
5 one person short. You're basically going to end up training two
6 people at one time.

7 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And I -- I think that puts a bigger
9 strain on the office because all of sudden you're going to have
10 two brand new people. You're losing how many years of
11 experience in one of your employees that isn't going to be able
12 to be there to help.

13 So I think as -- as important as the office is and everything
14 that's involved, I think three months is a very reasonable
15 request.

16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I agree with you on that, Judie.

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: As long as you have a confirmation.

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: That's -- would be my thing is that
19 before we could agree on that, I'd rather see that we have
20 written confirmation of retirement because I would hate for us
21 to spend that money and then they decide that they don't want
22 to -- that they -- something comes up in their lives and they
23 can't leave at that time and then we're out the money.

24 So I think it -- if the rest of the board -- that they -- we
25 have something in writing and said on this date, I will be
26 retiring, would be a little bit easier to swallow to do that.

27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That doesn't help your new person. Your
28 new person comes in and works for six months and leaves.

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I've got a question, though. I
30 mean, really, if somebody turns in their letter of resignation
31 and then changes their mind, is it like get thrown out of the
32 building?

33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.

34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yeah.

35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I mean, it's --

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: What we're --

37 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Exactly.

38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- what we're --

39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- worth the paper --

40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- saying, --

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- it's written on; right?
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- there's --
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I mean, it's --
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- there's just no guarantees in any --
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: There's --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- of this is what we're saying.
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And the person could walk in and -- and
9 leave today. I mean, that -- that's very possible.
10 So -- so we're all dealing with a lot of unknowns. But that
11 the point is, you're not going to have a lot of facts behind it.
12 You either want to do it and think it's okay or you don't.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So, Jusdi, under Advertising,
14 you're -- you're requesting an increase of \$420. And, actually,
15 what I'm showing as of the end of December, you haven't used any
16 of your budget now.
17 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Because we haven't been doing the
18 advertising like we're supposed to.
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So that would go along -- yeah.
20 So you've got 13,550 for postage. And you want to increase it?
21 I -- I mean, I guess the advertising and the postage go hand
22 in hand.
23 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Yeah.
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But that's a considerable amount of
25 postage. You've -- December you've used 3 percent. I mean, you
26 spent 1251 -- or \$480?
27 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Well, that -- because here we go again
28 with things that weren't done.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: And the Service and Supply, the
31 increase of that is for what?
32 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: That we just estimated; right? For
33 DevNet and Tyler?
34 CINDY BENSON: They don't have a --
35 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh.
36 CINDY BENSON: -- the --
37 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: For the computer?
38 CINDY BENSON: They don't have a line item for Maintenance
39 Contracts, and Agreements.
40 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Oh, I see.

1 CINDY BENSON: So they use it out of their Service and
2 Supply.
3 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and --
5 CINDY BENSON: Which would be --
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- actu- --
7 CINDY BENSON: -- (indiscernible) if you like.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Actually, Service and Supply right
9 now -- well, December, they've used 112 percent of what was
10 budgeted. So --
11 I will make a motion -- and this is all-encompassing -- to
12 increase the Salary and Wages and Benefits to Operations --
13 let's see. How do I want to put this? Okay. Never mind. I am
14 going to make the motion that we agree to hire an interim
15 employee for a three-month period for training to replace an
16 employee retiring and agree to the requested changes on the
17 budget, increase of operations of \$25,518.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: 25,518? What they requested?
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Is that -- is that what she said?
21 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yes.
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, okay. Thank you.
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Strange amounts, but --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second it.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. It has been moved and seconded that
28 we basically approve the budget for the Treasurer's.
29 Is there any other discussion?
30 (No comment.)
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?
32 (No comment.)
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Moved by Judie and seconded by --
34 it was Bryan; right?
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Thank you.
37 All in favor?
38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
39 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any opposed?
2 Nay.
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm still stuck on the requesting to
4 hire the interim employee without having confirmation that
5 they're going to retire. I don't want go through that again.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So is your vote nay?
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I've got to vote nay on -- yeah -- on
8 that one.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Well, it passes three to two.
10 Okay. Thank you.
11 JUSDIVIA JOHNSON: Thank you.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And thanks for being there.
13 Moving on to the county manager.
14
15 **9) COUNTY MANAGER: Discussion and possible action:**
16 **a) Decreased professional services by \$140,000, otherwise**
17 **no changes;**
18 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**
19
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Discussion and possible action: a)
21 decreased professional services by \$140,000, otherwise no
22 changes; and all matters properly related thereto.
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: Whoever it's -- we -- we reduced the
24 professional services line item by \$140 -- or a \$140,000. That
25 was put in last year with some potential lawsuits that never
26 came -- came through. So that's why we --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We're still --
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- reduced it.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- in potential lawsuits; are we not?
30 So --
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: We are. We are. But I -- I think we
32 can handle them with -- with what's in the budget, the 500,000
33 for professional --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- services in the budget.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: There's -- there's still a lot of money in
37 there. And if we need it --
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: Uh-huh.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- I guess you can always come back to the
40 board; right?

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: That -- that's correct.
2 The only other item -- and I think we're going to be okay. What
3 I can do is move -- move some money from professional services
4 or use my professional services line item for labor
5 negotiations. Because we are right at the -- right at 20,000
6 for that this year.
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So Keith --
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: But that's only every three years.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, that's why your --
10 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- little question mark is up there.
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So do you all think you want to move that
14 on up? Or just worry about it when it comes?
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: I think for this year, if -- if the
16 board's okay with it, I'll just -- I'll -- I'll use any
17 remaining out of the professional services line. And then we
18 can take a hard look at it in the future.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So you had 780,000 last year for
20 professional services?
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: Six -- 640-.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh. So we're reducing the 640-. Oh, this
23 is the line?
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. It'll go down to --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- 500,000.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Because it says '19/'20.
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, it -- it'll be reduced. That's --
29 it'll be reduced from 640- to 500- -- 500,000.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So --
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- your advertising budget is pretty
34 high. You used about a third of it.
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: That -- so it depends on the year. Once
36 again, it depends on what most -- because all the advertising
37 for all the boards comes out of that -- that line item.
38 If we don't have many replacements or it's not an end-of-year or
39 end-of-term type of a situation, then not -- not a lot's used.
40 If it's end of term or we have a lot of -- of projects that

1 we're going out to bid, that's where that -- that's --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- where some of it will come from.
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So your Telephone and Fax, is it
5 15,000? You've used about 20 percent of it.
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. That's correct.
7 CINDY BENSON: That's another one we could probably reduce.
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. We could reduce that if you'd
9 like.
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Can we -- let's see -- telephone/fax.
11 Cut it in half?
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Sure.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Seventy-five hundred's still pretty --
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. That's fine.
15 CINDY BENSON: That's still hefty.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Travel and Training. That one
17 is at 20 per- -- well, 19 percent as well.
18 KEITH WESTENGARD: I think it's a little higher now.
19 Because that actually covers myself and it covers the HR
20 position and any positions within my -- the administrative
21 department with the exception of Finance.
22 Cindy's got her own line item for -- for Travel and Training.
23 And that -- once again, that's a lot of -- of fluctuation.
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right. Okay.
25 KEITH WESTENGARD: I thought it was a little higher than
26 that, though, or a little more usage than that.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, like I said, December you've
28 used \$3900.
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. It's at --
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And not --
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- 19 --
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- under four.
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- percent right now.
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: So, yeah, you're right. Uh-huh.
36 Sure. I -- It can be reduced. Yeah.
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You want to drop 5,000 off it?
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'm fine with that.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
40 Secondly, then -- well, thirdly I guess, is your training, your

1 safety training.

2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Uh-huh.

3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Now how is the new position going to
4 play into that?

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: That's the budget that the new position
6 would use for any kind of safety training, anything that -- that
7 that position would need as far as training goes for he or
8 county employees.

9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. All --

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: That's --

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- right.

12 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that's where that money would come
13 from.

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So if you had to bring in an outside
16 trainer, it would come out of this budget?

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. If an outside trainer came in,
18 that's where it could come from.

19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Or sending our training -- well,
20 would -- that's Travel and Training, though. Could you send our
21 training -- our safety officer under that line item?

22 KEITH WESTENGARD: Under the Safety and Training?

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. Safety training.

24 KEITH WESTENGARD: It -- it's not -- it's not really made
25 for that. That's what that -- the training budget's for.
26 The safety training would be related just to training of
27 employees. But we -- we could make it work. I think it'll be
28 fine.

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I guess -- and that was my
30 question. Because if you used -- if you could use any of
31 that -- because it's whoever is employed will definitely need to
32 have some training in --

33 KEITH WESTENGARD: Uh-huh.

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- in specific positions. Is would it
35 come under that line item or the Travel and Training?

36 KEITH WESTENGARD: It would come under the Travel and
37 Training is -- is what we --

38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So in which case do we really want to
39 drop that down?

40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I mean, are we hiring that -- we're

1 hiring a -- a safety position.
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And will that person be -- they'd
4 be --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But --
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- should be qualified to do training
7 for everyone.
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. But there's always --
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But -- but that's only for our
10 firefighters. That's not for the rest of the county.
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: No. It -- no. No. It comes as the
12 whole county. It's -- it's the safety training -- assistant
13 safe- -- assistant safety training for the whole county.
14 So, yes, it'll -- it'll encompass everything.
15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Everything.
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: And there's updates that they would have
17 to do like OSHA 1030 training and -- and the --
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: New mandates.
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- mandates. Yeah. Things like that
20 that they're going to still -- they're going to have to keep on
21 -- up on. There's going to be training or safety that needs to
22 be done with the position, whether they come a hundred percent
23 qualified or -- or 80 percent qualified.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, a lot of our safety training comes
25 out of POOL/PACT right now.
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: No. Actually, we -- it's hired to a
27 third party right now. We have somebody come in monthly. They
28 do Road and Bridge at 6:00 in the morning. Then they'll go --
29 come here at 10:00. And then they'll go to Austin in the
30 afternoon.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So we pay them separately?
32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. That comes out of the profess- --
33 it's \$12,000 a year.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Because I thought -- I thought they
35 represented POOL/PACT to come out and do that.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: No. This is not -- this is not part
37 of --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Theirs are --
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- POOL/PACT?
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- the extra classes that they do. Okay.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. That is correct.
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So that 12,000's going to come
3 under our safety --
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- person. Okay. Got it.
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So then do we really need 75,000 on
7 that line item, Keith? I mean, you're saying right now we're
8 paying 12-. And then --
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- we're hiring a person that should
11 have the qualifications to be able to train. So I don't
12 understand why we would need 75,000 on that line item.
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, we -- we could drop it. I mean,
14 like -- like -- like I think Judie said, if -- if it runs short
15 I can always come back and ask for more.
16 So --
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I didn't say that.
18 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. You did.
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, I didn't.
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'll play the tape back.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We -- we have amended our budget
22 throughout the year before; right?
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. I don't -- I don't mind dropping
24 it, Bryan. It -- it's fine.
25 I get --
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Try to train --
27 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- where you get by with it. I mean,
28 this year it's been -- where am I at? Safety. That we've --
29 I've spent 14 percent of it. So, I mean, I -- I don't mind
30 dropping it 15,000.
31 It was actually dropped to 65- two years ago and then punched
32 back up. I don't need -- I don't mind dropping it back down to
33 60- or even less, whatever you want -- would like.
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. I just -- I mean, I don't --
35 honestly, I don't mind whatever the number is. But if we're not
36 using -- I just -- I don't -- I just can't make sense of why we
37 would have that much if -- have we ever used that much in the
38 past?
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Not that I know of. No.
40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: Not that I know of.

2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I don't know why we would punch it up
3 if we're not using it. I mean, it's -- honestly, it's -- like
4 you said, to date we've use 12 percent or something?

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Fourteen percent.

6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Fourteen --

7 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- percent?

9 KEITH WESTENGARD: But I'm pretty tight with it too. So --

10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And then to boot we're bringing on
11 another position.

12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Five nine three seven three.

14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. So --

15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, this is actually a new line item
16 anyway.

17 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's a new line item?

18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Relatively. Yeah. I'm looking to
19 see --

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So what do we want to drop to?

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, it was 75- last year.

22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. But we've only got three -- three
23 -- three-plus months left to go, and he's only at 14 percent.

24 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Let's go with 50-. What do you think?

26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: With what?

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. I would say it was 65- in
28 '16/'17. And then it went up to 75- after that. So --

29 KEITH WESTENGARD: Uh-huh.

30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Why? That's -- I mean, why would you
31 even put it at 50- if we've only used 14 percent and we only
32 have three months to go? And we're bringing in additional staff
33 that handles that type of area --

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, last --

35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- and it's going --

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, that'll still fall under his
37 budget, wouldn't it?

38 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. It does.

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And last year, actually, he used 73-
40 -- 71,000 of it.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: How much?
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: 71,000. Yeah. He used 95 percent of
3 it last year, '16/'17.
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: What training did --
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Or --
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- we do that cost that much?
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- '17/'18.
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'd have to go back and look to be --
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Wow.
10 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- sure, --
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to be --
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: '17/'18 --
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- accurate.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- was --
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. Well, maybe. I don't know.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Pick a number?
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'd even take in anything below 50- right
19 now till we find out how it goes this next year.
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So 50- on that?
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: Uh-huh.
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And I -- I still -- I guess I'm
25 thinking about still dropping the -- the training down five
26 grand because basically you've got the majority of it left for
27 this year, which you have somebody coming in. We could utilize
28 some of it by July 1st.
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And that still leaves you 15 grand
31 for next year.
32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. And I'd -- I'd --
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's what we --
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- I'd --
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- just said. We are.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: I drop- --
37 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I thought --
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. I dropped --
39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- we already decided --
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it five.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- 15-.

2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: He already --

3 KEITH WESTENGARD: I put in --

4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- dropped --

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- 15-.

6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it. Do you want to drop it more?

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, no, no, no. From the --

8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh.

9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- 20- -- on the --

10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Twenty --

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Travel --

12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- fifth --

13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- and Training. Because I was

14 thinking that maybe we shouldn't with a new person coming on.

15 but --

16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, the new person probably will have to

17 be trained themselves before they can start training us.

18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So we do have a lot of training.

20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I will make a motion that we

21 decrease the Professional Services for the county manager

22 \$140,000, decrease the Telephone and Fax by \$7500, increase

23 Travel and Training by 5,000, and decrease Safety Training by

24 25,000.

25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second.

26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Judie made the motion with the

27 amended changes. And Bryan seconded that.

28 Is there any other further discussion?

29 (No comment.)

30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Public comment?

31 (No comment.)

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?

33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.

34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.

35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.

38 And that passes. None opposed. Thank you.

39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Do we need to take the sheriff? Do

40 we need to take the sheriff? Did you save him one -- the one

1 ahead?

2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We just have to do it this afternoon.

3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh. Right. Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Moving to Number 10, the assessor.

5

6 **10) ASSESSOR: Discussion, no action required:**

7 **a) An increase to operations for \$7,475.00 and \$40,000.00**
8 **to Capital Outlay:**

9 **1) Computer Services increased by \$4,425.00 due to**
10 **maintaining two systems;**

11 **2) Dues and Subscriptions increased \$3,050.00 due to**
12 **licensing and handbooks;**

13 **3) Capital Outlay increased \$40,000.00 for new vehicle**
14 **that is needed because of annual recosting. (Request**
15 **to move this item to Fund 029 if approved);**

16 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**

17

18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Discussion. No action required.

