

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 April 1, 2019, at 12:59 p.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: We are going to call to order the Special
23 Agenda Budget Workshop for the Lander County Commissioners'
24 meeting, Town Board of Battle Mountain and Austin, Board of
25 County Highway Commissioners, April 1st, 2019.

26 And, no, this is not an April fool's joke. We are actually
27 here and ready for business.

28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Far from it.

29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.

30 Would you all join us, please, in the salute to our flag?
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32 (Pledge of Allegiance)
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34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.

35 And now if I may remind you to please mute your cell phones
36 and then join me in a moment of silence.
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38 (Moment of Silence)
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1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. And welcome, everybody.
2 The Lander County Commissioners may break for lunch from
3 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m., which I'm going to ignore.

4 KEITH WESTENGARD: We talked --

5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And --

6 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- about that.

7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- any --

8 I can ignore the agenda; right?

9 Any agenda item may be taken out of order, may be combined
10 for consideration by the public body, and items may be pulled or
11 removed from the agenda at any time.

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14 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We are into public comment, which is for
17 nonagendized items only.

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

26 Is there any public comment to start with this afternoon?

27 (No comment.)

28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

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31 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Then we will start out with the -- the
34 consent agenda.

35 All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered
36 routine and may be acted upon by the Board of County
37 Commissioners with one action, without extensive discussion.

38 Any member of the board or any citizen may request that an item
39 be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon
40 separately during this meeting. Consent agenda materials are

1 available at the Lander County Clerk's Office for viewing, and
2 copies are available for a nominal charge.

3 Number 1, approval of April 1st, 2019, agenda notice;
4 Number 2, approval of February 28th, 2019, special meeting
5 minutes; Number 3, approval of March 14th, 2019's meeting
6 minutes; and Number 4, approval of March 28th, 2019, meeting
7 minutes.

8 And we have no minutes so it would be a motion to approve
9 Number 1, the agenda notice.

10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So moved.

11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you, Judie.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second.

13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And Kathy seconded.

14 All those in favor?

15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any opposed?

21 Thank you.

22 Now the changes to the fiscal year 2019-2020 recommended
23 annual budget as prepared by the fiscal officer is what we are
24 doing today.

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1 **COMMISSIONERS**

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- 3 1) **Discussion and possible action to approve/disapprove:**
- 4 a) **Wildland fire protection contract is currently being**
- 5 **paid from the Battle Mountain Fire Department (001-017)**
- 6 **budget. I would like to request that it be moved to the**
- 7 **County Manager (001-005) budget;**
- 8 b) **Requesting to remove the \$16,000 for the Humboldt**
- 9 **River Authority and \$16,000 for the Central Nevada Water**
- 10 **Authority from the budget (001-035). These expenditures**
- 11 **are being paid from the Commissioners Dues and**
- 12 **Subscriptions line.**
- 13 c) **Requesting an increase to the Ag Extension (Fund 005)**
- 14 **of \$20,000 for weed control;**
- 15 d) **Requesting to review the decision on the county**
- 16 **employee bonuses for \$107,000;**
- 17 **and all other matters properly related thereto.**
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19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we start with -- under the

20 Commissioners area, Number 1.

21 Discussion and possible action to approve or disapprove:

22 A, the wildland fire protection contract is currently being

23 paid from the Battle Mountain Fire Department, 001-017, budget.

24 I would like to request that it be moved to the County Manager,

25 001-005, budget.

26 B, requesting to remove the \$16,000 for the Humboldt River

27 Authority and \$16,000 for the Central Nevada Water Authority

28 from the budget, 001-035. These expenditures are being paid

29 from the Commissioners Dues & Subscriptions Line.

30 C, requesting an increase to the Ag Extension, Fund 005, of

31 20,000 for weed control.

32 D, requesting to review the decision on at county employee

33 bonuses for \$107,000.

34 And all other matters properly related thereto.

35 So we will talk about all of these under the Number 1

36 agenda.

37 Okay. Starting with Number 1. This is just strictly

38 moving it. That's per --

39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, and --

40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- your --

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it --
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- request?
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. That is mine.
4 Currently, it's in the Battle Mountain Volunteer Fire
5 Department Fund. But whenever that quarterly payment comes up,
6 it does come to me. The contract comes to me for review and
7 then off to the District Attorney's Office for review.
8 So I -- I -- it's just -- if it's under my line item -- I
9 mean, it doesn't -- it's not taking anything away from the fire
10 department. I spoke with Ron about it. They're -- he's fine
11 with it.
12 So I'm just asking that it be moved from the Battle
13 Mountain Volunteer to -- so under the County Manager budget.
14 And next Thursday on the 11th, there -- it was an ac- --
15 I have the contract here. There was an actual -- actually an
16 increase in the budget -- or in the contract. But we can talk
17 about that next week.
18 So they'll actually have -- we'll have -- we'll need to put
19 \$58,044 additional. It comes out to \$208,044.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm just wondering. I'm -- when I look at
21 a county manager budget, then I really don't necessarily think
22 of, you know, that wildland fire protection under there. I
23 don't want it so convoluted.
24 I mean, but -- but -- but you want to bring those things
25 under your budget instead of the fire department.
26 I -- I can see doing that. But I'm wondering if there's
27 another department or why --
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: So you can put it -- you can leave it
29 where it's at. I'm just saying it would be easier -- it
30 would -- to put it under my budget since I'm actually
31 responsible. And it's a countywide contract. It's not a Battle
32 Mountain Volunteer Fire Department contract.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's for the --
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- coun- -- (indiscernible) county --
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, I --
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- one.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- understand moving it from the fire --
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- department. I just wondered where else
2 we could move it. And I -- like I said, I -- I think of -- if I
3 dump all those things under a county manager, would it be too
4 convoluted with all the --
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- things that --
7 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it'll have its own line item.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, of course. No, I --
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- understand that.
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: So --
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I just --
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You're --
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's not just --
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But --
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- bulking --
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it into anything. But --
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, if the bill comes to Keith, why
21 wouldn't he have the money to pay for it?
22 I don't understand the rub there.
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's -- it's just currently when it
24 comes, I go to the Battle Mountain Volunteer Fire Department
25 budget. And it's coded to the Battle Mountain Volunteer Fire
26 Department, --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- which it really isn't --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- part of their con- -- or -- their
31 budget.
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And you --
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Cindy?
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- would --
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh. I'm sorry.
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, I'm sorry.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Go ahead.
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So you would create a separate line
39 item on your budget for that?
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. Yeah. Well, yeah. Cindy and I

1 spoke about it.

2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

3 KEITH WESTENGARD: And -- and that's what we would do if
4 it's approved.

5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I mean, it would be clear enough under
6 there. I'm just thinking of -- of how many things you're going
7 to have under a county manager. And I -- it is a contract. And
8 it's an annual contract. If we approve it, it can be paid under
9 there.

10 Any other recommendations of another fund we should put it
11 under or --

12 CINDY BENSON: We could put it under 001-035. I can't
13 remember what -- exactly what it's called at the moment.

14 Other expenses for the General Fund? I believe is what it
15 is. We could put it there.

16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That is -- yeah. Other general
17 expenses?

18 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh. Sorry. Cindy Benson, for the
19 record.

20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Cindy, do you have a preference of
21 where it should go?

22 CINDY BENSON: As long as it's got its own line item so we
23 can track it.

24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Doesn't really matter?

25 CINDY BENSON: It doesn't really --

26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.

27 CINDY BENSON: -- matter.

28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You know, actually, if you look at
30 that item -- that department item, 035, it probably would make
31 sense to put it under that one because each -- each individual
32 one is separately kind of itemized for something. There is a
33 line item for emergency management also.

34 CINDY BENSON: It's county -- it's county -- like county
35 credit cards and -- but it's county expenses.

36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Do we pay any other contracts out of
37 that fund?

38 CINDY BENSON: I believe we do.

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: China Springs.

40 CINDY BENSON: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We got our insurance; fire liability;
2 the water authority boards, both of them; physicals; computer
3 services.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I -- it's your pleasure just for us to go
5 through A, B, C, and D and then just make one motion at the end
6 when we --
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Shall we just do each one
8 individually?
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Concur on it. Yeah. Because they're all
10 kind of together and just moving things around.
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So --
13 Okay.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Does anybody care where it goes?
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I think we're okay.
16 Okay. I'll move to Number B.
17 Moving the \$16,000 for the Humboldt River Authority and the
18 Central Nevada Regional Water Authority from the budget 35 where
19 we had it.
20 CINDY BENSON: And we can --
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, you want --
22 CINDY BENSON: -- delete --
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to move it there.
24 And we've had it right now under our subscription line for
25 commissioners?
26 CINDY BENSON: I was taking it out of 001-035 because for
27 the last several years it's been coded to the Commissioners
28 Dues & --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, I think --
30 CINDY BENSON: -- Subscriptions.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that's a good place. And we've got it
32 with our fire protection.
33 CINDY BENSON: Okay. We can leave it there.
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Because I was going to say that is
35 actually under Dues & Subscriptions under the Commissioners
36 we're -- we're over budget on that anyway. So we'd have to
37 increase that line item or just swap it. So --
38 CINDY BENSON: No, that was in- -- that was including it.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. I was looking at year to date
40 is --

1 CINDY BENSON: Oh, yeah.
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So if we just leave it alone, then so
3 long as we --
4 And on that, I'd ask you -- I thought we were only paying
5 10,000 a year. Did you check to see if it was -- because we've
6 got 16,000 budgeted.
7 CINDY BENSON: I did. I didn't write down the amounts.
8 But I could -- I could get --
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Because I --
10 CINDY BENSON: -- it in.
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: For some reason, I just keep thinking
12 that we were only paying 10,000 per authority. And I could be
13 wrong on that, but --
14 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Cindy?
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Number --
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's a --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- C.
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Patsy, Art has something to say.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh.
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I've got a que- --
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm --
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is it --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- sorry, Art.
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- 16 --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- thousand or 32,000?
29 CINDY BENSON: It's 16- for each line item. So it's
30 thirty-two --
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thirty-two.
32 CINDY BENSON: -- thousand.
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
34 CINDY BENSON: And it --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Couple 32 --
36 CINDY BENSON: -- and 1- -- and like Judie said, it may not
37 be the full 16-. That's just what was budgeted last year for
38 it.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Requesting an increase to the Ag
40 Extension Fund 055 for 20,000 for weed control.

1 And where do we put that 20,000 for weed control?
2 CINDY BENSON: Normally it would be in Bert's.
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: And normally it's -- it's included in
4 Bert's budget in the Public Works budget -- Road and Bridge, I
5 guess, budget.
6 But there's -- there seems -- there'll always confusion
7 with it because the Ag uses it and then -- or they -- they want
8 to take out of it.
9 So we're not -- it's not really an increase, I wouldn't
10 say. I think we're just moving it from --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. You should --
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- Bert's --
13 CINDY BENSON: No.
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- or from --
15 CINDY BENSON: It would be an increase because Bert did not
16 want to give up any of the money.
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I --
18 CINDY BENSON: But we could still take it.
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: I mean, if he's been --
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where's Bert?
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- giving it to him for all these -- I
22 just texted him. I don't --
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'm not sure. I thought he was going to
25 be here.
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I've got some questions on this stuff
27 so I need him here.
28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So I have a question on that,
29 regardless if he wants to give it up or not. If the -- that
30 \$20,000 is it for projects, and it goes specifically for that,
31 then the \$20,000, I would say, if we're moving it, needs to be
32 removed from his account. But from the -- his budget.
33 Because that \$20,000 has been set aside for --
34 CINDY BENSON: For that.
35 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- this. Is going to be --
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
37 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- my suggestion.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Now I'm -- I'm confused because I
39 thought -- I thought we have money in the --
40 CINDY BENSON: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- budget for --
2 CINDY BENSON: That can be --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- weed control for us and what was what
4 Bert had.
5 This 20,000 that was -- that we're looking at for the Ag,
6 that's the --
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: It's an additional; --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- one --
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- right? That's what I was thinking
10 too.
11 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well, they're adding on now because,
12 see, originally it was put into his fund to be used for weed
13 control.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: For us.
15 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: For -- yes. To be put in. So now if
16 we're -- to be utilized for us, like it ha- -- has been in the
17 past; correct?
18 KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I --
19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: When it's being paid, it's not being
20 paid out of his budget?
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'm -- what do you --
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Weed --
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- mean?
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- control is under his budget line
25 item at the -- at the moment.
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. So for us, I'm -- I don't
27 understand what --
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: For the county.
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: For -- for the --
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: For county --
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- countywide?
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- use.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes.
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: So -- so there's one in the north and
37 then there -- he has some in the south too for, like, the
38 airport, things --
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh.
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- like that.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: He does --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Does --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- have money under weed control?
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
5 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: There's 12,000 in the --
7 KEITH WESTENGARD: Uh-huh.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- south, 20,000 in the north.
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It has --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: For weed --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's thirty- --
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- control.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- -two.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But -- okay.
17 So those -- those are left and those are the same.
18 Now we're just asking for an additional 20,000 to go to the
19 Ag for them doing --
20 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: No.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. I --
22 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: And --
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- remember --
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- like grants out to the --
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Why don't --
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to the --
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- why don't we let --
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- ranchers --
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Shannon --
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- or something?
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- explain it?
32 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
33 SHANNON BERUMEN: Hi. Shannon Berumen.
34 Okay. So way back when, however long it's been when
35 Donnie was in Road and Bridge, he had provided -- and this
36 separate from Cooperative Extension -- to the Conservation
37 District \$15,000 in chemical money for weed spraying.
38 So there was a \$20,000 budget in the Road and Bridge, but
39 15,000 of that would go to the Conservation District when we
40 would submit after we had done weed spraying projects.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And is that a match, --
2 SHANNON BERUMEN: For chemical --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- like, with the --
4 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- only.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- different ranchers and such?
6 SHANNON BERUMEN: No. So it's not a cost share. That is
7 specifically for projects that the Conservation District does.
8 For instance, Ferris Creek, we've been spraying last year. And
9 we'll be spraying again this year. And then when the sprayer
10 comes out and they bill us for the -- the chemical, that's where
11 that money comes from is out of that budget.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So --
13 SHANNON BERUMEN: So --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- so everybody else is the same with the
15 county, and we just didn't put any money in for the weed control
16 for --
17 SHANNON BERUMEN: So yeah. So now this -- now -- now
18 because Bert doesn't want it in his budget any longer -- and I
19 talked to Cindy about this, putting it into Cooperative
20 Extension's budget and then the Conservation District will then
21 just ask Cooperative Extension, which would be --
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So it's no --
23 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- me, --
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- new money.
25 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- but --
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It's just a transfer. Because I do
27 remember him saying that he wanted it out of his budget.
28 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yeah.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: If he --
30 SHANNON BERUMEN: So I don't know if Bert's left any other
31 funds in his own budget for -- for spraying projects. But,
32 yeah, he wants that 20- that he was giving us last year --
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we --
34 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- and this year --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- come back to this?
36 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- to be --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: If Bert gets here --
38 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- in a --
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- so he --
40 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- different budget --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- can get --
2 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- area --
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- in his point?
4 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- so he doesn't have to --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Is Bert --
6 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- worry --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- coming?
8 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- about it.
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So, Keith, is he not --
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: Fifteen minutes.
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Fifteen minutes, Patsy.
13 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Keith, so you were saying he doesn't
14 want to take that -- you were saying this is going to be an
15 extra 20- because he wants to keep that 20,000 in his --
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. That --
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- budget?
18 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
19 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: That is correct.
21 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay. That's where --
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. I'm --
23 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So he --
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- I'm --
25 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- wants to keep that in there and
26 then we come up another \$20,000?
27 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Now, is he doing weed abatement?
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: He does have different areas that he
30 does weed abatement. Airport's one of the biggest -- bigger
31 ones that he does the weed abatement on when it gets overgrown.
32 You know, and then the different weed ar- -- the rodeo
33 grounds, around town, the buildings, so forth.
34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: But --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You know, --
36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- it's going to cost us --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- I --
38 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- \$20,000 more a year --
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: What --
40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- to be doing this weed abatement.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I would have to refer -- I don't
2 know what he actually spends on weed abatement --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- a year.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Do you --
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- want --
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a question like Kathy's. When
9 you guy- -- when ag department sprays, where do you spray for
10 weeds?
11 SHANNON BERUMEN: So the conservation district has projects
12 that they come up with, like --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
14 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- Ferris Creek has an entire --
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
16 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- area of tall whitetop.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're out of --
18 SHANNON BERUMEN: It's --
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- town.
20 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- over -- it's about 200 acres. It's in
21 -- within the county, anywhere --
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Within the --
23 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- in the --
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- county, --
25 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- county.
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- but out --
27 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yes.
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- of the town?
29 SHANNON BERUMEN: Right. Unless --
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
31 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- Bert -- well, in the past, like Donnie
32 would say, hey, we can't get to this road out there. If you
33 guys are doing a project out there, "Can you spray up the road?"
34 or something like --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, yeah.
36 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- that.
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't see any --
38 SHANNON BERUMEN: So we would --
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- problem with that.
40 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- work cooperatively. But --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

2 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- for -- for -- it's mostly for larger
3 projects. Like there's 200 acres of tall whitetop in Ferris
4 Creek that we're trying to eradicate.

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now, Keith, do we have a sprayer and
6 we spray? Yeah, we do; don't we?

7 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yes.

8 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, we -- I believe that it belongs
9 to --

10 SHANNON BERUMEN: Well, I believe --

11 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- UNR?

12 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- the county has a -- a -- a sprayer as
13 well. But we, the -- the Conservation District, has a
14 300-gallon spray tank that we use for other smaller projects or
15 that we rent out to people and we cost share with them.

16 But for larger projects, like the Ferris Creek, we actually
17 hire a contract sprayer to go out. And we have other funding
18 from different places that we -- that we pay for that. It's
19 just not the chemical. That's where we use this 20- -- 15- to
20 20,000 is for the chemical portion of that.

21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. So the -- Bert's budget is used
22 mostly for in town in places -- and a good example is the Pack
23 Out parking lot. We would take care of that.

24 KEITH WESTENGARD: But s- -- in the past, he -- it did come
25 out of his budget to -- to do these things.

26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: For Cooperative --

27 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yeah. In the past --

28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Conservation District --

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I understand --

30 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- would --

31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- that.

32 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- (indiscernible).

33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I understand.

34 SHANNON BERUMEN: In the past, Bert had -- they had kind of
35 split that. And, like I said before, Donnie as well.

36 They would keep, like, 5,000 and use that and give us 15-.
37 Like last year, Bert didn't expend any of that portion so he had
38 given us the full 20-, which we're in the process of trying to
39 expend that, the rest of that before the end of the budget
40 cycle.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Are we -- are you okay with that?
2 Or do you want us to hold up?
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's --
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Or --
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- it's --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we're okay? All right.
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's somewhat clear, but --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: As long as the two -- Bert and --
10 SHANNON BERUMEN: So new the --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
12 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- CD will just be requesting it from
13 cooperative extension's budget rather --
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Uh-huh.
15 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- than from Bert's --
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Got it.
17 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- budget.
18 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So -- but he still wants the 20,000 in
19 his budget. So it's costing an extra \$20,000 a year?
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
21 SHANNON BERUMEN: Uh-huh.
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: And originally I didn't want -- I -- I
24 was -- my understanding of it was that 20,000 was specifically
25 for the Cooperative Extension. That's why I was against not
26 moving it -- or -- or moving it and then giving another 20-.
27 But it's -- it's a little more in- -- there's a little more
28 to it.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. It's in --
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: So --
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- Ag. Okay.
32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Number D, requesting to review the
34 decision on the county employee bonuses for \$107,000.
35 We had originally turned this down. And --
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. Yes. So --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, that's contractual; isn't it?
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: Not -- not --
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, no, no.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: The bonuses aren't.
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No?
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: No. They are not.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's not in the contract?
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: No.
6 CINDY BENSON: Uh-uh.
7 KEITH WESTENGARD: The -- we specifically left it out of
8 the contract so that it could be discussed annually by the
9 commissioners.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And in the budget meeting, we turned it
11 down because we were doing the two and two.
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. That is correct.
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we're going to do this under
15 policy?
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: No.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
18 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It's just --
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- an annual --
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- on there --
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- re- --
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- if -- for us to turn down or accept --
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's just an --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- again.
26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- annual -- annual review,
27 Arthur.
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: By the commissioners.
29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: By the commissioners for --
30 no -- no matter what else is going on, you've established an
31 annual review for this particular item. That's my
32 understanding.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Just out of curiosity's sake -- and --
34 and I don't recall because there was so much going on that we
35 did turn this down previously --
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is why is it back on then?
38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That was my question. Yeah.
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: So several employees had approached me
40 and asked me about it. And they're not here. So --

1 But they asked if it could be revisited by the commission
2 and discussed.

3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. And we --

4 KEITH WESTENGARD: So --

5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- are.

6 KEITH WESTENGARD: That's --

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And we --

8 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that's how it got back on the agenda.
9 It was -- it was a request from several, not -- I'm not
10 saying -- it wasn't like the whole county came to me -- but
11 there was several employees that came and asked about it.

12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And I think there was a justifiable
13 reason why we decided to not include it this year in the --

14 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- in the budget.

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, the only comment that I have
17 about bonuses is it -- it's not nice to give somebody a bonus,
18 but by the time they get money on their check, it's not very
19 much. It -- most of it goes to taxes.

20 So if there were another way that we could approach this,
21 I'd be all -- all in favor of it.

22 But when I hear people talk about, well, I got a \$10,000
23 bonus and by the time I got it on my check, I got like \$5200 or
24 something. Forty percent right off the top and then it goes
25 into their other money, and it gets taxed again.

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'd still take it.

27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's like winning the lottery. I mean,
28 it's always nice to --

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Well, --

30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- have something.

31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- if -- if I won a hundred million,
32 I'd gladly --

33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's --

34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- pay the --

35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- right.

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- 40 --

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: See? So it --

38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- to the --

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- isn't --

40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- government.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- what the -- what the total was. It's
2 like, --
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's right.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- golly, I have this I wouldn't have had.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Free beer in --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Lander County for life.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, let's see if we can do a motion with
9 all four. We may or may not agree. And we might have to split
10 them. So --
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make a motion. Item Number A for
12 wildland fire protection that we put that under Fund 001-035;
13 Item Number B, we move the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority
14 and the Central Nevada River Basin Water Authority -- Central
15 Nevada River Water Authority dues, we leave that in the line
16 item that it's at.
17 CINDY BENSON: Okay.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We're -- excuse me -- we're doing a line
19 item on -- what? -- 35?
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It's -- it's al- -- Yeah. It's --
21 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: We're leaving --
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- already --
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- it there.
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- in. We're going to leave it where
25 it's at.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: On 35? Okay. Thank you.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: C? I would move to approve 10,000 for
28 weed control. And D. We stand by our decision not to include
29 bonuses in this year's budget.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I didn't hear you.
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We don't offer budgets -- I mean
32 bonuses.
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Bonuses.
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second --
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So the --
36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- the motion.
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Are -- are we clear on the motion?
39 Everybody understands that? What we're doing then?
40 Okay. Made by Judie. Seconded by Bryan.

1 Any other discussion on it?
2 (No comment.)
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?
4 (No comment.)
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
7 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know. I've got these.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Art?
12 Are you voting?
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm going to -- yeah. Just give me a
14 second. I'm going to -- I'm going to vote with the quorum on
15 this, but there are some things that I don't like.
16 The first thing I don't like is -- well, I'd give them
17 20,000. And I would look into the bonuses. But aye.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So noted.
19 Thank you. It is unanimous.
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21

22 **FUND 236**

- 23
24 **2) Discussion and possible action to approve/disapprove:**
25 **a) Requesting to add the 72-acre wetlands project to the**
26 **sewer projects. The total amount of all sewer projects**
27 **stays the same. The project just did not get listed on the**
28 **budget workshop agenda; and all other matters properly**
29 **related thereto.**
30

31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We move on to Fund 236. Number 2.
32 Discussion and possible action to approve or disapprove:
33 A, requesting to add the 72-acre wetlands project to the
34 sewer projects. The total amount of all sewer projects stays
35 the same. The project just did not get listed on the budget
36 workshop agenda. And all other matters properly related
37 thereto.

38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But we don't have a total. How much
39 is this project?

40 CINDY BENSON: For the wetland one?

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
2 CINDY BENSON: Let's see here.
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Bert?
4 The 72-acre wetlands? That's you?
5 BERT RAMOS: Yep.
6 CINDY BENSON: So the total for the sewer -- well, let's
7 see -- for the wetlands is \$742,500.
8 But it was already included in the total I gave you at the
9 budget workshop. It just -- the listing just didn't make it on
10 the page.
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, I see.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So we didn't have it listed
13 anywhere. So now it's just going to be listed under sewer,
14 which is where it should have been listed and we just missed it.
15 Okay.
16 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And that can come out of the -- the
18 sewer fund -- the enterprise?
19 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know you explained this before. So
22 could you explain it to me just --
23 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. Bert Ramos, --
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- a quick --
25 BERT RAMOS: -- for the record.
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- summary?
27 BERT RAMOS: Sor- -- sorry, guys, for being late.
28 The wetlands out here -- so now with infiltration and the
29 state's requirements that tightened up on the sewer plants as
30 well, we went back to a wetland so we can discharge to the river
31 for six months. And we can discharge to a wetlands -- an area
32 that contains the water. And it, you know, like a septic system
33 almost. It goes into the ground that way. And a lot of
34 evaporation to comply with the state's regulations.
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. So the -- the ponds we have out
36 there presently, that's 72 acres?
37 BERT RAMOS: No. Them -- them -- them are just lined
38 holding ponds.
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
40 BERT RAMOS: But there'll be overflow from that.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So you need to build something else?
2 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. So them are just settlement ponds so --
3 so sludge goes out and settles in there. And then the clear
4 liquid will fall out into the wetlands. And that's where it'll
5 --
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. That's what I thought.
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So on the project, what -- what do you
8 do? How do you, you know, build these to contain it so that you
9 can get the -- the evaporation, you know, the holding. And
10 then, you know, hopefully, it'd be nice if -- if you could have
11 wetlands year round. I know it's not ideal or realistic, but
12 how do -- how do you hold it? How does it stay there?
13 BERT RAMOS: That's what the money's for is the levees
14 that --
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That -- that's what I'm asking is --
16 BERT RAMOS: Yeah.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- what it's -- you build levees?
18 Is --
19 BERT RAMOS: Yeah.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.
21 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. And then they're -- you know, NDOW,
22 they have you put fish in there that eat mosquitoes. And then
23 you have plants that uptake nitrates. And it -- all the way
24 around it's supposed to be a better system for the --
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So if they --
26 BERT RAMOS: -- environment.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- if they plant the fish, then we're
28 hoping it's going to be year round?
29 BERT RAMOS: Yeah.
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Just --
31 BERT RAMOS: And -- and -- and when I say "fish," they're
32 like -- they're little tiny fish that eat mosquito larvae.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, well. Yeah.
34 BERT RAMOS: Yeah.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Any kind would -- but they still need
36 water. So --
37 BERT RAMOS: Yep.
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Cool.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So we need to clean this up
40 administratively. I'm waiting for a motion.

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I'll add -- add the 72-acre
2 wetlands project to the sewer projects in the amount of
3 \$742,500. Not to exceed.

4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second.

5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you, Bryan.

6 Judie made the motion we approve that and move it over to
7 the sewer projects. And Bryan seconded.

8 Any other discussion?

9 (No comment.)

10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?

11 (No comment.)

12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?

13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.

18 Okay. Thank you.

19
20 **FUND 055 -- Capital Construction Project Requests (Rollovers) that**
21 **were not on the budget workshop agenda. The total of all projects is**
22 **\$65,191,966. Estimated beginning CCP budget is \$14,179,460.**
23 **Revenues estimated at \$22,000,000, which would allow for up to**
24 **\$36,179,460 in expenditures.**

25
26 **3) Discussion and possible action to approve/disapprove:**

27 **a) Maintenance Town of Austin streets (rollover) in the**
28 **amount of \$658,944;**

29 **b) Izzenhood/Antelope Valley road project (rollover) in**
30 **the amount of \$279,101;**

31 **c) Frontage Road (between 2nd and 3rd exits) (rollover)**
32 **in the amount of \$1,000,000;**

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

34
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Fund 55. Capital Construction Project
36 requests, rollovers that were not on the budget workshop agenda.

37 The total of all projects is \$65,191,986. Estimated
38 beginning CCP budget is \$14,179,460. Revenues estimated at
39 \$22 million, which would allow for up to \$36,170,460 in expenditures.