19 You don't want us to approve this even tentatively?

20 Okay.

21 An increase to Operations for \$7,475 and 40,000 to Capital
22 Outlay.

23 Number 1, Computer Services increased by \$4,425 due to
24 maintaining two systems.

25 Number 2, Dues and Subscriptions increased \$3,050 due to
26 licensing and handbooks.

27 Number 3, Capital Outlay increased \$40,000 for a new vehicle
28 that is needed because of annual recosting. Request to move
29 this item to Fund 029 if approved.

30 And all other matters properly related thereto.

31 Afternoon, Lura.

32 LURA DUVALL: Sorry. I have allergies today. So sniffly.

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Big --

34 LURA DUVALL: Spring --

35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- question.

36 LURA DUVALL: -- fever. Okay.

37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Big, big, big question.

38 If we give you this, when are you going to have the website
39 fixed?

40 LURA DUVALL: What's wrong with the website?

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I couldn't --
2 LURA DUVALL: I wasn't aware there was a problem.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I couldn't get into minutes.
4 LURA DUVALL: That's been fixed for a while. You guys --
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: This was -- this was over the weekend.
6 LURA DUVALL: Oh. If something happened over the weekend,
7 I'm not aware of it.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Are you adding -- are you going
9 to be adding more to it?
10 LURA DUVALL: Uh-huh. We --
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So you --
12 LURA DUVALL: -- are.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the GIS.
14 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Okay.
15 LURA DUVALL: Yeah. We are.
16 We've had some issues with -- Libby's been trying
17 to get in -- get a VPN so that she can get in when she needs to
18 to fix a lot of things.
19 But Brian's been having some struggles with Quest, opening up
20 the -- the VPN.
21 And in fact I've got to touch base with him later today because
22 I told them to get on them. This is ridiculous. It's been
23 going on for several weeks. So she needs be able to get in
24 there whenever so that she can resolve issues.
25 But if there's an issue out there and nobody tells me about it,
26 I don't just routinely go on. I don't go on the minutes or
27 anything so I wouldn't know there's something wrong --
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
29 LURA DUVALL: -- unless somebody tells me.
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and that was just one thing I
31 noticed. But -- but the big thing is, is, like I said, the
32 other stuff that hasn't been added yet.
33 LURA DUVALL: I'm not aware of what that is.
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, like the GIS. I mean, you can't
35 get into the recorder's --
36 LURA DUVALL: Yeah. We can get into it. The -- the
37 recorder's stuff, yeah, the recorder's -- internally you cannot.
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, no, no. But, I mean, --
39 LURA DUVALL: Externally, --
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- if I were --

1 LURA DUVALL: -- everybody --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to look --
3 LURA DUVALL: -- else can.
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'm -- I have --
5 LURA DUVALL: So I'm not sure what's going on with you
6 because --
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll have to --
8 LURA DUVALL: -- we've been --
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- look at it.
10 LURA DUVALL: -- getting into it for a long time now. I go
11 into -- I have links at home. I get into it.
12 I've not had any complaints from anyone else. There was a few
13 little glitches in the beginning, but I'm not aware of anybody
14 not being able to --
15 Lesley, have you been told that they can't get into the recorded
16 documents?
17 LESLEY BUNCH: No, but it is -- what you have to do is
18 you -- I should say my name. Lesley, for the record.
19 I'm loud. What you have to do is the -- the way you've been
20 going in, you need to get rid of it and type it all in again brand
21 new.
22 LURA DUVALL: Clear your cache.
23 LESLEY BUNCH: And it's -- yeah. It's just --
24 LURA DUVALL: Yeah.
25 LESLEY BUNCH: -- it just for some reason has to be
26 reentered brand new.
27 LURA DUVALL: Yeah.
28 LESLEY BUNCH: And then it takes you to a very ugly area
29 which hasn't been designed yet. And to the right-hand side,
30 when you're looking at your screen, there's a little blue thing.
31 Click on the blue thing and you can access everything you need
32 from there. But it isn't finished yet. But you can access
33 recording information but just not in this building.
34 LURA DUVALL: No.
35 LESLEY BUNCH: And you have to reset up your -- even if
36 it's the same wording, you have to reset it up again. I don't
37 know why, but it works.
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Operator error.
39 LURA DUVALL: Well, there's an --
40 LESLEY BUNCH: No, you didn't --

1 LURA DUVALL: -- issue with Tyler --
2 LESLEY BUNCH: -- know.
3 LURA DUVALL: -- and security and the network. And we have
4 been hounding and hounding.
5 They're supposedly still working on trying to get that fixed,
6 but we haven't had an answer yet. So that's the software
7 company. That's Tyler, the new company. And we've been working
8 on it. We've been trying, because we don't like that we can't
9 get in internally either.
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
11 LURA DUVALL: And so that's been an ongoing thing. But
12 Tyler can't seem to resolve it, at least yet.
13 So you have to understand there's A lot of changes going on
14 right now --
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I -- and didn't --
16 LURA DUVALL: -- with DevNet, --
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- know if --
18 LURA DUVALL: -- Tyler.
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it was a long process. Just it
20 took --
21 LURA DUVALL: Yeah.
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- a while.
23 LURA DUVALL: But as far as anybody not be able to get in
24 the website, since the end of December that's not been an issue.
25 So there must be something personally on yours. Or are you
26 talking about internally?
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. I think it's what Lesley said.
28 LURA DUVALL: Okay.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I need to just -- instead of --
30 LURA DUVALL: Yeah. Because we've not had anybody else
31 complain. We've been --
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
33 LURA DUVALL: -- doing fine. So -- okay.
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Mapping and Plotting. You've
35 used 27 percent of it.
36 LURA DUVALL: Uh-huh.
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Is that a hard-and-fast number, forty
38 --
39 LURA DUVALL: Yeah, --
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- thousand?

1 LURA DUVALL: -- it is. We --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
3 LURA DUVALL: -- have a ton of work that Nancy's scrambling
4 to get done. We are remapping all the patent and mining claims
5 and the railroad leases.
6 We are into -- she's doing the most expensive and the most
7 complex right now, which is Austin. Save the best for last.
8 And that's going to cost us a lot of money because it is very
9 difficult. And Patsy can attest to that.
10 So basically that will be Book 14.
11 We've -- she's pretty much finished Books 12 and 13, which
12 is -- 12 is north of the 40th parallel. Thirteen is everything
13 except Austin, south of the 40th parallel. And then the best for
14 last, which is Austin. And she's running into interesting issues
15 with that in getting that done.
16 So, yeah, we will probably use most of that by the time we're
17 done with this whole project.
18 She also has to put together a bunch of stuff for the
19 DevNet system. She's working on that as well.
20 And so, yeah, we will probably utilize the rest of that.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So tell me about your new vehicle.
22 You have how many right now?
23 LURA DUVALL: Two. We have a pickup. And then we have
24 a -- that goes out in the field. And then we have a car that we
25 use for --
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And is one of them --
27 LURA DUVALL: Getting pretty old.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- being retired?
29 LURA DUVALL: Huh? What's that?
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Is one of them being retired?
31 LURA DUVALL: No. No. We wind up with three because --
32 finally, we do not have a choice. We have to go to annual
33 recosting.
34 With the new DevNet system, all the counties have to go to
35 annual recosting, which means instead of recosting 1500 to --
36 properties, you're going to re- -- be recosting the whole -- the
37 whole county, all 7,000 every year.
38 It has to be in the new system. So there's a lot more
39 involved in that.
40 And we are -- there's only, I think, myself and one or two

1 other counties in the state that haven't got to that point yet.
2 The Department of Taxation's been pushing and pushing. And now
3 because of the new system that we're going live with, we don't
4 have a choice. We have to go to annual --

5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

6 LURA DUVALL: -- recosting.

7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So explain the recosting.

8 LURA DUVALL: Okay. So instead of -- right now we do -- we
9 physically reappraise one fifth of the county. We have five
10 appraisal cycles, one through five. So we physically go out and
11 re- -- revisit each of those five areas.

12 So we recost that one fifth of the county. And then the
13 state imposes an improvement factor for everything else. We just
14 apply a factor to everything else. That goes away. And we have
15 to do our physical reappraisal of one fifth and recost everything.
16 It's not a matter of just applying a factor anymore.

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So the physical appraisal I
18 understand. But the --

19 LURA DUVALL: Uh-huh.

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- recosting means another trip somewhere?

21 LURA DUVALL: In many cases, yes. Uh-huh.

22 The whole county instead of just one -- one geographic area, we
23 have to do the whole county every year.

24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

25 LURA DUVALL: Yes.

26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And so three of you are using vehicles at
27 the same time? Is that it?

28 LURA DUVALL: What we're going to do -- no, one of them we
29 use -- it -- we wouldn't take out in some of these places. It's
30 not -- it's not a vehicle -- that's why we got a pickup
31 because the ar- -- some of the areas we have to go you got to
32 have a four-wheel drive. Okay.

33 And then -- so this way, yeah, we will have two and two. So we
34 will be using at least two vehicles at a time, maybe not every
35 single day, but the majority of the time, yes.

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So for 40,000, you're getting a four-by?

37 LURA DUVALL: Yes.

38 Hopefully.

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, yeah.

40 LURA DUVALL: Yeah. I think we can --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No --
2 LURA DUVALL: -- for --
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- problem.
4 LURA DUVALL: -- 40,000 with state --
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thirty-eight --
6 LURA DUVALL: -- purchasing.
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- thousand. Thirty-eight --
8 LURA DUVALL: Yeah.
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- thousand for a brand-new F-250 --
10 LURA DUVALL: Yep.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- with a diesel.
12 LURA DUVALL: Yeah.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, even --
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: 38,000.
15 LURA DUVALL: Yeah.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think -- what was the Tahoe? Was
17 only like 26,000 --
18 LURA DUVALL: Yeah. They're --
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- or something.
20 LURA DUVALL: I think 40's plenty. I really --
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: And --
22 LURA DUVALL: -- do.
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- and your pickup, I think, was 28-, a
24 Dodge 1500.
25 LURA DUVALL: Yeah. I think so.
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: And that's four-wheel drive. I think
27 it --
28 LURA DUVALL: Yeah.
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- was 28- (indiscernible).
30 LURA DUVALL: I thought it was 32- or something like that.
31 But, anyway, in that ballpark. Yeah.
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
33 LURA DUVALL: That was --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I didn't -- didn't think it had to be that
35 high. We just bought the new Ford Explorer and that wasn't that
36 high.
37 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. It was -- I think it was just
38 under 30-, maybe --
39 LURA DUVALL: Yeah.
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- 32-. I -- I don't remember for --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- sure.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But I wanted to be sure it was a four-by
4 is what I'm saying.
5 LURA DUVALL: Yes. Yes.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
7 LURA DUVALL: Absolutely. Yes. Uh-huh.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Any other questions?
9 I'll make a motion to approve an increase in operations for
10 7,475 -- se- -- it is 7,000; right?
11 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: \$7,475 and 40,000 to Capital Outlay.
13 And also -- oh, that's basically it.
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's --
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Patsy.
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: There is a question about the
17 fact that it says no action required.
18 LURA DUVALL: I didn't do the agenda. I have no idea.
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I know. I d- -- I understand,
20 Lura.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But it -- but it does have the little
22 asterisk that says we could take action.
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes, yes. You can. I just
24 wanted to point out that you -- you certainly can take action --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- if you --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So --
28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- wish.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- my impression when I --
30 LURA DUVALL: (Indiscernible.)
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- read it --
32 LURA DUVALL: -- it said --
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- was --
34 LURA DUVALL: -- that.
35 CINDY BENSON: I don't know why it --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- the assessor --
37 CINDY BENSON: -- says --
38 LURA DUVALL: (Indiscernible.)
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
40 CINDY BENSON: It's fun they --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- wants --
2 CINDY BENSON: -- didn't adjourn --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to discuss --
4 LURA DUVALL: (Indiscernible.)
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- things we don't have to --
6 LURA DUVALL: Yeah. (Indiscernible.)
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- take action on.
8 However, because it's part of the budget, we are going to take
9 action on the rest of it. That was my interpretation.
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. There --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: What was yours?
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It -- it's on three or four of
13 them. But we can take --
14 LURA DUVALL: Oh. Okay. So (indiscernible).
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We can certainly take action on
16 it.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So we're okay with that. Okay.
18 So, Judie, are you -- you're still in the middle of your motion.
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. No, I just had to read -- read it
20 properly. Is basically she's increasing her operations and
21 asking for \$40,000. And so that's in my motion. Is to increase
22 the Operations for \$7,457 and \$40,000 to Capital Outlay for a
23 new pickup -- I mean a new vehicle.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
25 So what does that leave us with? The computer system and Dues
26 and Subscriptions. That's the whole total of everything. Okay.
27 Second?
28 We've only got the two. We've got the total --
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, yeah, that's all --
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- for everything.
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- she's asking --
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we've --
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- for.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- got the 40,000 --
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- for the vehicle.
37 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: But what about the -- the increase in
38 the Dues and Subscriptions?
39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: (Indiscernible) --
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's --

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- (indiscernible).
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- all part of it.
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's for --
4 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It's all part of it?
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: The --
6 CINDY BENSON: Take it --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- seven --
8 CINDY BENSON: -- together.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- 7475 --
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh, okay.
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's --
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- is the --
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- part of --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- whole --
15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- the --
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- total --
17 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- total.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- of --
19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- two of --
21 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: All right.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- one and --
23 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Very --
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- two.
25 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- good. All right. Well, then I'll
26 second it.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
28 CINDY BENSON: And my --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
30 CINDY BENSON: -- only question --
31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Sorry.
32 CINDY BENSON: -- is --
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any other discussion? Public comment?
34 CINDY BENSON: I do have a question.
35 Which fund would you like to take the vehicle out of? Would you
36 like that -- take that out of the General Fund? Or would you
37 like to move it to Fund 29?
38 LURA DUVALL: Just Capital Outlay.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: What's easiest for you? Or what would
40 you recommend?

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: What -- what have we done on all of them?
2 Some we take out of Capital Outlay, but not everything.
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I believe it should go in 29, the
4 029 Fund.
5 CINDY BENSON: I think so too. That's where we take out of
6 most --
7 KEITH WESTENGARD: Uh-huh.
8 CINDY BENSON: -- vehicles. And that's --
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And -- and --
11 CINDY BENSON: -- funded by the net proceeds.
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So noted.
14 Motion made by Judie, seconded by Kathy.
15 All in favor?
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
18 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you, Lura.
22 LURA DUVALL: Thank you.
23 One other -- one further note, any time you have issues,
24 please let us know with the website. Because, like I said, if we
25 don't know it's happening, we can't fix something if we don't know
26 about it. So --
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Usually it's on the weekend.
28 LURA DUVALL: That's fine.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Or -- or at night and I forget. But I
30 think this is operator error. I'm --
31 LURA DUVALL: Okay.
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- got to learn how to --
33 LURA DUVALL: Well, no, there's been some real glitches.
34 Other people, not just you, have had some problems with their
35 systems and the new system. So it -- it's not just you.
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
37 LURA DUVALL: Okay?
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thanks.
39 LURA DUVALL: We've had several other -- some of the
40 agents, we've had to kind of work through. I've had to send

1 links and then it works okay for them. And they just clear it
2 out.

3 So it's not -- it's not just you. Okay?

4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: All right. Thank you.

5 LURA DUVALL: It's --

6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll let you know.

7 LURA DUVALL: -- it's still a work in progress.

8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I understand that.

9 LURA DUVALL: Okay. Thank you.

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11 **11) FINANCE: Discussion and possible action:**

12 **a) Maintenance/Contract Agreements decreased \$16,500.00,**
13 **otherwise no changes;**
14 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**

15

16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Number 7, Finance. Discussion and
17 possible action.