40 Okay. So that's our information as we go into Number 3.

1 Discussion and possible action to approve or disapprove:
2 A, maintenance Town of Austin streets, which is a rollover,
3 in the amount of \$658,944.
4 B, Izzenhood, Antelope Valley Road project rollover in the
5 amount of \$279,101.
6 And C, The frontage road between second and third exits,
7 rollover, in the amount of \$1 million.
8 And all other matters properly related thereto.
9 So these are just strictly our rollovers. They have
10 already been --
11 BERT RAMOS: So --
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- approved.
13 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. So Bert Ramos, for the record, again.
14 We will have the Town of Austin maintenance done before
15 July 1 so we don't have to worry about rolling that one over.
16 The Izzenhood, Antelope Valley project, we're going to use a
17 small amount of that, but we don't have to worry about rolling
18 that over. We're only do -- a one-mile section on each and kind
19 of as a test run. And I'll come back to you guys in next year's
20 budget and see how that worked out for us. And if we need to,
21 we'll budget for more. And if it -- if not, --
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh.
23 BERT RAMOS: -- I don't want to waste it, you know.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So you want to just use some of
25 that 279,000. And what you don't use goes back in General.
26 BERT RAMOS: Yep.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. We'll talk about the rest next
28 year.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So, --
30 BERT RAMOS: Yep.
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Bert, what -- what is that project?
32 Is that the mag chloride?
33 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. It's a -- it's a type of mag with that.
34 I think when I -- when we presented it, it has that polymer in
35 it, like a --
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
37 BERT RAMOS: -- plastic that's supposed to bind everything.
38 But with it being what it is and nobody around us really
39 using it yet, I don't want to dump it all at once.
40 So if we give --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And C?
2 BERT RAMOS: -- it -- if we give it --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh.
4 BERT RAMOS: -- a year, then that'll -- that'll be, you
5 know, a full year's cycle to see what it really does or doesn't
6 do. Then we'll go from there.
7 CINDY BENSON: Did you want to decrease it?
8 BERT RAMOS: And then -- no. We'll just come back with a
9 whole --
10 CINDY BENSON: Okay.
11 BERT RAMOS: -- separate budget.
12 And then the Frontage Road. If you guys -- if that project
13 goes through, then whatever -- I think that's part of that
14 contract, to pave that Frontage Road as well.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We kind of have to roll that one over.
16 BERT RAMOS: Yep.
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay. Yeah.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Entertain a motion on Number 3, then, for
21 C.
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll approve the rollover budget items
23 as presented.
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Judie made the motion. Bryan seconded
26 that we roll over the Frontage Road, Number C.
27 Any other discussion?
28 (No comment.)
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Public comment?
30 (No comment.)
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Thank you.
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1 FUND 055 -- Capital Construction Project requests and rollovers
2 approved at budget workshop. Discuss reducing project costs to stay
3 within budget.

- 4
- 5 4) Discussion and possible action to approve/disapprove:
- 6 a) Airport water project (rollover) in the amount of
7 \$2,142,433;
 - 8 b) Flood levee project (rollover) in the amount of
9 \$7,000,000;
 - 10 c) Engineering fees (rollover) in the amount of \$300,000;
 - 11 d) White Knife -- new water main (wraparound casino)
12 (rollover) in the amount of \$1,966,195;
 - 13 e) Water and Sewer District #2 project (rollover) in the
14 amount of \$2,600,000;
 - 15 f) Spur line railroad (rollover) in the amount of \$50,000;
 - 16 g) New Battle Mountain fire station in the amount of
17 \$7,000,000;
 - 18 h) New Austin fire station in the amount of \$7,000,000;
 - 19 i) New civic center in the amount of \$5,000,000;
 - 20 j) Gravel pit park in the amount of \$5,000,000;
 - 21 k) Industrial park in the amount of \$15,000,000;
 - 22 l) Sidewalks East First through East Eighth Streets in the
23 amount of \$1,000,000;
 - 24 m) Crush rock in the amount of \$100,000;
 - 25 n) Yellow Brick Road paving in the amount of \$515,625;
 - 26 o) Sheep Creek Road paving in the amount of \$267,188;
 - 27 p) Pave Kayci Road to Round Mountain Road in the amount of
28 \$412,500;
 - 29 q) Senior center pave parking lot in the amount of \$50,000;
 - 30 r) Old 8A Road in the amount of \$4,000,000;
 - 31 s) Footbridge in the amount of \$3,500,000;
 - 32 t) Sports complex in the amount of \$100,000;
 - 33 u) Emergency project line in the amount of \$250,000;
- 34 and all other matters properly related thereto.
- 35

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Fund 55. Capital construction project
37 requests and rollovers approved at budget workshop. Discuss
38 reducing project costs to stay within budget.

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Which one of these did you recommend,
40 Bert?

1 BERT RAMOS: So --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can you go down the list and tell me
3 so I can strike them?
4 BERT RAMOS: Okay. So A is one that we're under contract
5 for. We have to roll it over.
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Wait -- wait just a minute.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Needs to be read into the --
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I need to --
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- record.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- read them all --
12 BERT RAMOS: Oh.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- into --
14 BERT RAMOS: Yes. No sweat.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I -- I mean, it's a start.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: If you raise your hand when -- when
18 it's something that you put in there, then I'll know.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. You raise your hand, and he can
20 mark it. Okay.
21 Number 4. Discussion and possible action to approve or
22 disapprove A, airport water project rollover in the amount of
23 \$2,142,433; B, flood levee project rollover in the amount of
24 \$7 million; C, engineering fees rollover in the amount of
25 \$300,000; D, White Knife, new water main, wrap around casino,
26 rollover in the amount of 1,966,195; E, Water and Sewer District
27 #2 project rollover in the amount of \$2,600,000; F, spur line
28 railroad rollover in the amount of \$50,000; G, new Battle
29 Mountain fire station in the amount of \$7 million; H, new Austin
30 fire station in the amount of \$7 million; I, new civic center in
31 the amount of \$5 million; J, gravel pit park in the amount of \$5
32 million; K, industrial park in the amount of \$15 million; L,
33 sidewalks East First through East Eighth Street in the amount of
34 \$1 million; M, crush rock in the amount of \$100,000; N, Yellow
35 Brick Road paving in the amount of \$515,625; O, Sheep Creek Road
36 paving in the amount of \$267,188; P, pave Kayci Road to Round
37 Mountain Road in the amount of \$412,500; Q, senior center pave
38 parking lot in the amount of \$50,000; R, Old 8A Road in the
39 amount of \$4 million; S, footbridge in the amount of \$3,500,000;
40 T, sports complex in the amount of \$100,000; U, emergency

1 project line in the amount of \$250,000; and all other matters
2 properly related thereto.

3 Okay. So we have to start cutting on some of these. And
4 you said these are the ones we all approved and we're how much
5 over budget? How many mill- --

6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: It was about --

7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- how many million?

8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: About 29 million; isn't it?

9 CINDY BENSON: It's right at -- right at close to
10 \$30 million.

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So basically we have to -- we can
12 start from G down because everything above is a rollover.

13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Let me ask a question before we start it
14 because I don't remember where we put it. But we were talking
15 about the rainy day fund. And that we asked for 15 million.
16 And we have that -- how -- how did we do that? That was -- I
17 thought that was part of it.

18 Did we have it somewhere else?

19 CINDY BENSON: You had -- it was in the 55 -- in Fund 55.
20 And you specified you'd wanted it out of the General Fund.

21 So being as it -- it was approved, I left that part in
22 there. I didn't take it out to put on here.

23 So it's already approved. You approved it on the last
24 commission meeting.

25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

26 CINDY BENSON: Or not the commission meeting, but the last
27 budget workshop.

28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. The workshop. Okay. I couldn't
29 remember where we took it out of. But I thought it was part of
30 the CCP that we took it out of.

31 CINDY BENSON: It was there. But you said you wanted it to
32 come out of fund -- the General Fund.

33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So it's already out?
34 Or do -- is it --

35 CINDY BENSON: Probably so. Or maybe --

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- further?

37 Okay. But at least it's not in here. So okay. So that
38 reduced it some, is what -- what I'm saying. Okay.

39 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.

40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Did it -- so is -- is that 15 million

1 part of the 29- or not? Is that --
2 CINDY BENSON: No.
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay. So okay.
4 CINDY BENSON: That was --
5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Found --
6 CINDY BENSON: -- above --
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- it. Okay. I got --
8 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- it.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That was, like, 36 --
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- million with the -- okay. All right.
13 So go ahead. We'll start with the airport water project.
14 And that's a full rollover. So is there any problem with that
15 amount?
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We have to keep that one.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Flood levee project. That's a rollover.
18 We have to do that the same on the rollovers; right?
19 CINDY BENSON: We could --
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Do we have to keep that? Because --
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We don't --
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- I --
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- have to keep that.
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I have some questions on the --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We don't have --
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- flood levee --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to.
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- project.
29 CINDY BENSON: We could lower the amount.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Did you recommend that, Bert? Oh,
31 okay.
32 KEITH WESTENGARD: So I've -- I've actually recommended
33 that we reduce that by 2 million as well as on next week's
34 commission agenda, Tom Gallagher will be here to discuss the
35 levee project and see what the commission has -- has to say
36 about it.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So you want the 7 million down to
38 5 million you think is appropriate. And if we find out it's
39 not, we'll have to bounce it back up on our last workshop --
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: If --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- when we approve it; right?
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: It should be. It should be, but --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, it isn't a workshop. We just
4 approve the budget, but we could make changes.
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Is that --
7 KEITH WESTENGARD: That is --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- correct?
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- correct.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
11 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So we'll reduce it to 5- and see
13 if -- if that works okay with our next meeting and the amount of
14 money we have pledged.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So -- never mind.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Go ahead.
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. Never mind.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Engineering fees. That's a
19 rollover of 300,000. And engineering fees were for --
20 BERT RAMOS: They're just for random fees that -- like for
21 random projects that come up throughout the year, like the
22 Austin, that retaining wall that we put up we had no budget for.
23 But we used it out of the -- all the engineer- -- you know, the
24 engineering was done for that and the soil samples. So it's for
25 random projects that come up throughout the year that are
26 unexpected.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: How much did we use last year in
28 engineering fees that were a surprise?
29 CINDY BENSON: We used --
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Because we can probably reduce that some.
31 CINDY BENSON: Let's see. I'm not sure how much we used
32 last year.
33 It was --
34 Let's see.
35 So far this year, we've used 65,000.
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So on these rollovers, I mean,
37 granted, some of them -- you know, the airport water project
38 rollover, the flood levee rollover -- those are understandable
39 because they're kind of still a work in progress.
40 But some of these other ones, I'd really like to -- to not

1 see so many rollovers that -- these projects need to be done
2 within the year. You know, if the budget year starts July 1st,
3 the projects should be done by June 30th, that we shouldn't have
4 to roll these over. Is I would just like to see they're --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- completed.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You're -- you're saying that as a general
8 statement?
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: As a general --
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- statement --
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- of --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Let's --
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- these --
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- start with the --
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- (indiscernible).
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- let's see on engineering fees. How
19 much do you want to rollover?
20 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well, if they only used sixty -- what
21 you said? -- 65? Why don't --
22 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
23 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- you put 150?
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I was going to suggest that.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: 150?
26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Uh-huh.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Everybody comfortable --
28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: My suggestion.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- with that?
30 Okay. We'll start with that.
31 Okay. On the White Knife one, if we -- we don't --
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That --
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- know what's happening.
34 BERT RAMOS: It's --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I --
36 BERT RAMOS: -- it's in progress right now. That's the
37 project that's in progress.
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: They're working on it. So --
39 BERT RAMOS: Yeah.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- when are they going to be done? Do

1 you know?

2 BERT RAMOS: Well, we're -- I can't give it an exact date,
3 but it should be real close. It's going to be right on -- right
4 in the ballpark.

5 The -- the good thing about it is if you roll it over, the
6 money goes back into the General Fund. The -- the unused
7 portion does, you know --

8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It does anyway. Well, it doesn't go
9 into the General Fund. It goes back into the Fund 55, what you
10 don't use.

11 BERT RAMOS: Uh-huh.

12 CINDY BENSON: The problem, though, is, is because of --

13 BERT RAMOS: Without -- without knowing the exact amount,
14 it's really hard to put this on here, --

15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.

16 BERT RAMOS: -- where we stand.

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Let's -- let's leave that one for
18 right now and see how -- if we can cut some -- some others and
19 balance. We can always come back to that. Let's leave that one
20 alone. Okay?

21 Water and Sewer District #2. This was the original amount
22 that we were going to use this year when they opened up Highway 50
23 and came through. And they -- they didn't. "They," NDOT delayed
24 it for another year. So it looks like they're on target for next
25 year.

26 Now what we do with that is another whole system. But
27 we're going to at least need the 2,600,000 next summer when they
28 open it up, it looks like.

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Or more.

30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I was going to say: Is it going to go
31 up?

32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Of course.

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, and then we've got the sewer, and
36 they're asking for more money on the rest. So if we can leave
37 that rollover alone, I'd like to leave that one alone.

38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Me too.

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Then we're down to spur line
40 railroad rollover. Okay. That's only \$50,000, but --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that still a possibility?
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: You know, it -- the land we were looking
3 at was in private hands. And I -- I don't think it's going to
4 happen. But that's just my -- my opinion of it.
5 So if -- if that -- if you guys wanted to take that out --
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You know what this is, Bryan?
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. Just -- I say cut it.
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Kathy, do you know --
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- what this is?
13 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I don't. I have no idea what --
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Want to explain it --
15 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- it is.
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- to Kathy so she knows.
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: Should -- should we do that? It's a
18 litigation thing.
19 Or we can do it close of session.
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It -- it has to do with -- with
21 our -- with our problems with a private developer by the
22 airport.
23 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh, okay. Oh, okay.
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So --
25 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Now -- now I know. I know what you're
26 talking about.
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So we don't know if we should
28 bring it up in -- in -- in this --
29 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay. No.
30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- setting.
31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: And I know because I --
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
33 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- when we were talking --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You know, but --
35 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- and --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- but if we -- if we just delete it, it's
37 not a lot. But if we just delete it and it comes up, we look at
38 it as a special, you know.
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's all. So --

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
2 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- let's just take it off.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay
5 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Right. Very good.
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: If it comes up, we'll just take it out
7 of --
8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Keith's professional services.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
11 Okay. You've got two on here for the Battle Mountain fire
12 station, which they are thinking about and the new Austin fire
13 station, which we were thinking about. And I'm going, well --
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. So these are anywhere from 3- to
15 5-year projects. They are not suppo- -- they weren't supposed
16 to show as the entire estimate of the project.
17 I -- I -- if the board would like to go ahead with any
18 of -- any of the proposed projects, all I would need is the
19 money to actually look into it and to get some engineering costs
20 and to come back with you -- to you with a solid number on what
21 it's going to cost. But these were all laid out over three to
22 five years.
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And do we want to do them both? Or
24 do we just want to tackle one at a time?
25 KEITH WESTENGARD: And -- and that's completely up to the
26 board. I -- I put in there, like I -- when I originally put
27 this into the budget workshop, it had to do with discussions
28 during the last commission. And I just wanted to see which way
29 that -- that you guys wanted to go. I'm --
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think we should leave some in there
31 for seed money so that, you know, if we do decide in two years
32 instead of taking out \$20 million for a project, you know,
33 you're kind of building it up every -- in a couple of years so
34 that it's not one big chunk at once.
35 So I think a little bit into each one of these, like Keith
36 said, is allow enough for -- for some engineering or
37 investigative costs or whatnot.
38 But I still think kind of put some aside for the future so
39 you're not just cutting yourself short.
40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So define "a little bit." What are

1 you thinking? A million bucks?
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. I was thinking a little bit more,
3 actually.
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: But if you're going to put aside so
5 you have it. You know what I'm saying?
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right. Is -- is --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We've got 29 million to cut, remember.
8 So --
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I -- I know. And -- and so, you
10 know, a couple million --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Or twenty- --
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- for --
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- -six.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- each or --
15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So that would cut it.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It --
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But what's the worst that can happen if we
19 don't tackle it this year, we look at it next year, we see where
20 we are?
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: Can I -- I mean, the email I sent to you
22 is -- is we --
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: He had --
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- we all --
25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- some --
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- could --
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- suggestions.
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- look at some -- some --
29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- recommendations.
31 So for any of those big projects like that, which would be
32 the fire stations, the civic center, gravel pit, whatever --
33 whichever, I think if -- if the commission was to put -- was to
34 approve it and put \$100,000 in it, then I could come back and
35 say, okay, we -- we've got some engineering fee -- or costs,
36 some costs for the entire project, and this is where we want to
37 put it, wherever it may be, whatever location.
38 Then I can -- then that way you guys will know, the board
39 will know that it -- the fire station in Battle Mountain's going
40 to be \$5 million, say. Then we can start that three- to five-year

1 process. Or you could say, all right, well, let's build it.
2 On any of these -- these big ones that I put forth, it's --
3 the intent was to see if you wanted to continue forward with it
4 and then to see --
5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Get some --
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the actual costs.
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. Get some real numbers so --
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: And then we --
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- we can --
10 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- could --
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- look at three- to five-year plans for
13 these -- these projects.
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And the --
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Keith, --
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- nice thing about these projects is
18 they can't be taken away from us once they're completed.
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. That -- that -- that's correct.
20 And -- but the one --
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Keith, --
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- exception to that will be the
23 industrial park. That -- that one we -- we're -- we would
24 probably be looking at some substantial money, maybe a two-year
25 project in that. And I believe our initial figures were
26 15 million? We're running it right at 15 million.
27 So that's -- that one actually, the industrial park is --
28 is pretty accurate. We did get a -- some -- did some research
29 on that.
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: But if it's a two-year project, we --
31 we don't have to give you -- give the whole --
32 KEITH WESTENGARD: That --
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- 15-.
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that's correct. Yeah.
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: That is --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- correct. You could go --
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- 7.5 and 7.5 or however the -- the

1 board wanted to do it.

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I think the best would be to put the
3 engineering and getting that true money into what it's going to
4 cost before you set aside all of that money for it on both of
5 those.

6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. I like your --

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I'd --

8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- recommendation.

9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- like to say, Keith's five-year
10 capital expenditure worksheet is for the fire -- for both fire
11 stations you have 2 million set aside for both for this year.

12 KEITH WESTENGARD: What -- yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And I think that's reasonable because,
14 like I said, is if you -- if you don't put enough aside, there's
15 always going to be other projects that are coming up.

16 And so next year, you don't put anymore aside and then the
17 year after that, you decide, okay, let's go ahead and this is
18 how much we know it's going to cost. It's going to be
19 15 million to build a new fire station. Oops. There goes all
20 our net proceeds because we haven't saved a little bit at each
21 time.

22 It's just like the levee fund. They didn't put \$7 million
23 away at every sing- -- at one time. They added to it.

24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So what are you looking at for G
25 and H for the fire stations? How much to put that away?

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I don't think 2 million's out of line.

27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I don't think we're going to make it if
28 we d- -- if we don't cut it down considerably. Two million for
29 each? Or a million for each?

30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So what you need is money to get off
31 the ground?

32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Correct.

33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And the cool --

34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: To contact people, to get estimates,
35 and to advertise and hire engineers or your -- whatever it is,
36 the acronym for --

37 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- the --

39 KEITH WESTENGARD: If -- if --

40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- person that --

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- any of -- if anything needed an
2 environmental impact -- environmental impact study, --
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- if -- if there was an- -- any fees
5 associated with it.
6 The biggest fee here that I see would be the engineering
7 costs or the engineer's estimate for the --
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the -- the project itself.
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So what you think?
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- you know, I -- I really think a
12 hundred thousand is -- is a good -- what -- what do you think
13 about engineering costs, Bert? A hundred thousand?
14 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. It's -- it's more architect-type stuff.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That'll --
18 BERT RAMOS: A hundred thousand, --
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- get us --
20 BERT RAMOS: -- probably.
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- get us all --
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: That -- that's what I --
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- through.
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- was thinking is a hundred thousand
25 each. I -- I like the idea of putting money away too. But
26 if -- if it comes back and the fire station's -- or there's
27 just -- or nobody wants to do it or you decide not to do it next
28 year or whatever it may be. I think a hundred thousand would
29 get us going in the right road. I could come to you and say,
30 okay, the fire station's actually only going to be 2 million or
31 it's going to be 10. I -- it just -- I don't know.
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So we're saying a hundred thousand
33 for each?
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. I think that's plenty.
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Seed --
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yep.
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- money.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You know, so this doesn't get real
39 confusing, let's stop right here at H and see if we can get a
40 motion to approve the A through H on what we're kind of agreeing

1 on.

2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I -- I -- we shouldn't do that yet,
3 Patsy, because we may go up and change based on what we have
4 left to do. Right?

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Cindy --

6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Because we're trying to cut it, you
7 know, and --

8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It's --

9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- it's like --

10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it's possible. But you're --

11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: We could find something that has
12 more --

13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But --

14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- priority or --

15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- there isn't a whole lot to work from
16 here, is what I'm saying. We -- we've pretty well cut on the --

17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Cindy, --

18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- on the --

19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- are you --

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- down part.

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- taking -- are you keeping a running
22 total?

23 CINDY BENSON: Mm-hm.

24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Because if we move down to -- to a hundred
26 thousand on each of these, we've saved, you know, right off the
27 bat -- what? -- 13 million. I think this is where we need to
28 take it.

29 So I'm -- we can always go back and open it up and change
30 it. But let's -- I -- I'd like to go ahead and let's see a
31 motion, see if we can take care of this.

32 So we're moving the flood levee project down to 5 million?

33 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And the engineering fees rolling over at
35 150,000? And then the rest stays the same except for the fire
36 stations, moving them down each to a hundred thousand.

37 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Now, White Knife we were going to
38 come back and discuss it, --

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- though.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
2 CINDY BENSON: And delete the spur line.
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: And delete spur line. Yep.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: White -- yeah -- White Knife we were going
5 to kind of try and leave alone -- yeah -- if we could. Because
6 that's still really, --
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- really active. So --
9 But we can always go back and open one up. But I -- I
10 would look for a motion to approve what we've done on A through
11 H.
12 Nobody wants to do that?
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, because I think, like Bryan said,
14 --
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- we go through --
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's okay.
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- and we cut, --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's okay.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- then we can come back and add.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. I just think it gets kind of
22 confusing for everybody. But that's fine. I is the civic
23 center in the amount of 5 million, the -- the new one.
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: That would also be a -- a hundred
25 thousand.
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Uh-huh.
27 KEITH WESTENGARD: That is correct. Yes.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. How about the gravel pit?
29 Can we cut some of that, Bert?
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, that's --
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is --
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- actually --
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- that your --
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- my project --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- recommendation, Bert?
36 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. That's not something -- my --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's not --
38 BERT RAMOS: -- project.
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Bert's --
40 BERT RAMOS: That's not my --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- recommendation.
2 BERT RAMOS: -- project. No.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That would be my project. And -- and
4 realistically -- yeah -- all we need right now is --
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We already turned this down once,
6 twice.
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well --
8 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yeah.
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We already have --
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That's --
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- a --
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the whole --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- rec center. We already have a --
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Art --
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- \$10 million rec center. Why do we
16 need this?
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Because some of us actually voted to
18 approve it.
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. You want to get into who you
20 approved it for?
21 Your fiancé?
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
23 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh. I --
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Let's -- let's -- let's not go there.
25 Come on.
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Wait a minute, Patsy. I would like --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Judie.
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to -- I would like to set something
29 straight here. I would like to make straight --
30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I really hate this.
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- for the record. Okay.
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Go ahead.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You are flat-out wrong, Art. There
34 is --
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: O- --
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: There --
37 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Let's come on, guys.
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: My --
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: There's --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm --
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- not --
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- I'm --
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- a --
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- wrong --
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- place for this.
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm wrong.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll handle it.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Let's -- let's --
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We see how --
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- just --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- you handle it.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Let's go back to the budget. And I'll let
15 you two work it out after the meeting.
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No. No, there's no working it out
17 after the meeting. I don't talk to Judie Allan unless it's a
18 meeting, Patsy. It's that simple.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I --
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But --
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And you know --
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- would rec- --
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- why.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- but those -- those are personal --
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I would --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- comments that we don't need to have
28 here. So let's go forward with the gravel pit park and see
29 where we are on it.
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So my --
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I would --
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes, it has --
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- rec- --
34 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- my -- my two --
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- been --
36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- cents --
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- turned down.
38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: This is my two cents. I want to
39 speak. Is that I'm personally not in favor of the project
40 because I think there's some other projects on here that are

1 more important to our community.
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Than the --
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's my two cents.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Than the gravel pit?
5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yes.
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Absolutely.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So --
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's mine.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- zero on the gravel pit is your
10 recommendation.
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's mine.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: My recommendation was a hundred
13 thousand dollars to investigate it, to see --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- what the cost would be.
16 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: And now my two cents if I can. I
17 thought it was a decent project to look into, to get the -- and
18 I knew that the BLM had said that they would be interested in
19 helping in this project. And I have nothing to gain by it. But
20 I thought it was an interesting project.
21 So the -- just the seed money to see where it could go, I
22 would be interested in. But that's my two cents.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So you're in favor of leaving it
24 on. But it's okay --
25 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Not for that --
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to --
27 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- mu- -- no. I would say for maybe
28 \$500,000 would be my --
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I would --
30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- suggestion.
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- say a hundred thousand for
32 investigative.
33 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well --
34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I mean --
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That shouldn't run any higher on
36 engineering fees and --
37 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Than --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- and --
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Than anything else.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- things --

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: The --
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. Than the others --
3 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So --
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Excuse me, Commissioners.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- if that's --
6 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- a hun- --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- okay.
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: Excuse me.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So the key question is whether we approve
10 the hundred thousand? Keith?
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: The -- the only thing that -- that might
12 add costs other than the engineering fees is we -- we have
13 discussed last commission that this would require an -- an EIP,
14 Environmental Impact Study -- EIS, Environmental Impact Study.
15 So I -- I have no idea what that would cost. Do you have
16 any idea an EIS, Bert?
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Well, we'll --
18 BERT RAMOS: I have (indiscernible).
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- see what the motion does, but --
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: What's that?
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- but --
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: Quite a bit?
23 BERT RAMOS: Yeah.
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- the comments are a hundred thousand or
26 not at all.
27 Okay.
28 Number K, industrial park in the amount of 15 million. Are
29 we going to look at the industrial park next year?
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I -- this year, I -- if -- if the
31 commission's in favor of the industrial park, we -- I would like
32 to see that start -- start next year. So I'm looking at half of
33 that this year to put in 7.5 million.
34 And then -- because that -- that's on a -- on a much
35 shorter timescale or time frame than the other projects.
36 We've actually looked into that. And we've got numbers on
37 it. And we could move forward on it once the commission says
38 to, if -- if they're approving it.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, the last time the commission took it
40 under advisement, it was to -- to give you the authority to look

1 into it.

2 KEITH WESTENGARD: And we did. And we did.

3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we did.

4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes, ma'am.

5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And so now we're saying that we want on
6 the budget about 7.5 million to go forward. And we haven't even
7 approved whether it was going to go forward yet. So it's a real
8 tough one when you do budgets and --

9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I thought --

10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we haven't --

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- we already --

12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- approved --

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- approved that.

14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- anything.

15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well -- well, this would be the next
16 step. And correct me if I'm wrong, but you said to look into
17 it. We looked into it. We have a cost. We're looking at a
18 two-year funding for it. So it would be 7.5 this year and 7.5
19 next year and -- to -- to do the project.

20 So that -- that's where we're at.

21 And if -- if the commission decides they don't want to go
22 forward with it, then, once again, like all -- anything else,
23 we'll just scrap -- scrap the project and the money goes back to
24 capital projects.

25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: If we do the 7 million on that one,
26 does that put us right about 29 million we've cut so far?

27 CINDY BENSON: Seven --

28 That takes us up to 33,300,000 cut.

29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay. And we needed to cut about
30 30-; right?

31 CINDY BENSON: Yes.

32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.

33 KEITH WESTENGARD: And we do have other recommendations as
34 we go for- -- forward.

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we're at 29-?

36 CINDY BENSON: No. We're at 33 million three hundred cut
37 so far.

38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's not knocking that down how far?
39 Seven-and-a-half million?