18 A) Maintenance, slash, Contract Agreements decreased \$16,500,
19 otherwise no changes.

20 Okay. So you have your own Travel and Training.

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. But do you need \$10,000?

22 CINDY BENSON: We could reduce that. But I would rather --
23 instead of reducing that one -- I would rather reduce the
24 Professional Service. Well, no, I can't do that one either.

25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, you've used almost half of that.

26 CINDY BENSON: Yeah. I'm going to keep that.

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I -- I'm just asking. I mean, you --
28 you haven't used any of Travel and Training this year yet.

29 CINDY BENSON: I have, but it's only been a thousand.

30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So --

31 CINDY BENSON: It's not --

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it's --

33 CINDY BENSON: -- showing up --

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it's --

35 CINDY BENSON: -- yet.

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. It's --

37 CINDY BENSON: Okay. Yeah, we could -- we could reduce
38 that.

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: How much would you like to reduce it
40 to? Six?

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: What do you want --
2 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to do, Judie?
4 CINDY BENSON: We could take it down to 6-.
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Reduce her Travel and Training down to
6 6,000.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Reduce it down to --
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: 6,000.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Six. Thank you.
10 Okay.
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make a motion that we decrease
12 the Maintenance/Contract Agreements for the Finance Department
13 by 16,500 and the Travel and Training to 6,000.
14 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. Moved by Judie and seconded by
16 Kathy for the Finance.
17 Any other discussion?
18 CINDY BENSON: What was that motion?
19 What was that motion?
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Decrease your Maintenance/Contract by
21 16-.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Sixteen --
23 CINDY BENSON: That one?
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- five.
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Sixteen five.
26 CINDY BENSON: Oh, no, no.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And --
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And the Travel and Training reduced 4,000
29 down --
30 CINDY BENSON: Oh.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to 6,000.
32 CINDY BENSON: Okay.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay?
35 CINDY BENSON: All right.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Moved by Judie. Seconded by Kathy.
37 All those in favor?
38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

3 And she passes.

4 Any opposed?

5

6 **12) BUILDING AND PLANNING: Discussion, no action required;**

7 **a) Postage increased \$2,000.00, otherwise no changes,**

8 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**

9

10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Number 12. Building and Planning.

11 Discussion -- what is this "no action required"? I don't

12 understand that. I mean, we're going to take care of all this

13 today.

14 A) Postage increase \$2,000, otherwise no changes, and all other

15 matters properly related thereto.

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How much is a stamp nowadays?

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Fifty-five cents.

18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, my God. You're kidding me.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh, no. It's ridiculous.

20 ANNA PENOLA: Kyla -- Anna Penola with the Building

21 Department.

22 Kyla and I share that line item. And she has to send all those

23 letters, every time, within 300 feet.

24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, she's used 98 percent of postage

25 so far as of --

26 ANNA PENOLA: Yeah. We're probably --

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- December.

28 ANNA PENOLA: -- going to go over this year.

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. So that's definitely --

30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, the whole thing is, it wasn't just

31 your five cents for the -- for the -- for the first-class stamp.

32 Anything else is just -- it went outrageous. If you send

33 anything at all --

34 ANNA PENOLA: It's got to be certified. And --

35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And --

36 ANNA PENOLA: -- my letters --

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- and --

38 ANNA PENOLA: -- have to be certified.

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: They -- yeah. So it isn't just --

40 ANNA PENOLA: So it's almost \$8 to send out a letter.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not to show my age or anything, but a
2 stamp was, like, 4 cents when I was a kid.

3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So you have 12,000 for code
4 enforcement and have not used any of that.

5 ANNA PENOLA: We were using it for -- working on the codes
6 when Jan was here, but that's kind of went to the sub- -- gone
7 away. I don't know if we're going to start up or not. But
8 that's what that came out.

9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --

10 ANNA PENOLA: They really need to be looked at. But it's
11 finding the time and the people to -- to do it. Rex was helping
12 with it. But --

13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: There -- there are going to be
14 some changes in the code -- in -- in talking to Kyla -- that in
15 the -- in the very near future to -- to make some corrective
16 actions in our zoning laws.

17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and that's when we -- we do an
18 ordinance change. That's part of the code. Isn't that part of
19 the codes?

20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right. And that's --

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: In an --

22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And -- and that's --

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- ordinance change. So
24 that's --

25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So Anna was saying that there
26 hasn't been any action, --

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.

28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- but --

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But --

30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- I anticipate --

31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- but we --

32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- it picking --

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- haven't --

34 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- up.

35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- we haven't spent any money on that.
36 We've had some ordinance changes. You know, can we --

37 ANNA PENOLA: Can we see what -- two years ago? Do you
38 still have all --

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

40 ANNA PENOLA: -- two years ago? If you would, please.

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You used a little under -- well,
2 actually, 7200. You used 60 percent of it.
3 ANNA PENOLA: I'm good with it if -- you can cut some. I
4 don't want to get rid of all of it.
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, I don't want to get rid of all of
6 it either.
7 Cut it in half?
8 ANNA PENOLA: That's fine.
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Your plan review is at 8 percent.
10 ANNA PENOLA: Just -- that's a year-by-year thing,
11 depending on --
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
13 ANNA PENOLA: -- the projects.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Travel and Training is 4 percent.
15 You've got 15,000 in there.
16 ANNA PENOLA: I don't mind giving up five.
17 But Travel and Training, that's for both Kyla and I, both of us.
18 Just so you know.
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I'll make a motion for Building and
20 Planning we increase postage by 2,000, we decrease code
21 enforcement by 6,000, and Travel and Training by 5,000.
22 CINDY BENSON: That's (indiscernible).
23 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second.
24 ANNA PENOLA: Oh, okay.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. We have a motion on the floor
26 for Building and Maintenance.
27 We have the three that were affected.
28 Made by Judie, seconded by Kathy.
29 Any other discussion?
30 (No comment.)
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Public comment?
32 (No comment.)
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
40 ANNA PENOLA: I've got another one.

1 13) **BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: Discussion, no action required;**
2 **a) No changes;**
3 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**
4

5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Building and Maintenance. Discussion, no
6 action required. And no changes for Number 13.

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Questions on usage so far.
8 So this has plan review as well. So you have plan review in
9 both.

10 ANNA PENOLA: Oh. Well, then. Yeah, we're still good with
11 the one we just did.

12 CINDY BENSON: I printed off of this one.

13 ANNA PENOLA: We took it off of 8. And there's one in 9.

14 CINDY BENSON: No, that was code enforcement.

15 ANNA PENOLA: Plan review. Fifteen and eight.

16 CINDY BENSON: Oh. Okay. Yeah, we took --

17 ANNA PENOLA: And 20 and 9.

18 CINDY BENSON: (Indiscernible.)

19 ANNA PENOLA: We can drop it five.

20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So right -- right now you're at
21 21 percent. And with your Building and Planning was at -- at --

22 ANNA PENOLA: Eight.

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Eight percent.

24 ANNA PENOLA: But, like I said, it just depends on the
25 year.

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. Drop that five?

27 ANNA PENOLA: Yep.

28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Your utilities are at 23 percent as of
29 December.

30 ANNA PENOLA: I don't have anything to do with that. It's
31 just in my budget.

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

33 ANNA PENOLA: I don't.

34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You -- you turn off the light; right?

35 CINDY BENSON: Well --

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I know that's a tough one, but --

37 CINDY BENSON: Yeah. Because that -- that -- that covers a
38 lot of the buildings around town.

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

40 ANNA PENOLA: And Austin.

1 CINDY BENSON: (Indiscernible.)
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And Austin.
3 CINDY BENSON: And --
4 ANNA PENOLA: Yeah.
5 CINDY BENSON: -- Austin.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. I mean, it's the --
7 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- whole county.
9 ANNA PENOLA: It's the whole county.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Like she --
11 CINDY BENSON: It is.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- says, it's her budget, but everything's
13 in there. I don't know --
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: How much of it have we used? Two?
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Twenty-three percent.
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I mean, aren't -- u- -- utilities are
17 generally a fixed amount; right?
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
19 CINDY BENSON: Not necessarily because --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, no.
21 CINDY BENSON: -- you've got heating costs.
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Uh-huh.
23 CINDY BENSON: You've got your electricity goes up in the
24 summertime. It fluctuates.
25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: But, I mean, to have only have used
26 23 percent with only --
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: As of --
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- three --
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- December.
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- months.
31 CINDY BENSON: As of December.
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh. It's as of December.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Thank you.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You've got --
36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to remember this is all --
38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That makes --
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- as of --
40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- more sense.

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- December. So it's --
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- basically --
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- you look at it a year. It's
6 double.
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Forty-six. Okay.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
9 So your janitorial is at 19 percent.
10 CINDY BENSON: That's supplies that you're using out of
11 that.
12 ANNA PENOLA: Yeah.
13 Do you know what it is currently?
14 I code all -- all the supplies for the county for the buildings
15 --
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh.
17 ANNA PENOLA: -- and their, you know, unif- -- shirts every
18 year.
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. I was just --
20 ANNA PENOLA: Oh. I'll look.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Because I think last year --
22 ANNA PENOLA: Equipment. We're looking at other stuff.
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. Last year you had it split
24 differently. So it was really -- I can't go back two years to
25 see what --
26 ANNA PENOLA: Oh.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the pattern is.
28 ANNA PENOLA: Yeah. It's all the supplies for all the
29 buildings --
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
31 ANNA PENOLA: -- and this one.
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Just the one change so far?
33 It's difficult to change anything on this when we don't know.
34 It's just --
35 ANNA PENOLA: It -- yeah.
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. It was on last year. It was
37 86 percent. So --
38 ANNA PENOLA: Yeah.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I'll make a motion for Building and
40 Planning -- or Building and Maintenance. We decrease the plan

1 review by \$5,000.
2 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second it.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Judie made the motion for Building
4 and Maintenance. It all stays the same except the one \$5,000
5 reduction in plan review. And Kathy seconded that.
6 Any other discussion?
7 (No comment.)
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Public comment?
9 (No comment.)
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
13 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye. Let's take --
16 ANNA PENOLA: Thank you, guys.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- a break for --
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Anna.
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- five minutes.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Thank you. You want a break?
21 Austin, we're going to take a ten-minute break.
22 MITESHELL LANHAM: Okay.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we'll come back. And --
24
25 (Break taken between 2:24 p.m. and 2:39 p.m.)
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27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We are calling the meeting back to order.
28 And first on the agenda is Number 14, our recorder.
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30 **14) RECORDER: Discussion and possible action:**
31 **a) Salaries and Benefits increased \$22,195.00:**
32 **1) Requesting to hire a part-time employee for the**
33 **Austin Recorder's Office;**
34 **2) Gas and Oil line added for \$3,000.00;**
35 **3) Maintenance/Contract Agreements decreased**
36 **\$3,000.000;**
37 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**
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39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Discussion and possible action. Number A)
40 Salaries and Benefits increased \$22,195.

1 Number 1, requesting to hire a part-time employee for the
2 Austin's Recorder's Office.
3 Number 2, Gas and Oil line added for \$3,000.
4 Number 3, Maintenance/Contract Agreements are decreased by
5 \$3,000.
6 And all other matters properly related thereto.
7 Waiting patiently, she has been.
8 Hello, Lesley.

9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So we have a Salaries and Benefits
10 increase of 22,195, but I don't have any of that. Just --

11 LESLEY BUNCH: It's all in the -- I turned it all in.
12 It -- I'm sorry. This is Lesley Bunch, for the record.
13 I put -- I'm tra- -- moving an employee from a two to a three
14 deputy DMV clerk.

15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I just don't have any -- but when it
16 says in my pack, Lesley, it just -- it just says to be de- --
17 determined for --

18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: There's other information in the back.

19 CINDY BENSON: In the --

20 LESLEY BUNCH: Yeah. You --

21 CINDY BENSON: -- very back.

22 LESLEY BUNCH: -- just have to --

23 CINDY BENSON: (Indiscernible.)

24 LESLEY BUNCH: -- keep going to --

25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: In the --

26 LESLEY BUNCH: -- the back.

27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- very back?

28 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But it's kind of --

30 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.

31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- nice to be able to see it all --

32 CINDY BENSON: It's the --

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- on one --

34 CINDY BENSON: -- wage --

35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- page.

36 CINDY BENSON: -- part.

37 LESLEY BUNCH: Sorry about that.

38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Under the --

39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No, --

40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- line item.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- that's okay.
2 LESLEY BUNCH: The personnel --
3 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Where again?
4 LESLEY BUNCH: It's in -- under personnel --
5 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Perfect.
6 LESLEY BUNCH: -- requests. It has --
7 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Thank you --
8 LESLEY BUNCH: -- that --
9 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- so much.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
11 LESLEY BUNCH: -- information --
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I see it now.
13 LESLEY BUNCH: -- there, --
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Thank you.
15 LESLEY BUNCH: -- which explains what I'm trying to do.
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Thank you.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I've got one. Let me take
18 (indiscernible) because it's current. I'm still using that
19 other one. Thank you.
20 Can I have my original back?
21 Cindy?
22 CINDY BENSON: What's that?
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Can I have my original back?
24 CINDY BENSON: Oh. Let me switch it.
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I can put it back in the binder.
26 CINDY BENSON: I think I gave it --
27 Can I switch you, Art?
28 Get the two I just gave you. This one here.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So the salary increase that you are asking
30 for -- Salaries and Benefits -- is for just the part-time
31 person?
32 LESLEY BUNCH: No, ma'am.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: In Austin?
34 LESLEY BUNCH: It's for --
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Or is --
36 LESLEY BUNCH: -- the --
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- your total?
38 LESLEY BUNCH: It -- I guess it's for the total, I would
39 have to say, for both.
40 What I'm requesting -- let me just explain -- what I'm

1 requesting for Austin is to start someone on a part-time basis,
2 no benefits, no anything, just to start learning what Gail is
3 doing in case something should happen.
4 And, no, I do not have any definitive dates. And I'm not trying
5 to plan for her retirement. What I'm trying to do is get
6 someone started. DMV's really intricate and really involved.
7 And I would like to get someone started to start learning Gail's
8 job, maybe perhaps to take over her position when she's gone so
9 that we have coverage at all times.
10 It's a 90-minute drive one way from here and then 90 minutes
11 back, as you well know. And it makes it a little bit unfeasible
12 to try to keep the office open when she's gone a day or two.
13 This way would -- it would allow somebody up to 19 hours a week
14 to keep that open in case something happens. Something could
15 happen.

16 So I'm just trying to get things going. It's not a
17 mandatory. It's not life threatening. I just thought it would be
18 a good time to start someone to work a few hours here and there
19 and kind of get the hang of what DMV is about and get them
20 trained.

21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, up until Gail took over full-time,
22 Gail was part-time. We've had a part-time person down there for
23 a number of years. It seems like forever.
24 And then when Gail took over full time, we never really had
25 anybody. You just came down from Battle Mountain.
26 So I think it's an excellent idea so we can keep it open.
27 We do have people that -- that don't call ahead of time, and
28 they drive in and Gail isn't there.

29 LESLEY BUNCH: Yes.

30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And it's not covered.

31 And -- and any time you have a county office, it is so
32 difficult to run it like that.

33 I mean, I know there's -- there's certainly notices on -- on the
34 door. But not everybody knows that. And --

35 LESLEY BUNCH: Right.

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- and we try and educate them that they
37 should call first before they come. But that isn't true. We
38 have a lot of new people and people going through and such.
39 So I'm in favor. That's my plus.

40 LESLEY BUNCH: The other thing is too she rarely -- we can

1 rarely get her to take time off anyway. She's very reliable.
2 She's always there.
3 But there are times now coming up where she's going to be gone a
4 week at a time. And we'd like to get coverage. And nobody ever
5 knows what day we'll be there to cover. If they're driving in
6 from the ranch and they find out the office is closed, it would
7 just be simpler to have somebody there to cover on the days that
8 she can't and get them trained. Because it's -- there's lot to
9 it.

10 So that's why I wanted to -- and then the other amount is an
11 employee going from the -- her current level up a step.
12 And that's it.

13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: All right. So, Lesley, you've got on
14 here Gas and Oil you want to increase or add a line item for
15 \$3,000.

16 LESLEY BUNCH: Right. I took it out of my
17 Maintenance/Contract Agreement line --

18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

19 LESLEY BUNCH: -- to put into there. It was a gift.

20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, so one of the questions I have
21 about that is, it -- it was a gift to your office, which, first
22 of all, should've gone through the commission.

23 LESLEY BUNCH: Actually, no. It's none of your business.
24 No offense to anyone at all. I was told it did not have to go
25 through the commission. It was just a line item change from
26 office to the other.
27 Now if I'm wrong -- if it's wrong, my mistake. I didn't realize
28 that.

29 But it -- there was no -- no amount of money involved. I didn't
30 purchase the vehicle for any amount of money. It was just
31 passed over. And so --

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, it's still --

33 LESLEY BUNCH: -- through the --

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- a commissioner decision. It's
35 still something --

36 LESLEY BUNCH: It is.

37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that the commissioners approve --

38 LESLEY BUNCH: Well, we use the --

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the purchase.

40 LESLEY BUNCH: -- vehicle. Getting this vehicle, we use it

1 for running back and forth to Austin, taking the maps to Reno,
2 going to travel and training, which we don't have a vehicle to
3 use. So --

4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But we --

5 LESLEY BUNCH: -- this --

6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- have --

7 LESLEY BUNCH: -- is --

8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- a county car. You're welcome to --

9 LESLEY BUNCH: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- use the county car.

11 LESLEY BUNCH: Absolutely, I am. But I've gone on several
12 occasions and wasn't able to get it, back in the day.

13 Now I'm not saying today it would be different. But when we did
14 go after it, we couldn't get it, often just ended up using our
15 own. Thought this would be a great way to -- you know, because
16 we don't -- actually truthfully too, we don't use it all that
17 much. We really don't.

18 But when we do, it's nice to have a vehicle available.

19 And, you know, true, Lura has let us borrow a vehicle when we
20 needed one too at one point.

21 But it just made it easier and feasible for our office.

22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So speaking of the
23 Maintenance/Contract Agreement, 28,000 right now. You've used
24 10 percent. Is I really --

25 LESLEY BUNCH: Yes, but I've got maps. I've got 14,000
26 coming out for a bill that hasn't appeared yet. It's coming.
27 And that's on my -- on my maintenance agreements on my
28 computer. So when that gets here and we get that paid, that
29 will take it down to 10,000.

30 Also there's -- this is the time of year that I start getting
31 my bills in. We've got maps to do for desert imaging, which costs
32 5- to \$8,000 a time.

33 My bills just haven't hit yet.

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So, okay, Lesley, last -- last year,
35 last budget, '17/'18, the Maintenance/Contract Agreement was for
36 17,000. And you used 49 percent of that. You increased it this
37 year to 28,000. And --

38 LESLEY BUNCH: We had -- exactly. Because when we went
39 from ADS to Tyler -- and as I explained last year, we weren't
40 sure what the ADS bill was going to be, if it was going to be

1 maintained at the same amount.
2 We also have OPI, PDI. We have ADS still, not much anymore
3 though. It's done pretty low.
4 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
5 LESLEY BUNCH: About twelve -- 12,000 it'll be this year --
6 CINDY BENSON: Something like that.
7 LESLEY BUNCH: -- for that. But they're not all in yet.
8 So I can't -- I can't say anything.
9 Last year I did a lot out of my map line, as not to use these
10 funds to -- just to save money.
11 And so that might be against me.
12 I don't mind giving some back. That's fine. But I'd like to
13 kind of see where I'm going to be before I give it back. A
14 little closer?
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So okay. What -- you said you gave it
16 out of your map line. Which line would that be?
17 LESLEY BUNCH: It's -- it's not on here. It's funds from
18 the NRS that I get --
19 CINDY BENSON: Not (indiscernible).
20 LESLEY BUNCH: -- for the Recorder's Office.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
22 CINDY BENSON: Fund 290.
23 LESLEY BUNCH: 290. Yeah.
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
25 And then let's see. Your Repair and Maintenance. Pretty
26 you've -- haven't used any of that.
27 LESLEY BUNCH: Right. I haven't had anything go wrong,
28 thankfully.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well --
30 LESLEY BUNCH: We got it -- and you can have some back. I
31 don't care.
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I would like to drop that down to
33 5,000.
34 LESLEY BUNCH: I agree with you there. I think that would
35 be fine. But when we prepared this -- or I -- let me speak to
36 myself. I was not aware the need to cut. And had I been
37 forewarned -- which is my fault, I'm sure --
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, no. That's --
39 LESLEY BUNCH: -- I would have been glad to take these
40 down. Because, seriously, I'm good to go with that.

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And I -- I know that it wasn't really
2 something that we presented. But I -- I also think that, you
3 know, going through it now, if we've got the opportunity --

4 LESLEY BUNCH: Yeah, we can.

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- then -- and then your Travel and
6 Training, you've used 5 percent.

7 LESLEY BUNCH: Which I am -- I'm going to need. I've got
8 to send two employees to training for DMV class. It's going to
9 be a week each -- and I can't send them at the same time -- for
10 salvages. And -- oh, I can't think of what the other one's
11 called right off the top. Anyway, they have to be trained in
12 order for us to do it in this office. And it's a weeklong
13 class.

14 And I have to wait for DMV to -- to schedule my girls to go.
15 And then I have a brand new employee that I will be sending
16 to --

17 Once she gets past her six months, I'm going to be sending her
18 to other offices to work because I think it makes a better,
19 well-rounded employee. And that will be two to three days here
20 and there. But I had to wait for her to get past her six months
21 before I -- I'm not going to invest in that until I'm -- I have
22 her for six months.

23 And so a little bit more of that would be used. And if I
24 find -- I mean, you're welcome to take it all at the end of the
25 year if I still have some left.

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So '16/'17 budget, Travel and Training
27 was at 9,000. You used 28 percent. 17/'18 -- was it 9,000? --
28 you used 32 percent. And right now you have used 5 percent.
29 Well, I don't even know if it's considered five. I would like
30 to drop that down to 5,000.

31 LESLEY BUNCH: I would like to not. I'd like to wait and
32 see because I have a lot of training coming up. And it is
33 expensive to send them. So I would like not to. I'd like to
34 wait and see, hold off. And then next year, of course, I won't
35 need as much, providing everybody stays, like, past their dates.
36 Once you throw all the training into them and then they leave --

37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: If it's on the line item, it's there.
38 And we know where it's at. And if it's not used, it comes up
39 again.

40 LESLEY BUNCH: Well, and then -- and the other thing too,

1 with DMV, they can throw things in to us that we to go get
2 trained for that we don't even know is coming up. And so it
3 just -- I know it's a buffer. But I'm -- I'm kind of concerned
4 with the changes.

5 They're going into a brand new computer system. We're going to
6 have to be trained, all of us, on that.

7 So I just cannot v- -- consciously say, I don't need to send
8 them or we won't need some of that. I'm just going to have to
9 wait. I -- I'm sorry. I don't agree with that one. And if we
10 don't use it, definitely take it down next year.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I have a question. And so -- and I'm
12 meaning no disrespect. I just -- I'm new and don't understand
13 what some of the stuff is so I want to make sure I have some
14 clarity.

15 When it was very first brought up, I'm assuming that a car -- so
16 a vehicle was given to an office. I'm assuming. I don't know.

17 LESLEY BUNCH: Yes.

18 Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: And so the -- is that -- just so we
20 know -- is that something that can be done?

21 I didn't know if the -- we -- can --

22 KEITH WESTENGARD: Normally --

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- the county do --

24 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- what --

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- this?

26 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- happens, if we're going transfer
27 vehicles interdepartment, --

28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.

29 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it comes through the commission for
30 approval.

31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.

32 LESLEY BUNCH: And my -- I'm sorry. I didn't know that.

33 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well, I -- I --

34 LESLEY BUNCH: I'm -- no. Because I wasn't told that. So

35 I --

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, it's -- it's a --

37 LESLEY BUNCH: -- I --

38 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, --

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- county --

40 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- nobody --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- car.
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- asked either. Nobody asked.
3 LESLEY BUNCH: No, that's -- I -- because I --
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: That --
5 LESLEY BUNCH: -- was so --
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
7 LESLEY BUNCH: -- sure that the answer I'd gotten was
8 right.
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: That --
10 LESLEY BUNCH: My mistake.
11 And then when we did it, nothing was said to me when -- when the
12 (indiscernible) -- or when the request went in, nothing was said
13 to me that we had to do anything more.
14 So I'm sorry I didn't. I mean --
15 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: No, and I was --
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: But --
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- just wondering --
18 LESLEY BUNCH: Hey.
19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- myself --
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: But --
21 LESLEY BUNCH: -- you guys, you --
22 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- because --
23 LESLEY BUNCH: -- you know --
24 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- I am -- I'm so --
25 LESLEY BUNCH: That's not --
26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- new, --
27 LESLEY BUNCH: -- a --
28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- I didn't want to --
29 LESLEY BUNCH: -- to be rude. I just was told I -- it
30 didn't have to so I was good --
31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.
32 LESLEY BUNCH: -- with that.
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: And the first -- the first I saw any
34 paperwork was about three weeks ago. So I don't know if was
35 before that (indiscernible).
36 LESLEY BUNCH: I don't know how long ago it was. It was
37 before three weeks ago, though.
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, that's the first I -- I saw of it.
39 LESLEY BUNCH: Oh.
40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So now is there something --

1 LESLEY BUNCH: And I --
2 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- we can --
3 LESLEY BUNCH: -- still --
4 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- do just to get --
5 LESLEY BUNCH: -- didn't (indiscernible).
6 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- it corrected? I mean, so we're --
7 KEITH WESTENGARD: We'll have to --
8 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- all -- everything's --
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: We --
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- on -- on -- transparent as far as
11 this goes?
12 Not a problem that she has it, but that it's -- everything's
13 done transparent.
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I would say that we either put it
15 on an agenda -- can they address that now? On this agenda
16 item --
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But the question --
18 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- (indiscernible) --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- today on the --
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well --
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- budget is if we are thinking about
22 doing that, then perhaps we should think about the Gas and Oil.
23 Remember, this is just tentative.
24 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well, no, and I know --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We can --
26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- that.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- go either way.
28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We can take it off and put it on later Or
30 you can leave it on and -- and take it off later, you know,
31 depending on what happens.
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And the thing too is if they -- if
33 they've used the vehicle at -- from other departments --
34 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's not another department.
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So that -- that department's paying
36 for the gas and oil to support her -- her department. Do you
37 see what I'm saying? Where now she has this vehicle that has
38 really no cost to the county because it's already been bought
39 and paid for.
40 You see what I'm saying?

1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Without giving you a blanket --
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Are you --
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- answer.
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- following me?
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, I'm not following you.
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So if she --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It's a --
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- borrows --
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it's a county --
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: If she --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- vehicle.
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh. But it comes out of the
13 commission budget, doesn't it? The county.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, it's been --
16 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: No.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- paid for a long time.
18 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It's already been --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, --
20 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- paid --
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it's --
22 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- for.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- not.
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No, no, no. I'm saying the gas and
25 oil, the maintenance.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, it comes out of whatever department is
27 using --
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Their budget.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- other than the county car.
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, that's what I'm saying.
31 Because this Gas and Oil wasn't a line item on it before;
32 correct? For --
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. This --
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- for the --
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is a new --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
37 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- Recorder.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: When they all -- this --
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- line item.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- is --

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I have --
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- this is their own car that she has in
3 her department --
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No, I understand --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- right now.
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- that. I --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It's really --
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- understand that perfectly --
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, okay.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- fine. What I'm saying is that
11 where she -- she comes and borrows the -- a vehicle of the
12 commissioners or she -- you see what I'm saying?
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. This --
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: The gas and oil --
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It's coming --
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- would have -- coming out that
17 budget. Now it'd be coming out of her own budget.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.
19 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's what I'm --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: County.
21 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- saying.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: County.
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's all I'm saying.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes.
25 LESLEY BUNCH: That's not exactly right.
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No?
27 LESLEY BUNCH: But I appreciate your thoughtfulness.
28 When we use somebody else's vehicle, yes, the oil comes out of
29 their budget, but the gas, we -- we --
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: From --
31 LESLEY BUNCH: -- would have --
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- your own card?
33 LESLEY BUNCH: -- paid for ourselves --
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
35 LESLEY BUNCH: -- out of our budget.
36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay. Thank you.
37 LESLEY BUNCH: Yeah.
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'll make a motion that we fund
39 the recorder's request as presented and to get the car stuff
40 straightened out.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Did we -- there was some mention of
2 decreasing some line items. Did you want to include that, Art,
3 or just you're approving it as presented on the agenda?

4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You didn't want to decrease your
5 travel; right?

6 LESLEY BUNCH: No, I didn't want to decrease the travel.
7 We were going to go down on the maintenance, from my
8 understanding, to 5,000 from 7200. So take 12- from that.

9 And you know what else? I don't need a printing line. You
10 can take that one off completely. I really don't.

11 If I -- we use very little -- I have some stuff with my --
12 with my information on it already. We've got plenty.
13 I don't know that I'd ever -- I could always use Service and
14 Supplies if I needed to order some more. So you could take that
15 off too. I won't need it.

16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Lesley, I had a question.

17 LESLEY BUNCH: Sure.

18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Also your Maintenance/Contract
19 Agreement. I know you're -- you're basically taking three off
20 that. You'd like to add it to the Gas and Oil. Can we decrease
21 the Maintenance/Contract Agreement to 20,000?
22 Because, like I said, right now --

23 LESLEY BUNCH: Right now it's sitting at -- let's look at
24 it here.

25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You've used 10 percent -- well, as of
26 December.

27 LESLEY BUNCH: Right. But you take 14- out of that
28 because -- 14-something -- because I don't know exactly how much
29 that is.

30 CINDY BENSON: Close enough to 15-.

31 LESLEY BUNCH: Yeah. It's closer to 15,000 is going to be
32 for my yearly coming out of that, before July.

33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Excuse me.

34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: She actually --

35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's yearly?

36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- used it almost --

37 LESLEY BUNCH: That's yearly.

38 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- (indiscernible).

39 LESLEY BUNCH: Yes.

40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: (Indiscernible.)