40 CINDY BENSON: Let's see.

1 That's knocking it down 33 million three hundred.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. What do you have? Seven and a
3 half. So that --
4 BERT RAMOS: Yeah.
5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- last --
6 BERT RAMOS: The last --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Seven and --
8 BERT RAMOS: -- part.
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And you're --
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- a half?
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- figuring --
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Seven and a --
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- 7 1/2 --
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- half is --
15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- on the industrial --
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- what you're plugging --
17 CINDY BENSON: Yes.
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- park?
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- in; right?
20 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
22 The next one is sidewalks East First through Eighth -- East
23 Eighth Street. And that was a million dollars.
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'd like to -- I'd like to see that
25 stay just to give us -- the kids a place --
26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Side- --
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- to walk, --
28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- (indiscernible) --
29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- to ride their --
30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- (indiscernible).
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- bikes. It's --
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Let's --
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I think -- I think it's a good
35 idea.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. We'll hold --
37 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: We'll --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that --
39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- just --
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- for right now.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: We'll make them straight, though, not
2 curvy.
3 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yeah. Right.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: There's no curve.
5 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Right.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Crushed rock in the amount of a hundred
7 thousand.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is for the -- what -- what are
9 you going to do with this? Are you going to explain this real
10 quick to me?
11 BERT RAMOS: So on our -- on our roads that have too -- too
12 much clay on them, you --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Uh-huh.
14 BERT RAMOS: The round rock, that has nothing to bind to
15 it. So when traffic drives over it and it dries out, it just
16 comes out.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How do you --
18 BERT RAMOS: If you fracture the rocks, you crush the rock,
19 it has sharp edges and you put it on these clay roads that
20 are -- that are falling apart. That clay has something to bind
21 to.
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
23 BERT RAMOS: And -- and it makes a much better road.
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we -- we need -- is this just for
25 material? Or --
26 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. This is --
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh.
28 BERT RAMOS: -- just --
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
30 BERT RAMOS: -- to have somebody come --
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
32 BERT RAMOS: -- in and --
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Material.
34 BERT RAMOS: -- and crush the material that we already have
35 currently sitting in our pits that we --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Do we have --
37 BERT RAMOS: -- can't use --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we have some now? Are we doing the
39 roads now and this is next year's budget? Or this --
40 BERT RAMOS: We don't --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- year's --
2 BERT RAMOS: -- have --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- budget?
4 BERT RAMOS: -- any right now.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We have nothing? So this is the first
6 time we're doing this?
7 BERT RAMOS: Yep.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Then I --
9 BERT RAMOS: And --
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- guess we need to leave it at the whole
11 hundred thousand.
12 BERT RAMOS: If we could.
13 And just so -- for history for you guys, Winnemucca, they
14 do about \$400,000 a year. They've been doing it for the last
15 four years, crushing rock in their pits. And they've had great
16 experience with it. They -- they think it's a -- only --
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is it --
18 BERT RAMOS: -- way --
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- the black --
20 BERT RAMOS: -- to go.
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- stuff?
22 BERT RAMOS: What's --
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
24 BERT RAMOS: -- that?
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: The black stuff?
26 BERT RAMOS: No. No, no. It's actual just -- just rock.
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So one thing I've discovered is
29 Winnemucca actually crushes base rock, that they do not crush
30 clean rock. That they're crushing base.
31 BERT RAMOS: No.
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yes.
33 BERT RAMOS: I actually spoke with Loren about that when we
34 drove to Austin last Thursday. He -- he crushes rock for them.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. I know. And I also talked to
36 Ben Garrett, and he said, no, we would not crush straight,
37 screened rock. That we have Hunewill come and crush rock for us
38 and we have them crush base.
39 BERT RAMOS: No. Pretty -- well, I mean, I'll -- I'll
40 agree to disagree. But that's --

1 So is -- is how they work this is they charge by the -- by
2 the ton to crush. So the last thing you want to do is pay for
3 them to lift up dirt and mix with your rock.

4 You want -- the most effective way to get your dollar per
5 yard or per ton is to crush straight rock and add your own dirt
6 later. Otherwise, when they lift it up in their buckets, each
7 of one of their bucket, they're -- in their loader there's a
8 scale and it weighs how much that bucket has in it.

9 If they dump that through the plant with dirt in it, you're
10 paying for the dirt to go through a crusher that isn't getting
11 crushed.

12 So your dollars --

13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Did you ask --

14 BERT RAMOS: -- per --

15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Loren --

16 BERT RAMOS: -- per yard --

17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- what --

18 BERT RAMOS: -- don't --

19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the cost was?

20 BERT RAMOS: What's that?

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Did you ask Loren what the cost --

22 BERT RAMOS: Six dollars --

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- was?

24 BERT RAMOS: -- per yard.

25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So my other question, then, is
26 according to the Orange Book Standards, roads that are approved
27 in Lander County -- to get a road improved, you have --
28 approved, you have to have so much base material on it.

29 So basically what you're saying, then, is you are going to
30 go and take non-base-approved material to go put on county
31 roads.

32 Where you're --

33 BERT RAMOS: So --

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- going to make someone that's
35 building a road in Lander County, a developer that might want to
36 build a road out for future home sites, they're required to
37 build a road up to our standards. But you're not -- not
38 required to maintain that road by county standards?

39 BERT RAMOS: No. Completely different what you're
40 referring to. So the Orange Book Standards are the standards

1 for paving.
2 And that's where you get your standards of, like, a
3 4:1 slope and -- and a variety pack of other things --
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It also --
5 BERT RAMOS: -- that don't apply --
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- includes --
7 BERT RAMOS: -- to a --
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- building a road.
9 BERT RAMOS: -- that don't apply to a -- a
10 county-maintained road. Your bar ditches aren't that steep
11 for -- for various reasons. And it -- and it's com- -- it's
12 comparing apples to oranges.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, it's not, Bert. But whatever you
14 say.
15 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'm fine with a hundred thousand on
16 that line item so --
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So --
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Me too.
19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- I am.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You're okay with the hundred thousand?
21 Okay.
22 Yellow Brick Road paving in the amount of 515,625.
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's what it's --
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Where --
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- going to cost.
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- is Yellow Brick Road at, --
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- Bert?
29 BERT RAMOS: Yellow Brick is one that cuts down from --
30 trying to think --
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Faded Sage?
32 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It's --
33 BERT RAMOS: No.
34 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: 26th.
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Kayci --
36 BERT RAMOS: Where --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Lane?
38 BERT RAMOS: So where the stop sign is out there on -- I
39 believe it's -- is that 26th leaving --
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Twenty-sixth.

1 BERT RAMOS: So 26th dead ends there at Yellow Brick. And
2 you take a right. So that would connect Yellow Brick to
3 this Echo Bay Subdivision.
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Which we gained.
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So --
7 BERT RAMOS: Or Randy Clark's industrial park, I guess,
8 would be more -- a more correct.
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. I'm fine with it on that.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And we --
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- need a west exit for Echo Bay
14 people to go that way; right?
15 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. It's more egress and --
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And Sheep Creek Road at 267,188. So
18 you're fine with those two estimates --
19 BERT RAMOS: Yeah.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- for right now?
21 BERT RAMOS: Oh, yeah. Definitely.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We can't cut anything on that one? Okay.
23 Pave Kayci Road to Round Mountain Road in the amount of
24 412,500?
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Is there already an existing road
26 there?
27 BERT RAMOS: A --
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Is there --
29 BERT RAMOS: -- portion. There's a portion of existing
30 road. Yeah.
31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That the 412- would pave? Or is there
32 more road that needs to be built?
33 BERT RAMOS: No. There's -- there -- so this is --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: How far --
35 BERT RAMOS: -- part of the sewer project. If we go
36 through there and -- and do the -- the sewer to this, we'd
37 need to come back and fix some of that as well. So it's kind
38 of -- it's two projects in one. I don't know how to make
39 that --
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So --

1 BERT RAMOS: -- clear. You know, I mean --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- you're going from the north end of
3 Kayci Ave towards Humboldt.
4 BERT RAMOS: Uh-huh.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. We're going to have to buy that
6 property?
7 BERT RAMOS: No. That's --
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We own --
9 BERT RAMOS: -- that's --
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- that property?
11 BERT RAMOS: That's county property.
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. That's -- that's all desert
13 right now; right?
14 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. There's a -- there's a road easement
15 through there.
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
17 BERT RAMOS: You know, there's private property on one side
18 and then --
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And then --
20 BERT RAMOS: Is what I'm --
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- that'll --
22 BERT RAMOS: -- trying to --
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- connect you --
24 BERT RAMOS: -- do is get --
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Round Mountain and then Round
26 Mountain to --
27 BERT RAMOS: Yes.
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Allen road.
29 BERT RAMOS: Is what I'm trying to --
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
31 BERT RAMOS: -- do is get as many egress and regress and
32 put the paving and the sewer and water all in is it same
33 projects --
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
35 BERT RAMOS: -- as opposed --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And that's --
37 BERT RAMOS: -- to --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- this year?
39 BERT RAMOS: Yes. As opposed to piecemealing them out.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So we --

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- can't cut the 412- really right
3 now, --
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- then.
6 Okay. The next one's the senior center paved parking lot
7 in the amount of 50,000. And they need it.
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yep.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And --
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- worried about them if we don't get that
12 done for them right away.
13 So move to Old A8 Road in the amount of 4 million.
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Was that your recommendation, Bert?
15 BERT RAMOS: No. That's not my project.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think cut a million off of that one.
17 I don't want to cut much more just because I don't want it to
18 run short.
19 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Is this -- so we're talking out to
20 the -- to the ranch out here? This section of road --
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That would be --
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- right here by us?
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- from the pavement out just past
24 Tomera's --
25 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So Old --
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- and then on --
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- 8A Road --
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Hill Top, it would be from the
29 pavement up to Country Mile.
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: And where are we talking about paving
31 them?
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. This is -- 8A needs a total
33 rehab -- total reconstruct. Hill Top would need dig outs. It
34 needs to be widened and have a proper road built.
35 And then if there's money left over, some widening and
36 graveling of Country Mile.
37 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Bert, you know our roads. Is that
38 something that's needed out that way?
39 I mean, I've talked to a couple of the guys that are out
40 there. And they're just concerned about kind of when it rains

1 it gets soupy and the bottom falls out. And I thought that's
2 what the crushed rock's going to solve.

3 BERT RAMOS: That is. That's -- that was the point of
4 putting in the crushed rock. I didn't know --

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

6 BERT RAMOS: -- that Judie was putting in for this. But I
7 put in for the crushed rock so we could put a foundation on that
8 road. And that -- that was the -- the thought process behind
9 that.

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I think that'll work good,
11 Bert.

12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So we are going to do that? We're going
13 to cut it? What are we going to do?

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: What does that road -- I haven't paid
15 attention. Does that road need to be repaved? I haven't been
16 out on that --

17 BERT RAMOS: Oh. So it's --

18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No. It's just --

19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It's not --

20 BERT RAMOS: -- so it's --

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- paving.

22 BERT RAMOS: -- a -- so it's a dirt road, a county road, a
23 dirt road that it was paved, I think, many years ago. And
24 they -- they ground it up and put it back in.

25 Is what ended up happening is we have too many fines and
26 not enough --

27 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh, no. I understand.

28 BERT RAMOS: -- coarse.

29 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Uh-huh.

30 BERT RAMOS: So that's just where it stands now. It just
31 needs -- it needs some -- some rock put back in it and go
32 from --

33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I think --

34 BERT RAMOS: -- there.

35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- we just need to do the rocks to
36 see how it works. And we'll survey the people that live out
37 there. And if they're okay with it -- I mean, I -- that's a
38 chunk of money just to --

39 BERT RAMOS: Yeah.

40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- do --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- rebuild the roads.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So reduce it how far?
4 BERT RAMOS: I don't -- think that if -- I don't know that
5 the project's needed, personally. I'm good with the -- putting
6 a hundred thousand at it this year for hauling some rock on
7 there, putting a foundation under that, and -- and then coming
8 back to you guys next year. And if --
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
10 BERT RAMOS: -- if it fails, I mean, I'll -- I'll take full
11 credit for it. If -- if it's --
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So you're --
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- going to --
15 BERT RAMOS: -- needs --
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- use a different type of material
17 out there now?
18 BERT RAMOS: Yeah. And so the only -- the only way I can
19 explain this that hopefully people understand is, you know, like
20 the railroad, they put all their rail on straight rock. They
21 don't put it on base because rock's the only material that when
22 you dump it, it's considered a hundred percent compaction. I
23 know that sounds funny, but you couldn't hit it with a whacker
24 or a viberplate or anything else to make it any more compacted
25 than it already is. And that's why the railroad uses straight
26 rock to set their tracks on.
27 So when you- -- when you're working on a county road is
28 what you're looking for is you put a straight rock base under it
29 but nobody would want to drive on that all the time. And then
30 you bring your fines up over the top of it to fill the voids to
31 make for a smooth ride for a vehicle.
32 Does -- does that make more --
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
34 BERT RAMOS: -- sense?
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That makes more sense.
37 BERT RAMOS: So we have plenty of fines out there. We just
38 got to roll them off the side of the road and build a winrow
39 there, get all of our rock laid out, and then bring them fines
40 back over the top to fill them voids. And we should have a

1 structurally sound road.
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So you think we can do --
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that for a hundred thousand for this
5 year if we just pencil that in?
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sounds --
7 BERT RAMOS: For the --
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- good --
9 BERT RAMOS: -- hundred thousand --
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- to me.
11 BERT RAMOS: -- with --
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
13 BERT RAMOS: -- the -- with and then the county employees'
14 time, which you already --
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
16 Okay.
17 Next is the footbridge of 3,500,000.
18 And this was the money we had in before that we lost to the
19 recreation center. So we -- RTC was asking us to plug it back
20 in again.
21 We are not going to spend the whole amount, but we'd like
22 to know we have it there so we can continue with contracts and
23 grants and -- and try and finish it. But --
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So let me --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it won't be done in --
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: But --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- one year is what I'm --
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So let me --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- saying.
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- ask something. So is this
31 footbridge, is this something that's really needed? I'm just --
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I agree, Bryan. I -- I argued this
33 point before.
34 And the contract was -- is with the state.
35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It is not with --
36 At that time, it was, Art.
37 Right now we don't have --
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Bryan, I don't --
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- a contract.
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- know how you're going to build a

1 footbridge across an interstate without using the state or the
2 federal government to do it. It's that simple.

3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. It's --
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And, yeah, --
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- not --
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- why --
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that --
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- do we need --
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- simple.
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- it?

11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Here's another item that -- that
12 needs to come before us with full discussion because we are not
13 in agreement whether indeed we are going to do --

14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Now, hold --
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it --
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- on.

17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- or not. But we do need some kind of a
18 commitment to -- to know if we're going to go ahead with it.
19 So if we can plug something in, the same amount --
20 Commissioners gave us 3 million -- what? -- six -- five
21 years ago, six years ago, and then they took it away when the
22 new commission came on and we were ready to do the contract.
23 So it needs to go back for approval of a new board.
24 So I'm saying, I'm happy to put this on the agenda so we
25 can all discuss it and find out.
26 But if we have the money in it, I don't mind reducing it
27 some, but I'd like to leave some in so we know if we can go
28 forward.