1 LESLEY BUNCH: It's horrendous.
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Is she?
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So --
4 LESLEY BUNCH: And I'm not even --
5 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: (Indiscernible) some idea.
6 LESLEY BUNCH: -- half as much as some.
7 But it's -- it's a lot.
8 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well, you've --
9 LESLEY BUNCH: It's a lot.
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- used almost 67 percent now up to --
11 to date --
12 LESLEY BUNCH: Yeah.
13 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- on that. So --
14 LESLEY BUNCH: Yeah. And if it turns out that I have
15 extra, I certainly will budget less next year.
16 I just have to get done with ADS, which is through December of
17 this year, and then that's gone. And then I have -- I have PDI,
18 which is doing a -- a major change for me.
19 Back when I first was elected, we went and digitized 1863
20 through about --
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, that's how much --
22 LESLEY BUNCH: -- 1913.
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- she has left.
24 LESLEY BUNCH: Actually, --
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, no.
26 LESLEY BUNCH: -- 1996.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
28 LESLEY BUNCH: But some of the --
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That's what she's --
30 LESLEY BUNCH: -- information --
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- doing.
32 LESLEY BUNCH: -- between 1913 and 1996 was just bad.
33 So I -- PDI has gone in, and they have reevaluated and refixed
34 it and reorganized it. And now it's getting downloaded into
35 Tyler.
36 So actually we will be in there from 1863 through today. But --
37 and that's going to cost me some too to --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And --
39 LESLEY BUNCH: -- get that --
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- what -- where --

1 LESLEY BUNCH: -- switched --
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- is that coming --
3 LESLEY BUNCH: -- over.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- out of?
5 LESLEY BUNCH: PDI? That's going to be coming out of my --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Maintenance?
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Main- --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Your maintenance contract?
9 LESLEY BUNCH: Yeah.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, okay.
11 LESLEY BUNCH: Yeah. I -- I've just got some big things
12 coming down and --
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
14 LESLEY BUNCH: -- I won't always have these things. But
15 for right now, I do. And I don't know if the bill's going to
16 come this year or if we're going to get it all done early next
17 year. So that's why it's high.
18 As soon as that's done, --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
20 LESLEY BUNCH: -- then I won't need that much, for sure.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. For right now, the motion on the
22 floor for everything has died. There is no second.
23 So we're looking at what else wants to come?
24 And so far I only have the Travel and Training down to 5,000;
25 right?
26 LESLEY BUNCH: And the 12,000 for the printing, I don't
27 need that at all.
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I'll make a motion, Recorder's
29 Office to decrease the Maintenance/Contract Agreement to 25,000;
30 the -- eliminate the line item for printing; the Repair and
31 Maintenance, decrease it to 5,000; and the travel -- oh, never
32 mind. I'm going to leave it at that.
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second it.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. It's moved and seconded on the
35 amendments.
36 So everything else stays the same.
37 Judie made the motion Bryan seconded it.
38 Any other discussion?
39 (No comment.)
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We all clear?

1 (No comment.)
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?
3 LESLEY BUNCH: Yeah. I have -- may I ask --
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
5 LESLEY BUNCH: -- one more --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh.
7 LESLEY BUNCH: -- question?
8 On the vehicle, what do I need to do for that? What do I need
9 to do that'll make that right?
10 KEITH WESTENGARD: Ted's going to look into it --
11 LESLEY BUNCH: Okay.
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- because it did -- it was a judicial
13 vehicle. The county gave the money -- part -- most of the money
14 for that vehicle. It was given to Max to purchase that
15 vehicle in the past.
16 And then there were some funds that were -- that came out of
17 another line item that he had to make up the difference, similar
18 to what they -- what was done with the new vehicle.
19 So Ted's going to look in to see what the process is.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And see where we are. We'll still have --
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it for the --
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
24 LESLEY BUNCH: Yeah. I don't want it --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- budget.
26 LESLEY BUNCH: -- to -- I don't want to do it wrong.
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, no, it would --
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Once the judiciary gets in- --
30 involved in it, it's a separate branch of government.
31 And -- and I'm going --
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It does get confusing because many times
33 they do run their own show and other --
34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Uh-huh.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- times --
36 LESLEY BUNCH: Yeah.
37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: They do.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we're involved. So --
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. All in favor?

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
6 Any opposed?
7 (No comment.)
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Thank you.
9 LESLEY BUNCH: Thank you, all, very much.
10 Thank you.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Moving right on to Item Number 15. The
12 Sheriff's Department.
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1 15) SHERIFF: Discussion and possible action:

2 a) Operations increased \$61,325.00 and Capital Outlay
3 increased \$250,000.00:

- 4 1) Department 012 - An increase to Coroner's Expenses
5 of \$7,000.00, SRT Team increased \$5,000.00,
6 Maintenance/Contract Agreement increased \$3,100.00,
7 and Minor Equipment increased \$20,000.00 to purchase
8 20 new computers;
- 9 2) Department 012 - Requesting an increase to Capital
10 Outlay of \$120,000.00 for two fully equipped vehicle
11 replacements, \$27,000.00 for bunker radio service and
12 upgrade, \$8,000.00 to repair and reinstall Tenabo
13 radio repeater, \$45,000.00 for 911 audio recorder
14 replacement, \$50,000.00 for fire alarm panel and
15 device replacement. (Request to move these items to
16 Fund 029 if approved.);
- 17 3) Department 012 - FY '18/'19 approved projects and
18 items to be rolled over to FY '19/'20 in Fund 029.
19 Exterior building stucco repair \$3,020,000.00,
20 convert and upgrade RMS to NIBRS compliance
21 \$40,000.00, MDT/E-Citation replacement \$150,000.00;
- 22 4) Department 013 - An increase to Inmate Medical of
23 \$15,000.00, Utilities increased \$2,250.00, and Minor
24 Equipment increased \$9,300.00 to purchase seven new
25 computers;
- 26 5) FY '18/'19 approved projects and items to be rolled
27 over to FY '19/'20. Inmate phone system, \$15,000.00
28 in Fund 029, jail copier replacement \$10,000.00
29 (increased \$5,000.00), and kitchen equipment
30 replacement, \$15,000.00;
- 31 6) Department 014 - Increased Utilities, \$175.00 and
32 decreased Minor Equipment, \$500.00;

33 and all other matters properly related thereto.

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35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Discussion and possible action.

36 I think this is taking all your time just to read it in, guys.
37 Take your time.

38 A) Operations increased \$61,325 and Capital Outlay increased
39 \$250,000.

40 Number 1, Department 012, an increase to Coroner's Expenses,

1 \$7,000.00; SRT Team increased \$5,000, Maintenance, slash, Contract
2 Agreement increased to \$3,100, and Minor Equipment increased
3 \$20,000.00 to purchase two [verbatim] new computers.
4 Number --
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Twenty.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- 2.
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Twenty --
8 CINDY BENSON: Twenty.
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Twenty.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- computers.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh. Twenty. Excuse -- well, what is zero
12 worth anyway?
13 Depends where I put it?
14 Okay. I'll put it on the other end. Thank you.
15 Number 2. Department 012, requesting an increase to Capital
16 Outlay of \$120,000 for two fully equipped vehicle replacements;
17 \$27,000 for bunker radio service and upgrade; \$8,000 to repair
18 and reinstall the Tenabo radio repeater; \$45,000 for 911 audio
19 recorder replacement; \$50,000 for alarm -- fire alarm panel and
20 device replacement. Request to move these items to Fund 029 if
21 approved.
22 Number 3. Department 012, fiscal year '18/'19, approved
23 projects and items to be rolled over to fiscal year '19/'20 in
24 Fund 029. Exterior building stucco repair, \$3,020,000; convert
25 and upgrade RMS to NIBRS compliance, \$40,000; MDT, slash,
26 E-Citation replacement of \$150,000.
27 Number 4. Department 013, an increase to Inmate Medical of
28 \$15,000, Utilities increased \$2,250, and Minor Equipment increased
29 \$9,300 to purchase seven new computers.
30 Number 5. Fiscal year '18/'19 approved projects and items to
31 be rolled over to fiscal year '19/'20. The inmate phone sys- --
32 inmate phone system for \$15,000 in Fund 029; jail copier
33 replacement \$10,000 -- that increased \$5,000 -- and kitchen
34 equipment replacement, \$15,000.
35 Number 6. Department 014, increased Utilities to \$175 and
36 decreased Minor Equipment, \$500.00; and all other matters properly
37 related thereto.
38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I think you forgot the kitchen sink
39 too.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, that --

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and --
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that's --
3 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: No, that's --
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- under 15,000 for the --
5 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- that's --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- kitchen replacement.
7 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- the kitchen equipment.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I would like to com- -- make -- make a
9 note. So you've got the exterior -- exterior building stucco
10 repair for \$3,020,000, which that better be done by June 30th.
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And then what -- yeah, --
12 SHANNON BERUMEN: That --
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- what is --
14 CINDY BENSON: It should --
15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- that --
16 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- will not --
17 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- \$3 --
18 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- happen.
19 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- million for a stucco repair?
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: There's more involved. Yeah, it's --
21 don't go --
22 SHERIFF RON UNGER: This is --
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- there.
24 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- what? -- a three-year deal?
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It bet- -- it's what?
26 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Robert Quick, for the Sheriff's
27 Office.
28 Commissioner Allan, that was put in here as a rollover. And I
29 discussed it with Cindy. That will not be done by June 30th.
30 And it's based on when the contract was finally signed by the
31 commission and the contractor, United Construction.
32 He is currently in the process of issuing subcontracts.
33 But they're not starting construction until the weather is
34 decent enough to rip off the stucco from the building. Because
35 my explanation that I received was they're not to going to do
36 any of the interior repairs to any of the systems until they
37 start the stucco so that they could have all the subs there in a
38 row.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Have they started anything?
40 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: No. Other -- other than

1 we've -- tomorrow we have a preconstruction meeting. And he's
2 issued some subcontracts.

3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So has that amount already been
4 approved?

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It was approved last --

6 CINDY BENSON: Approved last year.

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- year. And my understanding was it
8 was supposed to have already started. And they had so many days
9 to complete it.

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: That was what the contract was. It was
11 so many days to start. It was -- that was in the contract.

12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So they're in violation of the
13 contract.

14 KEITH WESTENGARD: And I -- Robert, wasn't it 3.6?

15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It's \$3,006,000.

16 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. All right.

17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Is what the contract amount was
18 supposed to be.

19 CINDY BENSON: It started --

20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --

21 CINDY BENSON: -- out at 3-. It's three million six. And
22 then before the budget was done last year, it was up to 20- --
23 3,020,000.

24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I thought it was three million twenty
25 and they came in with a -- a bid of three million six.

26 CINDY BENSON: That could be.

27 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Robert Quick, for the Sheriff's
28 Office.
29 The contract is actually 3,006,000, but we elected to ask Cindy
30 to keep the 3,020,000 that was budgeted for because they're
31 telling me until they actually rip the stucco off the building
32 and check the EIFS of the roof, there may be an -- something
33 unknown.

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Of course.

35 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: So --

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But the rollover is only three million
37 six.

38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. It --

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Is that what we --

40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- should be --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we're --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- three --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- saying?
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- million twenty.
5 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: (Indiscernible.)
6 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: It's requested --
7 CINDY BENSON: Twenty.
8 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- at --
9 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Three twenty.
10 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- three million twenty, which
11 is --
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It is three --
13 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- what is --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- million --
15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- currently --
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- twenty.
17 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- budgeted.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You have that. Okay. Okay. Got --
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I just -- I --
22 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Now my under- -- my
23 understanding is because we supposedly will be receiving some
24 bills before June 30th. And then Cindy will adjust the actual
25 rollover to the correct amounts.
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.
27 Well, I --
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: What was the start date? When were
29 they were supposed to have started by?
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: They were h- -- supposed to have
31 started it a long time ago.
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Several years ago.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. Well, yeah. Yeah.
34 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Well, and -- and Commissioner
35 Allan, I don't know if that -- if them actually start working
36 and finding subs counts as starting or ripping the stucco off
37 the building starts -- is starting it. I don't know which.
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Actual work on the contract, billable
39 time is start date.
40 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And we may --

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And that doesn't include looking for
2 subs.

3 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And we may have billable time
4 for that already. I don't know. We just haven't been billed.
5 So I -- I can't tell you that.

6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But I --

7 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And I'll be --

8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- still think --

9 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- happy to -- to supply the
10 list of the things that's included in the contract for the
11 repairs and so forth to -- to the commission.

12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But I do think --

13 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: In fact --

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it is also --

15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- it's --

16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- supposed to be -- that was one of
17 the things that was commented on last year was that it would be
18 completed by June 30th. And it was promised. So --
19 anyway.

20 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: On page 50 of our submitted
21 budget, it's the -- the current list of what's included in that
22 three million six.

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And -- and I am not disputing you.
24 But I know you need it done and you need a lot done. It's just
25 I am frustrated that I thought they should be working on it by
26 now.

27 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: You and us both, Commissioner.

28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.

29 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Said it three years ago.

30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, if we have a contract, I mean,
31 what's our options there?

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I have to see it.

33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.

34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Uh-huh.

35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, maybe --

36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Keith's going to get a copy of
37 it now.

38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Great.

40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Thank you.

1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Sorry, Bryan.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh, yeah.
3 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We do appear --
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So page --
5 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- to be --
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- 50?
7 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- moving --
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: What were you saying, Robert?
9 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We do appear to be moving
10 forward. And -- and ultimately if the -- the commission finds
11 something major, I'd like to move forward with this and not
12 start over from scratch if we can help it.
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: How -- how old is the deal right now?
14 How long ago was that build?
15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: It's coming up on 19 years.
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Ninet- -- wow.
17 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And we're --
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Time --
19 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- just about --
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- flies.
21 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- to the point where the
22 pieces of stucco are going to fall off the building.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, Bryan, --
25 SHERIFF RON UNGER: I'm not signing.
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- they're -- they had budgeted money
27 before, like 520,000. It had been carried over for a couple
28 years. And then last year, 3 million got added to it because
29 that's what their engineer's quote came back at.
30 So --
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I mean, 3 million bucks, you can
32 build a heck of a building.
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: Not that building.
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well --
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, I know. I said half of a
36 building. I didn't say that to (indiscernible).
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. On the -- on the special response
38 team, it looks in here that you -- you want to go from two to
39 four people because we haven't always been able to -- to be
40 there when it's been needed; is that right?

1 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: That's correct, Commissioner.
2 We've -- we've gotten the personnel at this point that are
3 interested in that team. And you're absolutely correct. We --
4 because of scheduling -- and we are still down five sworn staff at
5 the facility. We've not been able to allow the current people
6 that are on that team to respond to situations. So we do have a
7 couple more that are interested in it. And if we can get them on,
8 then we should be able to support the team as -- as necessary.
9 And that -- that increase is for that, which covers not only
10 as explained in -- in our documentation, it covers the initial
11 equipment that we'll need to purchase for them that's specialized
12 for that team, as well as if we have any deployments the costs
13 associated with those deployments.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Sounds good. No, I'm -- I'm in favor of
15 that. And we need to carry our weight for -- for our county
16 too. It's important.
17 I noticed with you -- with, of course, what's been happening
18 with all our folks in the detention facility and the numbers and
19 such.
20 So how are we on that? When I think we pretty well maxed out a
21 few times, have we not?
22 SHERIFF RON UNGER: As far as...
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: The number of people detained --
24 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Population.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- in the jail.
26 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Inmates?
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Occupancy.
28 SHERIFF RON UNGER: No, we've -- we've gotten to about
29 half.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We're okay?
31 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yes. Well, --
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
33 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- we're running right now, if I'm
34 understanding the question, we're running 20-plus inmates per
35 day. And we could house up to 66, 65.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, okay. Because I noticed we went up to
37 30 or so. And I thought, "Wow. What's our capacity here?" But
38 we're --
39 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yeah. No, our capacity --
40 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Sixty.

1 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- is what actually is 66?
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So we're fine.
3 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Sixty-seven.
4 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Sixty-seven -- sixty-seven's our total
5 capacity.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. You don't have it in the budget for
7 that, though; right?
8 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We have -- Commissioner, base-
9 -- we have it in the budget for the meals for that. And that's
10 why our meal line is the way it is. However, --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
12 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- staffing-wise, it would be
13 very difficult to house that many inmates with the staffing
14 levels we have.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, I'm -- I'm sure. Because I -- I
16 keep looking, like, at your overtime.
17 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And, Commissioner, that's a
18 direct result of being down five staff members, not only in the
19 jail, but in the street.
20 We were down three in the jail and two on the street.
21 And so we've got to pick up with that.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's why we gave you all that health
23 insurance for. Come on.
24 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well, yeah. But we can't. We were
25 down then when we got that.
26 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: The --
27 SHERIFF RON UNGER: The problem is getting people to apply
28 and get them to pass the background, the physical agilities, and
29 that (indiscernible).
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Where do you advertise?
31 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We currently advertise a lot
32 online and a lot of word -- word of mouth.
33 We have tried advertising in the newspapers and so forth. And
34 that is a huge waste of money for -- for the return that we've
35 got.
36 We've gotten much more return by word of mouth for people
37 that we have hired and online advertising than anything else.
38 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Isn't it Yelp? Is it Yelp, the
39 program that you use for the --
40 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Uh-huh.

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- hunt?
2 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We use a -- our primary source
3 online is Indeed.
4 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yeah. They -- that's good.
5 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And we've -- we've gotten very
6 decent results out of that over the -- as the sheriff pointed
7 out, the problem is getting qualified applicants, not just
8 applicants.
9 And -- and this is a systemic problem in law enforcement
10 throughout the state. It's not just us.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm sure everybody's getting a big hit
12 with the experience factor for sure.
13 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well, and pa- and the legalizing of
14 marijuana doesn't help applicants either. When they put on
15 their application, "When was the last time you used it?"
16 "Last week."
17 I mean, it doesn't.
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Check.
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think the governor's going to take
20 care of that.
21 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yeah.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Just a quick question on the -- on your
23 K-9 unit.
24 I -- I know that we had -- we had a -- a vest. And I wanted
25 to be sure that the current dog still does. Did they just --
26 SHERIFF RON UNGER: (Indiscernible.)
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- pass that on down?
28 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- for the dog. She wants to know
29 about --
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: The Kevlar vest?
31 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Oh. No, that -- that vest is
32 still being utilized by that -- by that particular dog.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
34 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And those, the average time
35 frame on those -- those types of vests, including the sworn
36 officers is five years. And then it's replaced.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Because I didn't see anything on
38 it. And I thought, Well -- Well, I --
39 SHERIFF RON UNGER: The dogs were about the same size so it
40 worked.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, yeah, but -- but there again, you
2 only have so long. But you know there's grants for those too.
3 So I -- I'm okay with that.
4 The only thing that I -- I was disappointed about, which came
5 before the last commission and was voted down -- and I'm --
6 still like to see it on the K-9 unit. And that's the fact that
7 with the past dog that we had, Dallas -- and my goodness, what
8 did we get? Over a million dollars that she sniffed out, I
9 think?

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Over --

11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: In drugs --

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- 3 --

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: More than --

14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- and --

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- million.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- that.

17 SHERIFF RON UNGER: We thought we had well over \$4 million.

18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: \$4 million.

19 SHERIFF RON UNGER: (Indiscernible.)

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And right. And so she actually retired
21 because of medical.
22 And the officer that -- that took her, of course, knew that --
23 that she had problems medically and -- and probably wouldn't
24 live all that long, at least not the good life that -- that most
25 dogs would.
26 But because it was a medical retirement, I had asked if we could
27 pay at least the veterinarian bills for the first year for the
28 dog. And we didn't get anywhere with that.
29 So while we're still on the K-9 budget, I would like to request
30 that we add \$2,000 in there for vet bills, medications, whatever
31 our retired dog might -- might use for the next year.

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Is Dal- -- how is Dallas doing now?

33 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: He's still getting along with
34 medication.
35 And his -- his handler still reports that he's enjoying his
36 retirement at least.

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, we certainly got our money's worth.
38 There was no question. But I feel badly about it when -- when
39 you adopt the -- the animal knowing that it has problems and
40 it's still an added expense for your family. And I think since

1 we are -- are so generous that we should be thinking about
2 something that's a very small amount to us. It would mean a
3 lot. Plus it also shows that we take care of our own. And a
4 K-9 is an officer.

5 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yep.

6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Are they not?

7 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: They are, --

8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Patsy, --

9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

10 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- Commissioner.

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- I -- I agree with you. I support
12 you. I did last year.

13 I guess one of the questions is, is -- yeah, a K-9 is an
14 officer -- was. I don't know if you could consider it
15 technically employed by the county, but --

16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, it's --

17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- then again, you're also kind of --

18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I think so.

19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- setting a precedence that --

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Retired. And they can take care of it --
21 right? -- if we put it in your budget, under the K-9 budget for
22 an additional 2,000 for the retirement; right?

23 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We could certainly work a
24 process out for reimbursement.

25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I think they -- I think they can handle
26 the paperwork on that.

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and -- and one thing, as far as
28 that goes, the budget now, they've used \$2,000. Is 3 percent of
29 that budget has been used. I don't know as though we need to
30 increase it, but just authorize the Sheriff's --

31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Use --

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Office --

33 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- of it.

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to use that -- that budget to go
35 towards Dallas' retirement.

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Just in- -- increase it with that
37 notation, I think. Right?

38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, like I said, Patsy, they're -- I
39 don't -- they've only used 3 percent. It's --

40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So if you set aside 2,000 within the

1 budget that they have already to be utilized for that --
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
3 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Could --
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, I want to increase it \$2,000.
5 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: But they -- they don't -- like she
6 said, they haven't used only -- they've only used 3 percent of
7 their budget this year of the K-9 money.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So --
9 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Commissioners, if I may.
10 That -- that budget is in place in the event we need it for the
11 K-9 program as far as equipment, medical expenses, so forth.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah, what if he gets injured --
13 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: So --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- on the job?
15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Well, we can always come back
16 to the commission for additional funds for that line. We have
17 no problem utilizing the current funds for that purpose.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. As long --
19 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And --
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- as we --
21 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- and if --
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- designate it.
23 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- necessary and something
24 major catastrophe happens, we can certainly come back and
25 approach that.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. I'm -- I'm okay with that as long
27 as we designate that. Okay.
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So just to note that.
29 What wasn't on here before? Fifty-three -- okay. Yeah, you
30 didn't start this line item until 2016/'17 or '17/'18.
31 2016/'17.
32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: No, long- -- earlier -- longer than
33 that. It was earlier than that.
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: This one, it wasn't on there unless it
35 was under something else.
36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: (Indiscernible.)
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But last year you used 8 percent. So
38 it's not -- you know, they're not using a lot of it. I know
39 it's there for if it's needed. But, like Robert said, if -- if
40 they have an event that they need to come ask us for something,

1 then --
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Robert, --
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You're --
5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- I've got a question on operating
6 budget, personnel patrol. You have the one line item that says
7 "school patrol." Do you have a deputy assigned to that now?
8 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We do.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So --
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Has been.
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- so my question is, is I see that
13 deputy up -- that you -- you have him on a different line item
14 for another amount. So you see making that and what's --
15 but what's under the school patrol? I don't understand it.
16 That's why I'm asking.
17 SHERIFF RON UNGER: I don't understand what you're saying,
18 Bryan.
19 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Robert, come -- come here real quick,
20 Robert. Let me show you.
21 CINDY BENSON: Are you on the wage -- the wage page?
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: He doesn't work for the school through the
23 summer times. So he does work.
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: He's a record --
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Three quarters --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- officer.
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- of the year he's school. And then
29 one quarter is --
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right here's --
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- summertime.
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: It's --
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And he's --
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- budgeted for that.
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- patrol.
36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I -- I know it's this gentleman here.
37 That's what I'm -- do you see what I'm asking now?
38 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: I do.
39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay. Thank you.
40 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Yeah. And (indiscernible) --

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay. Thanks.
2 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: So --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So I see we --
4 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- if you --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- have an --
6 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- can give me just a --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- awful --
8 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- moment.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- lot in here for a lot of different
10 changes on --
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: He's answering --
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- bunker.
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- my question, Patsy.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, I thought he was --
15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Thank you.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- looking it up.
17 CINDY BENSON: It's (indiscernible).
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: He is looking it up.
19 CINDY BENSON: Oh, okay.
20 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: So -- and I didn't prepare that
21 had particular sheet. But I can speak to commissioner is
22 originally what -- what happened is we added a slot, what a
23 commission allowed us to add a slot for a school resource
24 officer.
25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
26 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And we moved a current employee
27 into that slot.
28 So realistically -- realistically that probably should not say
29 "school resource." That's an assignment by an officer. And we
30 should have a blank.
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: For like a --
32 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Unfilled.
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- vacant, an unfilled --
34 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Unf- --
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
36 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: An unfilled --
37 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That was my -- that was where I was
38 at.
39 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- slot.
40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay. That makes more sense to me.

1 CINDY BENSON: Just a patrol?
2 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Yeah, just --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So my --
4 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- a patrol.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- question was on everything that's
6 needed at the Bunker Hill? It's the bunker radio service and
7 upgrade and everything.
8 So everything's over there not working well? Or needs to all --
9 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: No.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- be upgraded? Or --
11 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: No, no. Not at all,
12 Commissioner.
13 What -- what that covers is we -- we are still running into
14 power issues at that site. It's a solar site. And it's a
15 remote site, which is only accessible by helicopter.
16 So what we typically run into is lightning strikes on the
17 antennas, which cause us to have to go up there to replace the
18 antenna because it shuts down our communications on that side of
19 the county, on 376 side.
20 So what this -- and the quotes are in the packet. What this is,
21 is it will add some batteries to the site. It also adds a
22 secondary antenna and the ability for us to switch the antennas
23 to a secondary antenna remotely without having to travel up
24 there.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, backup.
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, okay.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Cool.
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's good.
29 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Exactly.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Glad to hear that. That's good.
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Because you can't plug in.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Repair and Maintenance.
34 You typically -- I think the most you've ever, ever used is
35 50 percent of that line item.
36 It's 53880. I can't pick on everybody else and not pick on
37 you.
38 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Where -- where that actual line
39 is so high at this point is we've always budgeted for in the
40 future if we've had to replace radiators or transmissions on

1 vehicles. We happen to have vehicles -- and with our current
2 service plan that we haven't had to do that.

3 And if we've had to do that, it wasn't worth replacing them
4 on the vehicle we had.

5 So that's why that is at that level at this point.
6 That's mainly when we had the Dodge Durangos. And we're phasing
7 those out. And with him going with the Tahoes, we have for the
8 past several years, I don't know what the longevity on the
9 Tahoes are going to be, though.

10 So if you -- if you wish to reduce that, you can -- you can
11 certainly make that motion, Commissioner. And if necessary,
12 we'll have to come back if it -- to reclaim some of that money
13 in order to change the engines and transmissions --

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.

15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- on vehicles.

16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. I know it was --

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So have you already replaced the ones for
18 this year that the two vehicles? The 2006 Dodges?

19 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: They're --

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You've already replaced those?

21 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: They're currently on order.

22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So then we're on target for two
23 more next year.

24 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Yes, ma'am.

25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Since typically you've only used
26 50 percent of it, can we drop it down to, say, 60,000?
27 I mean, that's -- I think like they said, the highest --

28 SHERIFF RON UNGER: On that --

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- you've --

30 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- issue --

31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- used is 50 percent.

32 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- (indiscernible).

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'm just taking 17,000 off?

34 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Oh, yeah. That's not a problem.

35 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Absolutely, Commissioner.

36 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Sure.

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So which one are you moving, Judie? Which
38 one are you looking at?

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: This is -- it's Repair and
40 Maintenance, 53880.

1 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Department 12.
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: This is under the Sheriff. Yeah.
3 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Taking it d- -- down to 60-?
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
5 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: While you're looking for that,
6 just want to point out a -- a typo on the agenda item.
7 It -- number -- under Number 1, A-1, it shows that it's 20,000
8 for 20 computers, and it's actually 10.
9 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Okay.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: 10,000?
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah, they're --
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Or ten computers?
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Ten --
14 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Ten.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- computers.
16 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Ten computers.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. They're 2,000 apiece.
18 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Correct.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right? Yeah. I saw that --
20 CINDY BENSON: Oh.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- in there. Yeah.
22 CINDY BENSON: Sorry about that.
23 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And if -- if you'd like, I can
24 speak to that just a little bit.
25 Both Department 12 and 13.
26 The reason we have those computers budgeted like that is
27 Microsoft is ending their support on Windows Operating System 7
28 and 7 Pro. And the FBI doesn't allow us to use systems to
29 transmit cri- -- criminal justice information on systems that
30 the manufacturer do not support anymore with security updates
31 and so forth.
32 So I'm in the process of updating the computers in the office
33 that we can upgrade the software on as well as the servers. But
34 there are some that we're just not able to. The hardware won't
35 support it.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. I saw that in there in your -- your
37 declaration. And I appreciate it.
38 Is our overtime going to be any better? I just -- that call
39 back and overtime just kills me. I mean, \$164,000.
40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: You're short that many officers.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: 750. Yeah. It's like, holy cow. But
2 there's nothing you can do about it if you don't have the
3 people. You've got --
4 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Call on the --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to call them --
6 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- people.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- back.
8 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yeah.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I mean --
10 SHERIFF RON UNGER: You have to do the service.
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Robert, how many people are you
12 vacant right now based on five --
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Three?
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- people?
15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Two on the street. Three in
16 the jail.
17 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Two on the street and three in the
18 jail, you said?
19 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: I think it's a total of five
20 sworn.
21 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Wow.
22 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So then after December, are you going
23 to be short one more?
24 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We will. I just received a
25 letter of retirement from our sergeant in the jail. So we're
26 going to be short another person in the jail.
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Through six people.
28 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We do have three people in
29 background right now for sworn.
30 SHERIFF RON UNGER: And they look promising.
31 So they're in background. So they made it through everything
32 else. So hopefully.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I'm curious. Item 53840 is your
34 radio communication. And you've got 35,000 budgeted for that.
35 And, you know, December was 25 percent.
36 Okay. So you've not quite used a third.
37 Would any of that be eliminated by the -- the bunker radio
38 service upgrade?
39 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: That would be a very small
40 amount because that's also used for the yearly maintenance which

1 is not done until the spring of every year.
2 And then if we have any- -- if we have anything left over, I'm
3 able to purchase, say, some portables or something like that.
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
5 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Additionally, we -- we did a
6 major radio upgrade several years ago with the county, where we
7 were able to buy some mobile radios for the vehicles. And we
8 had a few extra, so to speak, because of the budget we had. We
9 just used the last of those.
10 So for new vehicles, that's -- that would also come out of
11 there.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. I was just reading through and
13 I kind of wondered if the bunker, if that would offset any of
14 it, but --
15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: The -- the 10,000 for the
16 helicopter ride, 8- to 10,000 is still going to come out of
17 that.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: How we doing, folks? Any more questions?
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, I think -- I'll make a motion that
20 we approve all items on the sheriff's request for budget --
21 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: (Indiscernible.)
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- and decrease with the exception
23 listed -- decreasing the line item 53880 for Repair and
24 Maintenance to \$60,000.
25 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: When do we have to make
26 (indiscernible)?
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And correction on the computers as --
28 as read. It is ten computers, not 20.
29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And then on these -- we're fine with
30 moving ahead on the stucco thing? Or do we want to look at the
31 contract on that? Or --
32 I mean, if they were supposed to and that haven't, when are
33 they, you know? Are they just going to keep dragging it on? Or
34 --
35 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: He's got some- -- he's got something.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: So they were supposed to start work --
37 date of commencement is in our Article 1 -- other --
38 Unless otherwise set forth, the date of commencement shall be
39 seven calendar days from the date of the execution of this
40 agreement, which was --

1 Well, it's -- the signatures are 11/5, but it was on the agenda
2 September 27th.
3 So --
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So they're in breach of contract?
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I don't know. Have they
6 started -- have they done anything at all, Robert? I don't
7 know.
8 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yes and --
9 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We've had --
10 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- no.
11 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- quite a few meetings. It's
12 going to be a legal issue of what's determined to be started.
13 Is it --
14 SHERIFF RON UNGER: It could --
15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- ripping the --
16 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- (indiscernible).
17 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- stucco off the building?
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It -- it will be --
19 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Or --
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- defined in --
21 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- is it --
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- there.
23 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- start to have meetings and
24 get subcontractors there to look at the building and so forth?
25 I -- that I don't know.
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I don't believe that would be a
27 contract item.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You know, that --
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We aren't going to do anything with the
31 budget with that regarding this.
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's a whole separate issue. So --
34 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Right. Yeah.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, although --
36 SHERIFF RON UNGER: They couldn't --
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Bryan had --
38 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- they couldn't tear the stucco off in
39 the middle of winter.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.