29 And if we put it on before -- are you saying no, Art, that
30 I can't put it on the --

31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, --
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- agenda?
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- you do what you want, Patsy. This
34 is not a --

35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: But that's what --
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- good idea --
37 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- I'm saying.
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- for --
39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: You're --
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- just --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Battle Mountain.
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: You're speaking for yourself. I have
4 no interest in the project. I -- I don't see where it's needed.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: That's what --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And I'm --
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- I'm saying.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- saying it needs to come before the
10 commissioners so we all can discuss it and --
11 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: We're discussing it now. We could
12 say we don't want it to come --
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- forward.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. We are.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. We are. We are discussing it
19 right now. And we're saying, yes or no, Patsy. What's the
20 problem with that?
21 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Can I ask a question here?
22 So, Ron, as far as the traffic for the kids -- because this
23 was the biggest issue for school kids going back and forth, back
24 and forth.
25 So for -- speaking for the law enforcement as far as the
26 travel for the kids, what do you think? And I'm not trying to
27 put you on the spot. Sorry. I'm --
28 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yes, you --
29 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- really --
30 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- are.
31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- not.
32 But, honestly, because that's -- that's the part where it's
33 coming from is the congestion and kids going back and forth over
34 the overpass. So what do you think?
35 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well, keep in mind when this was
36 presented three or four years ago, whenever it was, that was an
37 elementary school over there. Now it's a junior high. So that
38 changes the aspect a little bit. And --
39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Let me put --
40 SHERIFF RON UNGER: We -- we haven't had any issues as the

1 law enforcement side.

2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Let me -- let me put this. With the
4 existing overpass that we have, what would the project need just
5 to encase --

6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Cage it.

7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- that in rail and --

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- make two walking paths? And then
10 you have your bridge for a lot less than \$3.5 million.

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Exactly. And --

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- and we shouldn't have to --

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Got it.

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- pay anything --

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Not a problem.

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- for what the federal government
18 does.

19 This would be the first time a county built a footbridge.

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Now it would be -- correct me if I'm
21 wrong -- that'll be DOT that we're going to -- we'll be able to
22 fight with to do that, which I think it's -- that's a good idea
23 to encase them all the way over.

24 And I've seen places, like, in Reno and the big cities that
25 they are casing a lot from the kids throwing rocks and things at
26 moving vehicles.

27 But is that going to be a huge fight, do you think, with
28 DOT to have something like that, even that part done?

29 KEITH WESTENGARD: So in June, I believe it is, of this
30 year, DOT will be here for their annual project meeting for the
31 county. And at that time, similar to the sidewalk and
32 different --

33 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Uh-huh.

34 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- things that we've discussed, that
35 would be the time to -- to put that to them and see what -- what
36 they -- the state would give and what the county would have to
37 give and so forth.

38 But that's in June, if I remember right.

39 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Because --

40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I've --

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- enclosing it, they could
2 essentially turn that into a footpath over the top by, you know,
3 putting, like you said, the fence on either side like that.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I've seen the same thing as you,
5 Ka- -- Kathy, where they en- -- en- -- enclosed the walkway.
6 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yeah. In California they do -- do
7 that --
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now all --
9 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- almost on --
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- everywhere.
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: On all of --
13 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- all of them.
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- them.
15 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: On all of them.
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And they use small chain-link fence so
17 that you can't throw --
18 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: The rocks --
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- rocks though --
20 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- through --
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- it.
22 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- them.
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Do you -- you have -- do you have a
24 question out there in the audience?
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No. We haven't opened up to --
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- public comment. So just wait a second
28 for us here.
29 Yeah. There were -- there were --
30 LORI PRICE: No, I was just --
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- several reasons, --
32 LORI PRICE: -- standing.
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh, okay.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- and one --
35 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- is --
37 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: She's stand- --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- because --
39 LORI PRICE: I -- I'm just --
40 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh.

1 LORI PRICE: -- standing.
2 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh.
3 LORI PRICE: I'm just standing.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: One is because of -- of the --
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: What she --
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- hazardous materials --
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- said was --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that we have across Highway 80 all the
9 time where we've got 30 trucks, 40 trucks, whatever they had
10 with numbers that we said if something happened and we had a
11 spill that we didn't have anything that they could just very
12 conveniently use.
13 But the thing that started it was when we had a bomb threat
14 at the other school. And they had to take the kids all the way
15 down and bring them across the overpass and then take them all
16 the way back down.
17 And that's what originally started, like, we have no kind
18 of emergency at all. And wouldn't it be nice to have something
19 if something should happen with the hazardous materials? Or,
20 yes, the congestion too was suggested at the time because
21 parents could drop them off. The kids could go across. We also
22 have seniors that live on the other side and -- and they could
23 come over to do their shopping and -- and whatever.
24 And it was just another alternative that we felt we needed
25 for safety because of the children going back and forth across
26 all the time.
27 So when we looked into it, we actually started getting
28 grants. And we got one grant from NDOT. And because we got the
29 grant, they said they could do the engineering for us and help
30 us with the contract. That's how it started.
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And how --
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It wasn't any- --
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- much --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- -thing --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- was the grant for, Patsy?
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It was -- I don't even remember what
37 the commission --
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: \$4500.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, no.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Ninety --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- thousand dollars.
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What was presented at the time was
4 \$4500.
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. No. I don't know where you got
6 that figure. But it was ninety --
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right from the --
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- thousand --
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- packet that I was presented with.
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I don't think so.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know so.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: It could --
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- have been --
15 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Anyhow, regardless, --
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We actually had a couple, actually. And
17 the one from NDOT, I believe, was -- was the 90,000.
18 But with that, that's -- that was the main reason.
19 And -- and so that's when the commissioners voted to
20 approve it and go ahead with it. And they gave us the
21 \$3 million.
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Good.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: County --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So that's --
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- manager would like to --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that's where --
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- say something.
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- it started.
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: I just -- I -- and I am -- I'm not on
31 either side of this. But I think I need to give some history.
32 And you're very accurate there about the footbridge and --
33 and the emergency access to this side of the freeway.
34 But what I need to point out in -- in -- in -- as a fact,
35 is there is another road being constructed to that first exit
36 off of Allen Road, which that was the problem at the time. And
37 I want to make it very clear; I'm not taking a side here.
38 So that --
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: The issue -- the issue is west exit
40 for Echo.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: So -- so that -- that's -- road is being
2 built. And then the -- the -- there's discussion of another
3 road over here similar to a frontage road that would come off of
4 Old 8A and go out toward Hill Top.
5 So that was the intent of that.
6 Because I remember when we discussed this. And it was
7 discussed that we wanted to try to make it wide enough to get
8 four -- or side-by-sides across or like the EMS, the Gator, that
9 the EMS has, things like that.
10 But that was before this road was being constructed and
11 this one was being discussed.
12 So --
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So a little history here, since I was
14 on the RTC from the inception of this project, was initially as
15 a footbridge for the kids to keep them away from the freeway,
16 try and keep them away from Broyles Ranch and 305, and it was
17 discussed that it would also serve as a safety route in the
18 event with --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Of an --
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that --
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- emergency.
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that -- that exit were shut down.
23 It was not the primary purpose of it. It was mainly to keep the
24 kids off the roads and give them a safe -- safe alternate route
25 across the freeway.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. I'll open it up for public comment.
27 And, Lori, thank you for waiting. Did you have something?
28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: No.
29 LORI PRICE: No, I'm --
30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: She's just standing.
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: She's just --
32 LORI PRICE: -- I'm just --
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- standing.
34 LORI PRICE: -- standing.
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: She's just standing.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All right.
38 LORI PRICE: My back is sore.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any other public comment?
40 LORI PRICE: Sorry.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
2 Well, I -- I don't know if we want to do that one
3 individually or include that, like I said, with the -- with the
4 whole group or the rest since I can't -- you don't want me to
5 put it on the agenda for us to discuss separately.
6 So I guess it's going to depend who makes the motion and
7 what we do with it.
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll make a motion that we scrap --
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- the footbridge on -- in the amount
11 of \$3.5 --
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.
13 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- million.
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll second that.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
16 Bryan made the motion that we delete S on the footbridge.
17 And Art seconded it.
18 Any other discussion?
19 (No comment.)
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public comment?
21 (No comment.)
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All those in favor?
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
25 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
26 But can I say something in that? With that?
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Sure.
28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Saying aye? That we do move forward
29 to trying to get tho- -- that overpass enclosed for children
30 traveling on.
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'm not opposed to that.
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not opposed to that either. That
33 was my original recommendation. It's a --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- piece of --
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All --
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- cake --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- those --
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- for that.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- against the motion?

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Nay.
2 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: (Indiscernible.)
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
4 Okay. And that deletes S. And we move on to T, sports
5 complex.
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You voted aye or nay?
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: She voted --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I voted --
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- against it.
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- aye in the nays.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Against?
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye. No. Yeah.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Like sign.
17 Okay. T. Sports complex, the amount of a hundred thousand
18 dollars. Here's another one we -- we haven't actually discussed.
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: That -- that's correct. It
20 was mistakenly left off of the budget workshop agenda.
21 This was discussed, though, last year in the previous
22 commission. So once again, it's brought forward.
23 The intent here is to bring all the ball fields and
24 everything to one place, which is over here by the Eleanor
25 Lemaire school, to redo that whole area, put ball fields, a
26 soccer field, the skate park, and different activities based on
27 what the board would eventually want. But that's what it's
28 supposed -- that was the intent behind it.
29 It would be low maintenance. Brick dust infields and
30 artificial turf on the -- on the grass. And everything would be
31 in one spot. I --
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So that would be a complex that,
33 like, all the community, schools, everybody would use?
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, --
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- yeah. It would be --
37 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- over the other side of the Tim
39 Knight --
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Field.
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. And it would -- we would -- well,
3 of course, the one over there, the two fields over there would
4 be part of the project.
5 But the fields here could either be scrapped or used for
6 practices.
7 However, the board wanted to go.
8 This was like, I sa- -- I -- I --
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Did you see a picture of it, Bryan?
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I did. Yeah.
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: So I -- I have some stuff. I -- I
12 apologize it was missed on the -- on the budget -- in the budget
13 workshop. But that's why it's back on to see first off if
14 you're interested in it and second off if you wanted to me to
15 continue on with --
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'd like to --
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: If -- if --
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- see it.
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Brought --
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I mean, --
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to you --
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- I've gone --
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- costs.
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- to some places that actually have
25 these sports complexes. And it's really nice traveling to
26 play --
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And if I --
28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- sports --
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- if I --
30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- there. And --
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- remember correctly, Winnemucca used
32 to have their 48-hour softball.
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Uh-huh.
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And they had 160 teams. Can you
35 imagine a hundred teams here for a three-day event?
36 You talk about filling beds, selling food...
37 This is --
38 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: But --
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- this is a great project.
40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So then that would exclude those

1 fields that are out here by the golf course?
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We wouldn't --
3 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: What's going to --
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- need them.
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I -- I'm saying those fields could
6 be -- could be scrapped or we could -- they could be left in
7 place for practice.
8 But r- -- so we -- two years ago, when we had the All-Stars
9 here, we -- we -- I think it was two years ago.
10 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yes. Yeah.
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: But --
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Three years --
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- but we --
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- ago.
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Or three -- okay.
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: But -- but we really -- we had to
18 scramble to get things in line, you know, to meet the -- the
19 Little League requirements.
20 These would be in compliance. Like I say, I -- my vision is
21 five fields. They would have a Little League field. They would
22 have a softball field, a high school -- how- -- however the --
23 this -- the board wanted to go.
24 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Then who's going to maintain them?
25 KEITH WESTENGARD: It would -- it would fall -- it's --
26 first off, it's low maintenance. Because, like I say, it would
27 be -- well, the brick dust doesn't really have anything to do
28 with it. But the artificial turf.
29 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: So there'd be no water or very -- very
31 little water. I mean, just for little things. And no
32 maintenance on those -- on those turf as far as mowing it or
33 any -- there -- there's going to be maintenance, but not in the
34 sense like --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- mow them every week.
37 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: One of my main concerns on this is like I
39 can't believe we can -- we can do this and fence it in for a
40 hundred thousand dollars.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: No. No.
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, that --
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: Th- --
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- gets it --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So --
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- started.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- I'm g- -- going, this is all you're
8 asking for, for us to proceed?
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: Because I want to get a good cost --
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. And then --
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- once --
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we need --
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- again.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- to get it on the agenda.
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. One -- I -- I will work --
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to start working on costs.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. I'm okay with that.
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Everybody okay with --
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: And once --
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- that?
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- again, --
24 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Uh-huh.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that would be a three -- maybe a
27 three-year project as well.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I understand.
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: The City of Elko's doing one right now
30 and it's -- it's phased. And if you -- if you get to Elko and
31 get to Les Schwab there and you turn right over Fifth -- Fifth
32 Street, just on the other side of the river there, you can see
33 they've -- they've got it started. They've got the posts up.
34 They've got the diamonds -- that the initial diamonds --
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. We're going to --
36 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- move on.
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: U, emergency project line in the amount of
40 250,000. We're okay with 250,000?

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What -- what is --
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: What are we --
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So we should be within budget.
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: What do we use this --
5 CINDY BENSON: Oh, yeah.
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- emergency --
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is an emergency --
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- project line for?
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- line?
10 CINDY BENSON: It is for projects that -- that --
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, okay. Money.
12 CINDY BENSON: -- yeah -- that aren't budgeted for, but
13 haven't -- emergency, need to be done, like the wall in --
14 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
15 CINDY BENSON: -- Austin.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So we've -- we've dropped it, have
17 we not?
18 CINDY BENSON: No. It was 250,000.
19 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No, no.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, no, no. No. No, the total.
21 CINDY BENSON: Oh.
22 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: The --
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: The --
24 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- total.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- total.
26 CINDY BENSON: The whole total.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
28 CINDY BENSON: Yes. We --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Where are we on the budget?
30 CINDY BENSON: We're down \$40,700,000. We are looking
31 good.
32 That would bring us down --
33 So our total projects are twenty-four thou- -- or
34 \$24,491,986.
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So if we leave everything the way we
36 discussed it, we're okay?
37 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh. We're okay.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So that means we are going to leave
39 the -- the White Knife the way it is.
40 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. And I think, if everybody's writing
2 as we go along, you want to do the whole thing at once? Or if
3 we run into some problems and we have to do them separately,
4 whatever we need to do.