1 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Our heater was down.
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that'll be something that we'll
5 need to bring up.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. You don't want your motion to
7 include anything on it at this point. I -- I --
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I don't --
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- don't know --
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- want to --
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- we could.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- take it out.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: No.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I'll -- you know, the motion is --
16 it'll be in there.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
18 Okay. Second?
19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second it.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Judie made the motion. Kathy
21 seconded it.
22 We just have a couple of the amendments actually and then we
23 approve the sheriff's budget.
24 Any other discussion? Public comment?
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Get your heater fixed, Robert?
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: They did.
27 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: I did.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
29 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
34 Thank you.
35 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yeah. Thank you --
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --
37 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- for that heater. It made a
38 difference.
39 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Because it's only 12.
40 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Huh?

1 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Two more.
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes, they have hot water.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I guess that -- that, you know,
4 since it applies to that item is Keith and -- and request that
5 our district attorney look into that contract.
6 And I know that -- that they'd like to continue with the
7 project, but I think there's some serious issues that we need to
8 discuss.
9 SHERIFF RON UNGER: One question.
10 Judie, was that for all three departments? Your motion? Or --
11 CINDY BENSON: Let's put --
12 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- just for --
13 CINDY BENSON: -- something --
14 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- number --
15 CINDY BENSON: -- in there.
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
17 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- 12? Item --
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, that --
19 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- Item 12.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- was just for Number 12.
21 Can I -- because you --
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: For Number --
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- did --
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- fif- -- 15?
25 CINDY BENSON: They were all combined, though.
26 SHERIFF RON UNGER: They're combined. If you look,
27 you've --
28 CINDY BENSON: They're all --
29 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- got --
30 CINDY BENSON: -- combined.
31 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- dif- -- Department 12, 13, and 14.
32 So we --
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
34 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- should be down on Item Number 4.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You know, really in the jail,
36 you're -- everything seems pretty good. I didn't see anything
37 really to cut.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, the way the motion was made, it was
39 for everything.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It was for --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And I thought --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- everything.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we had discussed --
4 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yeah.
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --
6 SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's (indiscernible).
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it's --
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10 (Simultaneous indiscernible conversations.)
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12 SHERIFF RON UNGER: We just --
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- it's made --
14 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- wanted --
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- and --
16 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- to --
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- passed.
18 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- clarify.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
20 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Just wanted to make sure.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I was --
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And --
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- I was --
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- and --
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- a little --
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we have discussed all of the different
27 departments, I thought. So --
28 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yes.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes. It's animal control and jail and
31 yes, yes, yes.
32 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yeah. And to answer your question you
33 and I had the other day, we're about 50 percent so far on the
34 (indiscernible).
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Thank you.
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- 1 **16) AUSTIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Discussion and possible**
2 **action;**
3 **a) Decreased Gas and Oil \$1,200.00, otherwise no changes;**
4 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**
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6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Moving on to Number 16.
7 Austin Volunteer Fire Department. Discussion and possible
8 action, A) decreased Gas and Oil \$1200, otherwise no changes.
9 And all other matters properly related thereto.

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: So that was all that the Austin
11 Volunteer Fire Department wanted to do is decrease their Gas and
12 Oil and maintain the budget the same.

13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, how about the gear and stuff like
14 that? We're all up to date with everything on their -- their
15 gear and everything? Nothing --

16 KEITH WESTENGARD: So -- so it -- if they do -- are -- I
17 know Roger's been looking into gear both in Austin and Kingston.
18 And if they are out of date, when we get to that 029, that's --
19 that's where that 029 Equipment Fund that I use, that's where
20 that money comes from when we buy equipment throughout the
21 county.

22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So -- and actually Patsy had a very
23 really good point. I was curious about that because I know
24 for -- for Battle Mountain, they're requesting increase on a
25 line item for, I think, creating a rotation for --

26 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Conflict gear.

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Huh?

28 SHERIFF RON UNGER: For the conflict gear and testing the
29 SCBAs.

30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right. And -- and it's kind of what
31 I'm wondering is should -- do we want to just take it out of 29?
32 Or do we want to put a line item?

33 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I -- I offered to Ron that -- that
34 I felt we should buy that stuff right now because some of it is
35 over ten years old, which is an NFPA --

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Absolutely.

37 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- issue. It's over -- if it's over
38 ten years old and somebody gets hurt and it's '11, '12, or older
39 that we're going to get nailed by OSHA, not to mention the
40 injury that could occur with the firemen -- firefighter.

1 So -- but I -- I did see you put that in the budget. But I -- I
2 wanted to replace everything that was out of date right now.
3 Because if we get nailed again, it's not going to be a \$2500
4 fine.

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and -- and that's to -- you
6 know, considering Austin and Kingston too is --

7 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- do we know how -- how old their
9 SCBA tanks and masks and everything? I know they gotten new
10 turnouts recently, but --

11 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. Three years ago we -- we -- the
12 county spent \$50,000. And we bought them new turnouts. We
13 brought everything up to -- up to -- in compliance. That was
14 three years ago. Now, like I said, I know Roger's checking on
15 some wildland gear. And I -- I don't know that he's checking on
16 SCBAs.

17 The SCBAs require -- you don't just wear it. You have to have a
18 fit test and be trained on them in order to use the -- the
19 SCBAs. So I don't know where he's at with that as far as their
20 SCBAs go.

21 I know they got a bunch of new bottles about five years ago.
22 But those were hand-me-downs from NDF. So --

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Do they have a use date too?

24 KEITH WESTENGARD: It -- it depends on what kind of a
25 bottle it is. They can be hydrostatically tested. Some of them
26 hit end of life.

27 And one new SCBA, complete SCBA, self-contained breathing
28 apparatus on the state contract runs about eight grand. That's
29 for one.

30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

31 SHERIFF RON UNGER: If I might, I'm going to help Keith out
32 here. Ron Unger, for the record.

33 On the SCBA bottles -- and you'll see it on the Battle
34 Mountain Fire Department side too -- the bottles are good for
35 15 years total, but they have to be hydro tested every
36 five years --

37 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

38 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- is what it is for the bottles.

39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. They hit --

40 SHERIFF RON UNGER: (Indiscernible.)

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- their end of life at 15 years.
2 SHERIFF RON UNGER: And they -- on the turnout gear, it's
3 every ten years. So what Keith is saying is true. We are out
4 on ours. Ours are about --
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Don't say it, Ron. Don't say it. Not
6 on the record.
7 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Never mind. We're out. So that's why
8 we ordered them.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So as far as the budget, apparently
10 we're not going to do a line item. We're going to think about
11 replacing big time, countywide somewhere else. 029. Right?
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. I mean, that's what I talked with
13 Ron about --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- is to just -- we -- we'll get them
16 done all at once, whatever's outdated.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. With that, we're looking for a
18 motion on Number 16.
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, one thing is I noticed the
20 utilities are -- they're kind of a little overbudgeted on it --
21 on the utilities.
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: They're overb- -- I'm -- let me look.
23 Just a second.
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, they're -- so they've only used
25 1400 on their utilities to date.
26 That was not -- this is up to date today, out of the 7800.
27 KEITH WESTENGARD: I was looking at the wrong one.
28 Well, yeah. And we're still finishing up with the winter -- and
29 that's where all of our money -- in propane. That -- That's
30 where we really -- we can run 1500 bucks as month in some of
31 those -- some of the buildings in the county, especially in the
32 south, the older ones.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So you want to leave it alone?
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: Just -- just for now. They're --
35 they -- they watch it really close. Roger's real good about it.
36 And I keep an eye on it too. But -- but he's good about it.
37 CINDY BENSON: And I re- -- I reduced a lot of those in the
38 utilities last year.
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
40 CINDY BENSON: And this year I'm having to bump them back

1 up because --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
3 CINDY BENSON: -- I took too much away.
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll just take more.
5 I'll make a motion that we decrease the Gas and Oil line item
6 for the Austin Volunteer Fire Department.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And accept the rest of the budget?
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That's all there is. Well, yeah.
9 Accept the rest of the budget.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. Judie made the motion. Bryan
12 seconded.
13 Any other discussion?
14 (No comment.)
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Public comment?
16 Okay. All in favor?
17 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
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- 1 17) **AUSTIN AMBULANCE: Discussion and possible action:**
2 **a) Salaries and Wages and Benefits increase of \$76,820.00,**
3 **Operations increase of \$38,500.00:**
4 1) **Requesting to hire a full-time EMS employee**
5 **increasing Salaries and Wages and Benefits of**
6 **\$74,320.00;**
7 2) **Stipends increased \$2,500.00;**
8 3) **Maintenance/Contract Agreement increased**
9 **\$36,000.00 for contract agreement with Battle**
10 **Mountain General Hospital (last budget all was**
11 **Paid from Battle Mountain Ambulance budget**
12 **Travel and Training increased \$2,000.00 and Minor**
13 **Equipment increased \$500.00 for armoires for dorm**
14 **rooms;**
15 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**
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17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Seventeen. Austin ambulance. Discussion
18 and possible action.

19 Number A. Salaries and Wages and Benefits increase of \$76,820.
20 Operations increase \$38,500.

21 Number 1. Requesting to hire a full-time EMS employee
22 increasing Salaries and Wages and Benefits of \$74,320.

23 Number 2. Stipends increased to \$2,500.

24 Number 3. Maintenance/Contract Agreement increased \$36,000
25 for contract agreement with Battle Mountain General Hospital.
26 Last budget all was paid from Battle Mountain Ambulance budget.
27 Travel and Training increased \$2,000 and Minor Equipment increased
28 \$500 for armoires for dorm rooms; and all other matters properly
29 related thereto.

30 KEITH WESTENGARD: So the first one I'm asking for is A-1.
31 Currently we have a full-time employee in the south that works
32 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through -- or five days a week.
33 So what I'm asking for is a second full-time employee for
34 seven-day coverage where there'll be overlapping, times when
35 they're both on.

36 Other than the one current full-time employee, the rest of
37 the service is all volunteer.

38 And some days -- some weeks Kim works seven days a week for
39 coverage when they have snow or when there's an event or
40 something going on.

1 So that's what I'm looking for with -- with the second full-time
2 employee.

3 We are increasing our volunteer staff down there. So that's
4 why the stipends increased.

5 The drivers get \$50 a call. And that could be a 15-minute call
6 or a six-hour call. That's what they get. They get \$50 a call.
7 And the EMT in the back gets a hundred dollars a call.

8 And that -- like I say, that could either be, you know, a
9 15-minute call or a three-hour call or a six-hour call.

10 The maintenance agreement, the 36,000 that -- that's part of the
11 overall \$10,000 that we pay per month to Battle Mountain General
12 for EMS.

13 With the increase in the volunteers, we still have -- we --
14 we needed to increase the Travel and Training \$2,000 in order for
15 the volunteers to get the training that they need, whether they
16 come to Battle Mountain or they travel outside of the county for
17 state requirements to maintain their certifications.

18 And then I believe about four or five years ago when we built
19 the dorms in the Austin ambulance barn, we put a couple bedrooms
20 in there. And so that's the armoires, one would
21 go in each bedroom in the ambulance house in Austin.

22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So the Maintenance/Contract Agreement
23 now is 12,000?

24 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's -- it --

25 CINDY BENSON: No. It would be 48,000. I might not have
26 corrected it in there. But --

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That's what I'm saying is it's -- it's
28 12,000 now. And you want to increase it 36,000 --

29 KEITH WESTENGARD: No.

30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to make it 48?

31 CINDY BENSON: Yes. Yes.

32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. It's 10,000 a year. What -- it's
33 10,000 a year. And I think we se- -- separated it out this
34 year, Cindy; right?

35 CINDY BENSON: Well, yeah. Because it was all coming out
36 of just the Battle Mountain budget --

37 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

38 CINDY BENSON: -- where it should have been split part out
39 of Austin and part out of --

40 KEITH WESTENGARD: So this took the 120- a year and -- and

1 split it. Part of it goes in Battle Mountain and part of it
2 goes into Austin.

3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So out of the 120-, 48,000 is
4 going -- coming from Austin?

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Is that right, Cindy? I might
6 not --

7 CINDY BENSON: The 36,000 would be the --

8 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

9 CINDY BENSON: -- 12,000 they already had for other
10 agreements.

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh. That's for other agreements.

12 CINDY BENSON: Yeah. And I'm not sure what -- if that was
13 supposed to part of the 48- or what actual agreements that they
14 have.

15 KEITH WESTENGARD: So this -- this is -- so we pay ten
16 thou- -- the county pays the hospital the \$10,000 a month.
17 Originally that was the -- the a- -- the contract that we paid
18 \$25,000 a month on. And it's -- we've -- we've reduced it a
19 little bit.

20 And then last year, we increased it from the 67 -- 6,750.
21 Because we got it way down from the twenty thou- -- 25,000. We
22 increased it from the \$6,750 to the \$10,000 mark. And that
23 extra amount went to Austin to help with hospital --

24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

25 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- or EMS required training through the
26 hospital.

27 So currently the -- the paramedics here in -- in Battle Mountain
28 do trainings monthly or bimonthly for the Austin folks for --

29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Here in Battle Mountain.

30 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, they'll go d- -- they're -- so I
31 just had a meeting with Jason. And they are going to start
32 going to the south to provide the training to the volunteers.

33 It was made very clear -- because the question came from
34 you -- why were we increasing that -- that contract? And it was
35 for training in the south.

36 So that was made very clear to Jason. And he has assured us
37 that there'll be trainings in the south now.

38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: The question was training in the south or
39 training for the south? And that's exactly what they went. We
40 had to come up here.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah, once. I know it. I know.
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: And -- and it -- it was addressed as
4 soon as I found out that he -- that they wanted the people to
5 come here to --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
7 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- Battle Mountain and has assured us
8 that they will start going into the south to provide that
9 training for EMS.
10 CINDY BENSON: Do you --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
12 CINDY BENSON: -- recall what the split was?
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: Not offhand. No.
14 CINDY BENSON: That's me.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So my question goes back to the --
16 the person you want to put on salary again. And it's an EMS
17 assistant coordinator for the south. And you're saying you want
18 someone full-time, not part-time?
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'd like to see a full-time employee
20 but -- to provide that seven-day coverage and double coverage of
21 three days a week.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You really think you need double coverage
23 three days a week?
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I mean, you know what it's like to
25 go on -- on call with one person and hope -- hope a volunteer
26 shows up. And then one of the volunteer firemen show up and --
27 and drive the ambulance.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. But we --
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: This is --
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we really haven't too much of a
31 problem. The only problem they have is coordinating some of
32 that, people leaving and not telling them they aren't going to
33 be available.
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: Or saying they're going to be available
35 and then they don't show up. That's happened a few times.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I do know we have another new EMT.
37 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And that's in the south. And that's --
39 that's exciting.
40 So with that, I guess I -- I say I'd like to see us start -- I

1 don't know if you want to put it in the budget full-time. But
2 I'd like to see us start with a part-time. And it's going
3 depend on the type of person that we get. You might be able to
4 pull a -- pull a part-time easier than you can a full-time
5 sometimes. It works -- you never know if somebody wants
6 full-time work or part-time work. That makes a difference.

7 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But I -- but I would like you to consider
9 it before we just say, oh, yeah, here's a full-time.

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I -- I'm happy to start with a
11 full- -- or a part-time. And if the part-time -- and if it
12 warrants it, then I'll be back here --

13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Well, I --

14 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- next year asking to go full-time --

15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: If --

16 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- part -- part-time --

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- if the commission feels they want to go
18 with the full-time salary so it gives the option to whoever we
19 can pick up, I'm -- I'm okay with that. I mean, that's up to
20 you.

21 But I'm just saying I don't want to see us start with that
22 automatically. I -- I don't.

23 And the other thing is if you get people that are always, you
24 know, there, depending. I know we've had some problems.
25 I've shown up many times and they've had plenty of people. So
26 it's like, okay. Then why don't you put us on a schedule so we
27 know? And so coordination can be a real problem down there for
28 our volunteers.

29 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well -- well, yes, absolutely. It can.
30 And I know Kim's worked hard -- worked hard to try to get a
31 schedule put together.

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well --

33 KEITH WESTENGARD: But when com- -- people commit to a time
34 frame and then something comes up, which, I mean, you can't
35 blame them. They're just volunteers. But when a ti- --
36 something comes up, and they say, I can't make it today. And
37 then to --

38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I know.

39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Kim has --

40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But it --

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to step in.
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But we have to give more authority to Kim
3 to do that. And -- and I --
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Authority over volunteers?
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I -- oh. Absolutely.
6 No. Let me tell you why. Authority because the last run that I
7 ran on, Kim and I took off from the ambulance barn. Another
8 volunteer heard the call and called in and -- and came out but
9 missed the ambulance. So she drove out.
10 Then we had Kingston. And then we had the -- the Rescue 5 from
11 Kingston with an EMT and the fire department and the driver.
12 And I'm going, it was one person in a rollover. And they
13 refused to be transported. But that's okay.
14 But -- but my point is, all these people didn't have to take the
15 time. And, yes, they are volunteers. And, yes, if Kim had the
16 authority to say when she got on scene, I don't need you to
17 respond.
18 But -- but Battle Mountain won't even let her have that
19 authority to do that.
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- well, I -- I don't know that that's
21 Battle Mountain's call.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, that's -- that's where I'm getting
23 it from.
24 But anyway, my point is, it's wonderful, but -- but it's still
25 very disappointing when you've traveled a long ways individually
26 to be somewhere that you're not needed.
27 And so --
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- the coordination of how many EMTs we've
30 got on call and who's responding is really important. And that
31 hasn't been clear enough in the south.
32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, she has the authority to cancel
33 incoming units.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: She told --
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: She just ha- --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- me she didn't.
37 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I -- I -- I don't -- I --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, --
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- don't know --
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- anyway, --

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- why --
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that's --
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- she would --
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that's --
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- say --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- a whole --
7 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- different subject. That's --
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that's a whole different thing that
11 we'll go through. But with everything else on here, and I'm
12 going, Okay. I'm --
13 This is going to help us with standby time?
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Do you know how much we paid last year for
16 standby time?
17 Because we had people covering on -- sometimes there were a
18 couple days off and they came in on standby time.
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. So when -- when somebody comes in
20 on -- if you want to refer to it as per diem or we have a -- a
21 paramedic. We actually have a paramedic who would go to the
22 south and spend three days. He would get three -- he or she
23 would get \$300 -- a hundred dollars for each day, whether they
24 went on a call or not. Because he was there for 72 hours. So
25 that -- he got the stipend, a hundred dollars per day.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. And that's where we need something
27 for him or her to hang her clothes on?
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
29 Yeah. When they -- when they stay there. When they -- they go
30 there for snow coverage, when they stay at the station, if
31 there's a --
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, I --
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- heavy snowstorm.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- understand that. But, I mean,
35 goodness' sakes it isn't like it's home. I mean, why can't
36 we -- we just have a stand for them to put it on like you do
37 laundry?
38 I mean, what's this 250 bucks apiece?
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, I -- I'm sorry. I thought you were
40 still talking about the position.

1 I'm fine with whatever you want to do on the -- on the
2 furniture. I don't have a problem with --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, I was covering all of it.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, okay.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I've already left that.
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: I got lost.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's all. I just -- it was just --
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I mean, they have some very expensive
10 furniture in there. And I just think it's over -- a little
11 bit over the top.
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: That -- that's fine.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I mean, I think it's nice to hang your --
14 I mean, they do have lockers. But that's not the same as
15 hanging up your clothes. It's not. So I'm okay with something.
16 But I'm going, oh, come on.
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: And I believe that -- that was -- she
18 got the quotes local here. So --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So if we hire this second person,
20 that means they are paid salary and they don't -- they're not
21 paid runs; right?
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: That is correct. Yes.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: Uh-huh. That is correct.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I need --
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I --
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- a -- Patsy, I -- I think we
29 probably should, if we're looking at that, maybe start it as a
30 part-time position. That's my think on it as well.
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: And I'm --
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: If part --
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- fine -- I'm fine with that.
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Part-time, 19 1/2 or 32?
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, that -- that'll be up to you.
36 Now at 19 1/2, there's no benefits. At 32 --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Or a 32 with --
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- there's --
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- half benefits.
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's seven -- I think is it -- it's

1 either half over 75 percent.
2 CINDY BENSON: Seventy-five percent.
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Seventy-five percent benefits.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think we'd do better with the 32
6 hours because we would attract more qualified people, I think,
7 if we dangled a little bit of a carrot out there.
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: What's the difference between 19 and
9 32 hours? One paid benefits and the --
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You get --
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- other doesn't?
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. You get a little bit of
13 benefits with --
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- the 32 hours.
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. At --
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. But --
18 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- 32 we'll get -- they'll get 75
19 percent paid benefits.
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. It won't -- it shouldn't make a
22 whole lot of difference since I have a minimum of an EMT to
23 start.
24 But -- but what I'm giving them is I'm looking at somebody that
25 might give us the part-time that doesn't want to work full-time.
26 That's what I'm getting at.
27 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So I'd like to be able to just give --
30 give, you know, Keith and the ambulance department the right to
31 advertise once they get somebody who might fill a position. And
32 if somebody says, I -- I really need full-time, then we can go
33 with the 32 hours and give them what they need. Maybe they do
34 need benefits. Maybe that's the point of them applying.
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So I'd like --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is it thirty --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to leave it up to you if -- if you want
39 to go --
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that way. But --
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Has it been a big problem, Keith,
3 with just the one person down there as far as --
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Not -- not all the time, but there has
5 been some times when Kim's gone, you know. I mean, she's got a
6 life. And --
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- and she'll be out of the area or away
9 for -- or she's gone to trainings and -- and there's nobody
10 there to back her up or they're, you know, 45 minutes out at the
11 ranch. And by the time they get there, Battle Mountain's
12 20 minutes out. So --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is it -- is it 32 1/2 or is it
14 34 hours?
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's 32, isn't it?
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thirty-two.
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: I think it's --
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thirty-two?
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- 32 hours.
20 CINDY BENSON: I think it's --
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
22 CINDY BENSON: -- 32.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Uh-huh.
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: But -- but that -- that would even help.
25 And that will give us an idea, I mean, to see how it goes.
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: If you have somebody that's
27 interested --
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I -- there's people that would be
29 interested. I mean, --
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- we -- we get stay -- sleepovers from
32 Nye County, from Eureka County, from Humboldt County that'll
33 come and work our EMT -- or our ambulance in the south.
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make a motion that we fund a
35 full-time position as -- let's see. How do I --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Assistant coordinator?
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. Assistant coordinator for the
38 Austin volunteer ambulance service; increase the Stipends;
39 increase the Maintenance/Contract by 36,000; and approve the
40 Travel and Training, increase the budget by 2,000; and approve

1 Minor Equipment -- oh, you know what? I don't see why we need
2 to increase Minor Equipment.

3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: They still have some in the budget, don't
4 they?

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: They -- well, yeah. And I don't want
6 to increase the budget line item. So I'm basically going with a
7 full-time position that is flexible to decide how you want to
8 hire somebody. If you just want to go part-time, full-time.
9 Stipend increase, Maintenance/Contract increase, and Travel and
10 Training increase.

11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second.

12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. It's been moved by Judie that we
13 approve everything except the Minor Equipment and seconded by
14 Bryan.

15 Any other discussion?

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm good to --

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public --

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- go with the halftime.

19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right. With half time.

22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Giving --

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thirty -- thirty-two --

24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- Keith --

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- hours.

26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- the flexibility.

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Uh-huh.

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?

31 (No comment.)

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?

33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.

34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.

37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we take a break, Patsy.

38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye. And that passes.

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Two minutes?

40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Actually, we're going to break.

1 I'm going to take one more and then we're leaving for the
2 day.

3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: How long a break?

4
5 (Commissioner Clark left commission chambers.)

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7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Huh?

8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: How long we got?

9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We're not taking break. Art did.

10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh.

11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We're going right on to --

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Do one more --

13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- Number 18.

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- and then we're leaving.

15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh. Oh, oh, oh. Got you. Sorry. I
16 was --

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's okay.

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19 **18) BATTLE MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Discussion and**
20 **possible action;**

21 a) **An increase to Operations of \$57,650.00:**

- 22 1. **Utilities increased \$450.00 and radio**
23 **communications increased \$5,000.00 to purchase**
24 **four new handheld radios;**
25 2. **Minor Equipment increased \$52,200.00 to**
26 **replace expired Fire Equipment. Total cost**
27 **for turnouts, SCBA Tanks, SCBA Masks and SCBA**
28 **units is \$57,200.00. (Request to move these**
29 **items to Fund 029 if approved);**

30 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**

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32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Battle Mountain Volunteer Fire
33 Department. Discussion and possible action.

34 A) an increase to Operations, \$57,650.

35 Number 1. Utilities increased \$450 and radio communications
36 increased 5,000 to purpose four new handheld radios.

37 Number 2. Minor equipment increased \$52,200 to replace expired
38 fire equipment. Total cost for turnouts, SCBA tanks, SCBA
39 masks, and SCBA units is \$57,200. Request to move these items
40 to Fund 029 if approved, and all other matters properly related

1 thereto.

2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Ron, I'd really like to see these come
3 out of Fund 29.

4 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Do what?

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'd really like to see the 57,200 for
6 your turnouts, SCBAs, et cetera, to come out of Fund 29.
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8 (Commissioner Clark returned to commissioner chambers.)
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10 SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's fine.

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So I'll make a motion to
12 approve a u- -- utilities increase of \$450 and radio
13 communications increase 5,000 to purchase four new handheld
14 radios for the Battle Mountain Volunteer Fire Department and to
15 move the request of \$57,200 to Fund 29. And approve that.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second.

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Judie made the motion everything
18 approved as is with the -- the turnouts and tanks moving over to
19 029. And Kathy seconded it.
20 Any other discussion?

21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And that'll give us two turnouts, Ron?

22 SHERIFF RON UNGER: No, sir.

23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: One -- one per person?

24 SHERIFF RON UNGER: No. That -- if you look on the other
25 sheet, it should be in your packet, that'll be for eight
26 turnouts of \$2500 apiece. So there's \$20,000 for turnouts.

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So here's my concern. And I just
28 found out about this.
29 I have a friend in -- in Sacramento. He's a retired captain for
30 the fire company. And he was talking about you need two
31 turnouts. Because if you're in a chemical fire and your suit's
32 exposed to chemicals, it needs to be cleaned before you can use
33 it again. So if you don't have a -- have two, then you're going
34 to be wearing --

35 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Somebody else's.

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Ron, I have another question.
37 Okay. So eight sets. Those are the expired turnouts; right?

38 SHERIFF RON UNGER: No.

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We're not getting -- are --

40 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Those eight sets that we're looking at

1 right now that's on the budget for '19/'20, the -- the turnouts
2 that we've already ordered for now --
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Brand new for the whole department?
4 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Not for everybody that's in the
5 department. Okay?
6 So it's the members there. We're three or four members short.
7 This is for the new members or that somebody may quit during the
8 year, '19/'20, --
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
10 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- this is to r- -- to get them turnout
11 gear if the turn out gear that somebody left doesn't fit them.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Got you. Okay.
13 SHERIFF RON UNGER: So it's -- it's a -- it's a cushion in
14 there.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
16 SHERIFF RON UNGER: You know.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What -- what's --
18 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Because right now everybody that's
19 got -- that we've ordered the turnout for, they've all been
20 fitted. So we've got large and small. And if we get somebody
21 new in and a small one leaves and a -- a big one comes in, I've
22 got to get turnout gear for them. So that's what that is for.
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What's a turnout cost, Keith?
24 SHERIFF RON UNGER: \$2500 for the --
25 KEITH WESTENGARD: They -- they --
26 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- coat --
27 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- have --
28 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- and the --
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now --
30 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- pants.
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- is that the coat, the pants, and
32 the boots?
33 SHERIFF RON UNGER: No. That's just the coat and the
34 pants.
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How much are the boots?
36 SHERIFF RON UNGER: They're not that much. But we have
37 there -- as far as I can find out, unless the boots are actually
38 burned up or something, there's not a -- a drop dead date on --
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Both --
40 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- those. And the same on the helmets.

1 You know, if you wanted to get new helmets, they're about
2 four to 400, depending on what you get, 4- -- 4- to 800 dollars
3 apiece for the helmet. So where -- we use them what we've got as
4 best we can.

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Do we need new helmets?

6 SHERIFF RON UNGER: No, not at this point.

7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So, Art? -- Art? I just want to -- as
8 far as two sets, right now our fire department, there's some of
9 the turnouts that are expired in date that are practically brand
10 new.

11 There are some that are used that are expired in date, but they
12 look brand new. Is I don't know as though we could justify two
13 sets because a lot of them don't get used.

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well --

15 SHERIFF RON UNGER: And to --

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That was to --

17 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- answer what Art is -- is saying, if
18 in fact we did have a chemical spill -- and let's hope we never
19 do to where we contaminate somebody because then we're probably
20 dealing with OSHA and in the middle of a hospital anyway. But
21 if in the fact we did have a situation like that, we would get
22 those suits cleaned.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

24 SHERIFF RON UNGER: And if that person's still around, we
25 would make sure that there's -- let's face it. There's 25
26 firemen. Well, there's going to be an empty locker where if we
27 had to grab a -- a clean suit, we could.

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, they're good for ten years?

29 SHERIFF RON UNGER: They're good for ten.

30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Besides that, Ron, you're getting
31 spares.

32 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well, I'm not --

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So you always --

34 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- going to order the spares until --

35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, that's --

36 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- they come --

37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- true.

38 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- on board.

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But, yeah. You do --

1 CINDY BENSON: Actually --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- have --
3 SHERIFF RON UNGER: So --
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- those that don't --
5 SHERIFF RON UNGER: We -- we can --
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- (indiscernible).
7 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- make this work.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
9 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Okay.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Judie made the motion. Kathy
11 seconded it.
12 And then if there's no more discussion, all those in favor?
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
15 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
17 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Thank you --
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
19 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- very much.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we will recess for today and be back
21 on Number 19 tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.
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23 (Adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.)
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