5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Ted, would it be okay if I just made
6 a motion to -- to approve that as discussed?

7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes. You -- you could do that
8 considering you -- you -- you did one or two individually that
9 you've already taken care of.

10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. We took out the --

12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And I --

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- footbridge.

14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- think you put -- you put
15 amounts on the rest of them. Is --

16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So I'll --

17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- is that --

18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- make a --

19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- right, Cindy? All the other
20 ones have amounts on them?

21 CINDY BENSON: Yes.

22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Then yes.

23 KEITH WESTENGARD: I don't have an amount on the gravel
24 pit. So I don't know what -- what direction you guys want to go
25 on that.

26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: A hundred thousand.

27 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, my --

28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: We didn't -- we didn't set an amount
29 on that one --

30 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- because --

32 KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I said if they were going to go
33 there that there might be more costs involved with the
34 environmental impact study.

35 So if we could bump that to 150- or 175-. But that's
36 (indiscernible).

37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: For which one?

38 KEITH WESTENGARD: The gravel pit.

39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: J.

40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Uh-huh.
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: The gravel pit park.
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
4 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So I would say 150-.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can't vote --
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: All right.
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- for that. That's a waste of money
8 as far as I'm concerned.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Well, then make a motion
10 individually.
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll make a motion that we do not
12 approve the --
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: J.
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- water park at the gravel pit for
15 all the reasons I've stated.
16 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second the motion.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Art made the motion that we scratch
18 J, the gra- -- the gravel pit park in the amount of 5 million,
19 which was reducing to a hundred thousand.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: 150-.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Bryan made the second.
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: 150,000 is what --
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: 150-? Okay.
24 Anyway, Bryan made the second.
25 Any other discussion?
26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Can -- yes. I do. Just to throw it
27 in there.
28 I had gone out -- and you had missed this, Art, because I
29 think you had -- were gone when I -- I had said that I'm a --
30 not that it has to do with me, but I'm also a cyclist. And
31 there's a lot of people who cycle (indiscernible) this town.
32 And there's some really, really cool bike -- for bikes -- pedal
33 bike, cycling tracks and stuff out there.
34 And I just thought it was -- and you can kayak and do some
35 different things out there.
36 And the BLM had said that they would help expand it.
37 And it's pretty out there once it's cleaned up. Because it
38 was at one time put on the site of a dump. So now it's not
39 attractive.
40 But for other people who -- just to expand what we do here

1 and for tourism a little bit that there are some other biking
2 trails.

3 And like I s- -- I kayak. So we put our kayaks out out
4 there. And it's nice. And that's where I was looking at it and
5 thought that it would be nice, something extra for the
6 community.

7 And that's kind of where I'm coming from.

8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Did the BLM allude to --

9 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: They would -- how -- how much they --

10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: They -- they were in last week. And
12 they said that they would -- there was some ground back there
13 that they were willing to help work out. Of course, they had to
14 go through all the environmental stuff and it was going to take
15 some time, but they were interested in assisting with that
16 because they thought it was an interesting project as well.

17 And so that's where I'm kind of biting it off of. Because it
18 really is -- I didn't -- hadn't been out there. Went out there
19 and went, wow, this is kind of cool out here. And so --

20 But obviously lots and lots of cleanup and things out
21 there.

22 But, you know, if you can envision what it can be, it
23 really is kind of cool.

24 And giving our kids some -- you know, kids for biking trails
25 and stuff like that and walking.

26 And I also thought of, like, what Helms Pit did with
27 theirs. How they had --

28 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. That's --

29 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- put --

30 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- nice.

31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- the walking path around --

32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Uh-huh.

33 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- it. And I thought that was nice.
34 And that's kind of where I was looking at it from. So --

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, if you look at it from the
36 pragmatic point of view, how many people is it going to take to
37 maintain it right off the bat.

38 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Not bad.

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You were concerned about the sports --
40 the sports -- the sports park complex.

1 I'm just against this. And -- and it's just not a good
2 idea.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. We have a --
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I thought --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- motion on --
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- it was at one time. I've made the
7 motion. Bryan seconded it.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's where I am. Thank you, Art. I was
9 waiting for you to finish.
10 The motion is to delete the gravel pit park, Number J.
11 Art made the motion. Bryan seconded.
12 Any other --
13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Public comment?
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- public comment?
15 LORI PRICE: It's good for fishing too. The kids have gone
16 out there fishing.
17 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yeah.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm sorry. I couldn't hear a word you
19 said.
20 LORI PRICE: I've taken kids out there to go fishing too.
21 I mean, it's -- and it used to be kind of a nice little place to
22 take the kids.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you, Lori.
24 All in favor of deleting Number J?
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any opposed?
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
29 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
31 Okay. And it stays on.
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Waste of money. A waste of money.
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So are you guys going to put a
34 hundred --
35 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Just a hundred --
36 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- fifty --
37 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- and fifty.
38 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- thousand?
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Stays --
40 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yeah.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- on.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Is that what it was?
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
4 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: 150-, please. That would be good.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We probably need a separate motion for the
6 sep- -- because it's not going to be included in the --
7 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay.
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- other one and decide on the --
9 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So --
10 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- amounts.
11 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- I make a motion that we set aside
12 150- to do some research on the gravel pit park.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll second that.
14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
15 The motion is for 150- for the gravel pit.
16 Kathy -- Kathy made the motion. Judie seconded.
17 Any other discussion?
18 (No comment.)
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Public comment?
20 (No comment.)
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
23 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
25 And opposed?
26 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Nay.
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Nay.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
29 Okay. Now we're ready for the motion for -- and we deleted
30 J and we deleted S -- the footbridge and the gravel park. And
31 the rest is up to you, Bryan.
32 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: So I'll make a motion that we approve
33 all the other line items as discussed.
34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second.
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
36 Moved we approve the rest of the line items by Bryan.
37 Seconded by Kathy.
38 Any other public comment?
39 CINDY BENSON: I think you had your deleted ones wrong
40 because you mentioned we deleted J.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm sorry. What?
2 CINDY BENSON: When you made your motion, you said deleted
3 J. And I thought we were keeping that on.
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: She --
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We deleted --
6 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- didn't make a --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we deleted --
8 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- motion. I --
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We --
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- made --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- deleted --
12 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- the motion.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- J --
14 CINDY BENSON: Oh.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- and -- and S from -- from the major --
16 CINDY BENSON: Oh. I got you --
17 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
19 CINDY BENSON: -- with this. Sorry.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
21 CINDY BENSON: Sorry.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No. We deleted them from his,
23 encompassing them all together. Okay.
24 CINDY BENSON: Okay.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in --
26 CINDY BENSON: I got --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- favor?
28 CINDY BENSON: -- you.
29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: We already did that.
30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yeah. We --
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: We're in the (indiscernible).
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I thought I was doing public comment.
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: No. We voted.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Truly?
35 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. We truly (indiscernible).
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I don't think I voted.
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. We didn't vote on this.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We didn't vote.
39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah, we did.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, we didn't.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, my gosh.
2 Let's take a break and --
3 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh, you're --
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- saying --
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- figure out what the --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Let's -- let's -- I'm going to -- if we
8 voted, fine. If not, we need to. So all in favor of the
9 motion -- I said Bryan made the motion.
10 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Well, right.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Kathy seconded.
12 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Uh-huh.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we were in public comment --
14 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh, --
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- and Cindy --
16 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- yes.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- started talking.
18 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I thought we were talking --
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
20 CINDY BENSON: Sorry.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?
22 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
25 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any opposed?
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
28 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. And we'll take a ten-minute
29 break.
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31 (Break taken between 2:28 p.m. and 2:42 p.m.)
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33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Austin, you on with us?
34 MITESHELL LANHAM: We're here.
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Thank you.
36 We call the meeting back to order now.
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1 FUND 001 -- Review of all grants

2
3 5) Discussion and possible action to approve/disapprove:

4
5 GRANT REQUESTS

6
7 General Fund Grant Requests

8 Austin Chamber of Commerce, \$4,375;
9 Battle Mountain Archery Club, \$3,000;
10 Lander Economic Development Authority, \$28,000;
11 Lander County Conservation District, \$6,000;
12 Lander County Conservation District; \$50,000;
13 Lander County Sewer & Water #2, \$3,990,300;
14 Lander County Sewer & Water #2, \$260,000;
15 Town of Kingston, \$3,397;
16 Town of Kingston Fire Company, \$4,000;

17
18 Battle Mountain Town Grant Requests

19 Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce, \$500;
20 Frontier Community Action Agency & WIC, \$21,000;
21 Lander County Kids Club, \$35,000;
22 Lander County Historical Society/Cookhouse Museum,
23 \$7,000;
24 Lander County Historical Society/Cookhouse Museum,
25 \$22,000;
26 Miscellaneous grants, \$5,000;

27
28 Austin Town Grant Requests

29 Austin Historical Society, \$9,195;
30 Austin Medical Clinic, \$6,000;

31 and all other matters properly related thereto.

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33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we are on Fund 001, a review of all
34 grants.

35 Number 5. Discussion and possible action to approve or
36 disapprove the grant requests.

37 And I'll read all of them that are under the General Fund
38 grant requests. Austin Chamber of Commerce, \$4,375; Battle
39 Mountain Archery Club, 3,000; Battle Mountain Chamber of
40 Commerce, 28,000; Lander Economic Development Authority, 4,000;

1 Lander County Conservation District, 6,000; Lander County
2 Conservation District for 50,000; Lander County Sewer & Water
3 District #2, \$3,990,300; Lander County Sewer & Water
4 District #2, 260,000; the Town of Kingston, \$3,397, and the Town of
5 Kingston Fire Company for \$4,000.

6 Okay. So we'll start at the top and have you take some
7 reviews here.

8 Is there anything in particular you want to pull out or
9 have questions on?

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: When we had our -- our meeting, we -- we
11 didn't have any -- any issues with Austin Chamber of Commerce.
12 We -- we -- we just don't know how we can come up with money for
13 their personnel -- for their payroll.

14 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right. And we're --

15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- looking at an alternative way.

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And, yes, Ted.

19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I have a suggestion.

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes.

21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We have -- we have -- you have
22 these marked on all of them?

23 JEANNE FALZONE: Just yours.

24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We have a list which includes
25 Austin Chamber of Commerce, which is a (c)(6); Battle Mountain
26 Archery Club, which is a (c)(4); Battle Mountain Chamber of
27 Commerce, which is a (c)(6); and Battle Mountain Chamber of
28 Commerce, again, which is a (c)(6).

29 So if you take those out and just keep the (c)(4)s -- well,
30 no, you'd have to take -- well --

31 Let me do this again.

32 There's only one (c)(3). There -- there's one, two, three,
33 four. And that's on the second part. Battle Mountain town
34 grant requests. If you -- if you keep the (c)(3)s and take out
35 the (c)(6)s and the (c)(4)s, we can -- we might be able to do
36 this.

37 And then -- then what you would do is -- is you would be
38 able to give the money -- or as much money as you wanted to, to
39 the (c)(3)s -- 501(c)(3)s.

40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. I'm not real clear on which ones,

1 though, since we -- we went back a couple times.
2 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'm lost --
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.
4 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- here.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right now, --
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'm going to be --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- just on --
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- fairly (indiscernible) --
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- the Austin Chamber, --
10 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- (indiscernible).
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- we still can give them the --
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Those are --
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- 4,375; --
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- okay.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- can we --
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.
17 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- not? Or no?
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay. The --
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Because that's not for admin. So we can
20 actually give them the grant.
21 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah. We're --
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Which one? The Austin Chamber
23 of Commerce?
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Right.
25 Right?
26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. You can --
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's a --
29 It depends on what they do with it. They can't do anything
30 they want with it.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No. They gave us a whole list. It's in
32 our book.
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Do you want -- do you want us to go back
35 and take a look at that?
36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, if -- if it's for -- if
37 it's for rent and stuff, they can't do it. It's a (c)- --
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: But the admin was separate. So we took --
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- off the admin and gave them a grant for

1 the balance.
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay. You can do that.
3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So we'll leave that.
4 Battle Mountain Archery Club?
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It's a (c)(4).
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So I can leave that?
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It depends on what they want to
8 do with it.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, again, they came before us. And so
10 we need --
11 Do we need to go back to our original grants?
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We can't give them land or
13 anything. We can give them a -- just a grant for \$3,000, if
14 that's it.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It's for a -- for their targets.
16 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay. We can do that.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. And they had --
19 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: And --
20 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Concessions.
21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- some --
22 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- prizes.
23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
24 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: (Indiscernible) --
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Concessions.
26 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- and stuff like --
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Their --
29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- that.
30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- rewards.
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Like their --
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Because --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- rewards.
36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- I thought -- yeah.
37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
38 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We -- we discussed whether we --
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We --
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- could --

1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- can do --
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- could --
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- that.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- or couldn't before. And we were
5 okay --
6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- with that --
8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- if we're still okay with the amounts.
10 The Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce we took off --
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We should -- we should split
12 that. Because we -- we -- we could fund that separately.
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You want me to take it out of General Fund
14 grant requests? Is that what you're saying? And we'll fund it
15 somewhere else?
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, I just want you to do a
17 separate vote for it.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, if I take it off...
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, or you can take it off.
20 But it's going to back in the General Fund because the monies
21 could go to the General Fund that's going to pay for it. But --
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, then I can leave it on here.
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes. But just know that you
24 shouldn't be voting for it with the other ones.
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes. Okay.
26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Oh, you --
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.
28 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- mean not as a group?
29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.
30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Okay. Took me a se- -- what? Okay.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Got it. Okay.
32 Okay. We're ahead- -- I think we're okay with the rest of
33 them.
34 The Lander County Sewer & Water District #2. Okay. That's
35 our 3,990,300 and the 260,000, which they came before us on one
36 of our agendas and we delayed it until we did the budgets and
37 our agenda item.
38 And at the last commissioners' meeting, we opted to ask --
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Conversation.
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- them to dissolve for the best of the

1 county.

2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.

3 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And so we didn't really take any action on
4 the money.

5 So here's the question. Right now it's in their -- in
6 their hands. And they're -- they're deciding.

7 They had a meeting. And it was pretty well even, I think,
8 with who wanted to come with the county and who didn't. They
9 had some input. But it wasn't a general hearing for the Town of
10 Austin. It was just -- just their board.

11 And they opted to get some legal advice to see what they
12 could do.

13 I'm -- our legal advice, of course, is our attorney who
14 says we can ask them to dissolve. That's -- that's where we
15 are.

16 We are waiting for their input.

17 However, in the interim, if they do decide to dissolve,
18 we're going to need this money to pay for --

19 CINDY BENSON: At that point.

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- things that are happening.

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: It would go to capital projects.

22 CINDY BENSON: We could move it to cap- -- capital --

23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.

24 CINDY BENSON: -- projects.

25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That -- that's exactly it. Because we --
26 we have to have this kind of money.

27 On the other hand, if they opt not to dissolve, whether
28 we're still going to give them the other amount that we rolled
29 over or whether we're going -- going to give them this amount is
30 up to an agenda item of what we decide to do unless you have
31 some input now.

32 So I'll -- we're waiting for them. But I do think we
33 should at least save the money, set it aside, whatever, to see
34 so that we do have some options. Because they're going to --
35 somebody's going to need this money to fix Austin.

36 If we take it over, it will be us. If we opt to give it to
37 them, if they decide not to come with us, that's another full
38 discussion.

39 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Yes.

40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: After --

1 CINDY BENSON: Patsy, we could take it off for now un- --
2 until we get -- because when they turn in the tentative budget,
3 it's -- that's what it is, is it's tentative.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
5 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And we should --
6 CINDY BENSON: And --
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- know by May when we finalize this --
8 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- of what's going on, --
10 CINDY BENSON: We could put it back on --
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- I'm -- I'm hoping.
12 CINDY BENSON: -- for final --
13 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes.
14 CINDY BENSON: -- if we want to.
15 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
16 All right. So we -- we can take those two amounts off for
17 right now?
18 CINDY BENSON: Okay.
19 CHAIRMAN WAITS: And is everybody okay with the amounts of
20 everywhere else?
21 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: How much (indiscernible) are we
22 taking off that?
23 CINDY BENSON: The 4,000, I thought we would take off from
24 the line --
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: The 4,000 was supposed to go to ano- --
26 that --
27 CINDY BENSON: The Lander Economic Development Authority.
28 We were --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No.
30 CINDY BENSON: -- going to take that one off.
31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Off, because we gave them the 20,000
32 from the --
33 CINDY BENSON: Marijuana establishment --
34 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- marijuana money.
35 CINDY BENSON: -- tax.
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So --
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we take that one --
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- the economic --
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- off.

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- development authority comes off. And
2 the Town of Kingston Fire was -- PERS was put to a different
3 fund. Right?
4 CINDY BENSON: It's still a grant, however you want to look
5 at it. It'd still be a grant.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So you leave it h- --
7 CINDY BENSON: But --
8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: You leave it here? Or what --
9 CINDY BENSON: If we take off the 4,000 for LEDA and then
10 take off the Lander County Sewer & Water District #2 for both of
11 theirs, we're down to \$98,772.
12 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Keith?
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: There -- there in the discussion it did
14 come up about the conservation district and their \$50,000, how
15 that it's given to them annually. And it's put into an account
16 for them to use. But in the past, they haven't always used all
17 of the money.
18 So there's still money in that account from past years, is
19 what I understand.
20 And I'm glad Shannon's here to -- to clarify that for the
21 commission.
22 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. I thought she said she was using it
23 up the end of this year.
24 SHANNON BERUMEN: Okay. So Shannon Berumen, for the
25 record.
26 Okay. So the \$50,000 is for the sage grouse fund that we
27 use for sage grouse projects. And we do have two projects
28 currently in the works for where that money is earmarked for,
29 where it should be expended pretty close to the end of this
30 spring.
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: That's what I thought you told --
32 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yes.
33 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- us. Yes.
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: And they could be --
35 SHANNON BERUMEN: Yes.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- down to zero at that point. There's
37 not a --
38 SHANNON BERUMEN: It'll be --
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- there's not money in a fund to
40 (indiscernible) sign away --

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

2 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- from past years. Is that correct?

3 SHANNON BERUMEN: No. So it -- what it does is when we
4 receive that check, we put into the conservation district
5 checking account. And so it's sitting in there. And then we --
6 we have that separated out where we know exactly how much money
7 is expended on each project and how much has been approved. And
8 so -- and then we track that as we pay those invoices for those
9 projects as they're completed.

10 And so by the end of this -- this fiscal year, we're hoping
11 to have all of that that we currently have expended.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And this is all supplies for the
13 projects; right?

14 SHANNON BERUMEN: Right. So it goes -- yeah, it goes
15 towards any equipment or supplies or --

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're not --

17 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- anything for projects that are --

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Paul doesn't get any money for this.

19 SHANNON BERUMEN: No. Not -- no.

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

21 SHANNON BERUMEN: No, no, no. Now his ranch there at the
22 fam- -- Tomera family ranch has done a project --

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

24 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- where they've had that out there, but
25 they've hired outside companies to do that work and -- and
26 expended that and put in guzzlers and things like that to -- to
27 help the riparian areas for the sage grouse --

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And -- and PLUAC --

29 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- and increase --

30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- PLUAC --

31 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- their --

32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- recommends this, that -- that we do
33 this.

34 And at the SLUAC meetings, the PLUAC meetings, these type
35 of programs keep us ahead of the power curve, hopefully, on sage
36 hen or, you know, the pygmy rabbit, whatever's going to come up.
37 But right now the -- the sage --

38 SHANNON BERUMEN: Right now it's --

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- hen --

40 SHANNON BERUMEN: -- sage grouse. Yes. And that's

1 important trying to keep it off the list. And --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right. The next is --
3 SHANNON BERUMEN: And --
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- going to be the --
5 SHANNON BERUMEN: Right.
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- the pigmy rabbit.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
8 SHANNON BERUMEN: You're welcome.
9 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any other questions on any of these?
10 Okay. So we're pulling Lander Economic Development of
11 4,000. We pulled out Water & Sewer District #2. And we've
12 pulled out -- no. We're not pulling out Kingston Fire. We're
13 leaving that --
14 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Leave --
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- because --
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- that.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, I thought we were putting it in
19 another fund, but that's separate.
20 Okay. So we need a motion for the rest of them.
21 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll make a motion to go ahead with
22 the changes made.
23 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: I'll second.
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. Kathy made the motion. Bryan
25 seconded it. Any other discussion?
26 (No comment.)
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any public --
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Commissioner, --
29 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah.
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: So we're going to get to the Battle
31 Mountain town; right? You're -- you're -- you're not --
32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yeah. Yeah. I j- --
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Yeah.
34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- I'm just doing --
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
36 I just wanted to get clarif- -- all right.
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: I'm still on the front part here.
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: All right.
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. All those in favor?
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.
2 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.
5 Okay. Thank you.
6 Battle Mountain town grant requests.
7 Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce, \$500; Frontier
8 Community Action Agency and WIC 21,000; Lander County Kids Club,
9 35,000; Lander County Historical Society and Cookhouse Museum,
10 7,000; Lander County Historical Society and Cookhouse Museum,
11 22,000; and miscellaneous grants for 5,000.
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where are we, Cindy?
13 CINDY BENSON: If I take away the 5,000 for the
14 miscellaneous grants, that puts us at 85,500, which is -- if you
15 look at Austin -- I know we're not there yet, but we'd just
16 barely be over the hundred thousand by about \$200.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. We're getting close.
18 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Well, I think we need something in
19 miscellaneous grants. So we're going to have to cut a little
20 bit somewhere.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'd say we cut 5,000 from the Lander
22 County Kids Club.
23 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Commissioner?
24 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes.
25 KEITH WESTENGARD: At this time, I'm going to ask that
26 you -- that the -- the board hold the Kids Club grant at --
27 that's 35,000. There's -- the DA is doing some research on a
28 few things. So I'm going to ask that you hold that for now.
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: And then --
31 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So if we -- if we take that out and
32 leave everything else the same, then if we go to bring that back
33 in, we might have to cut that --
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- because we'll be over --
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: There -- there's another --
37 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- a little bit.
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- one too when we get --
39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay.
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- there?

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: So for right now, we're -- we're just
2 taking it off the board. Okay?
3 So we're -- anybody else want to change anything?
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Just some clarification on another one
5 when it's my turn.
6 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Yes.
7 KEITH WESTENGARD: The Cookhouse. It's got the 22,000.
8 But looking at their expense sheet -- and it's just
9 clarification is all it's going to be -- is their total revenue
10 was 212,163.72 with total expenses of 23,393.48.
11 So I just -- if they're getting that much revenue, I
12 just -- I'd like to -- if the board's okay with it -- get some
13 clarification on that, please.
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What was that again, Keith?
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Their total revenue was \$212,163.72 with
16 their total expenses of 23,393.48. So there's --
17 LORI PRICE: And the clarification on that is that that is
18 money that we have received for the depot project.
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: For the --
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. And --
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- what?
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that -- that was part of the
23 discussion. But it was brought to me and I -- I wanted to get
24 it on the record that -- that --
25 LORI PRICE: Yeah.
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that's what it was --
27 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Lori, --
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- (indiscernible).
29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: -- what'd you say? For what project?
30 LORI PRICE: For the depot mining --
31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Oh, the --
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, the depot.
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
34 LORI PRICE: -- museum --
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
36 LORI PRICE: -- project.
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right. Okay.
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: Perfect.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's what I --
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Thank you, --
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- thought it --
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- Lori.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- was for.
6 LORI PRICE: Yeah. So it'll be gone here --
7 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Right.
8 LORI PRICE: -- in the next year.
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Okay.
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So I think when the reports are done,
11 turned in that you have an expense, revenue, and a -- a -- do-
12 -- other donations so it's marked so it's not in- -- when you're
13 including it, it doesn't become included with your revenue when
14 you have big projects like that. So if we see it off in -- do
15 you see what I mean?
16 Because if it's included in their revenue side, then
17 you're -- they're going, what do you mean by that? Where if you
18 have it in donations for -- earmarked for specific projects --
19 LORI PRICE: Okay.
20 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- projects --
21 LORI PRICE: I can do something different for you guys.
22 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Well, no, --
23 LORI PRICE: This --
24 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- I mean, --
25 LORI PRICE: -- this is --
26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- just a --
27 LORI PRICE: -- for us so we know exactly how much money we
28 have.
29 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Because when you're going, just --
30 LORI PRICE: But --
31 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: -- looking --
32 LORI PRICE: -- in my paperwork, I have 160,000 for the --
33 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Depot.
34 LORI PRICE: -- project.
35 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: And -- and I had -- knew that you had
36 gotten a large donation on that too. So that I had said I think
37 that's part of a donation.
38 LORI PRICE: Yeah.
39 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: So just clarification.
40 LORI PRICE: And we have 300,000 in CDs waiting for the

1 project to be done to try to get a little bit of --
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Oh, good.
3 LORI PRICE: -- interest.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: All right.
5 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Awesome.
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Very good.
7 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Nice.
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: Thank you.
9 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Thanks, Lori.
10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Very good. Thank you.
11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
12 LORI PRICE: And --
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: No, that -- that was it.
14 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: That was it.
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: I just wanted it -- because I'd been
16 approached. And I wanted to make sure that --
17 LORI PRICE: Okay.
18 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it was out there and understood.
19 Thank you.
20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. So we're looking for a motion, if
21 everybody's okay with the amounts, on taking the Lander County
22 Kids Club out and holding that for a future --
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make a motion that we approve the
24 Battle Mountain town grants as presented, withdrawing the Lander
25 County Kids Club.
26 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second.
27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.
28 Judie made the motion. Kathy seconded.
29 Any other discussion?
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. What are -- what are we doing
31 with the Kids Club money now?
32 KEITH WESTENGARD: We're -- we're holding the grant until
33 the DA fini- --
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- looks into the --
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we're --
37 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- some research.
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We're -- we're going to approve that
39 much?
40 CHAIRMAN WAITS: No, no. We --

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: (Indiscernible.)
2 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- took it out.
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
4 CHAIRMAN WAITS: We'll -- we'll discuss it later and do
5 whatever we need to do --
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Correct.
7 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- at that point.
8 Any other 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.
16 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. Any opposed?
17 Okay. That brings us down to the Austin town grant requests.
18 We have the Austin Historical Society for \$9,195 and the
19 Austin medical clinic for 6,000, and all other matters properly
20 related thereto.
21 Those are the only two requests that came in.
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I -- I don't have a problem
23 with this. I just have a question. Why doesn't the hospital
24 take care of the medical clinic?
25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Okay. Number one, the medical clinic has
26 -- doesn't have anything to do with the Battle Mountain
27 Hospital. This is the rural clinic.
28 And the rural clinics do several -- several different
29 clinics in many parts of the state, different counties.
30 The service is actually free, but the counties supply the
31 property for them to actually house their clinic. And sometimes
32 they even supply a home. Like in Eureka's case, they supplied the
33 residence because they had people that were there full-time.
34 We actually gave that to them free, but it was -- the
35 clinic was part of the sheriff's office and -- and that became a
36 real problem, especially when we had people that they were
37 arresting and people waiting in the waiting rooms and such.
38 So we -- we -- we ended up -- actually, the Lander County
39 Convention & Tourism Authority purchased the place across the
40 street from the courthouse.

1 And they said that they could actually use that for the
2 clinic. So they rented it to -- well, actually, they gave it to
3 the Chamber of Commerce. And the Chamber of Commerce rented it
4 for the area for the clinic for a dollar a year. And that's how
5 we got out of the sheriff's office.

6 However, in one of their audits, they said, you can't do
7 this free. You have to have fair market value and you have to
8 rent it. So they rented it for \$500 a month. And then that
9 came back to the county saying, we need to supply a place for
10 them to give us the free clinic.

11 So it came on -- on the commissioners. And they've always
12 paid the \$6,000 to the -- actually, the rural health center so
13 that they can pay 6,000 to the Convention & Tourism.

14 And that's how it came about.

15 It has nothing to do with the hospital at all. And --

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

17 That explains it.

18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make a motion to approve the
19 Austin town grants as presented.

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: I'll second.

21 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you. Judie made the motion. Kathy
22 seconded it.

23 Any other discussion?

24 (No comment.)

25 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Public comment?

26 (No comment.)

27 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.

30 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.

31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Aye.

33 Okay. Any opposed?

34 (No comment.)

35 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Thank you.

36 It looks like that's kind of wrapping up everything. So --
37 no, it's not. We have --

38 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, no.

39 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- some --

40 KEITH WESTENGARD: We need to keep you here till 5:30 to --

1 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Oh, get me --
2 So we're going directly into public comment for
3 nonagendized items only.
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6 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
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8 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Persons are invited to submit comments in
9 writing and/or attend and make comments on any nonagenda item --

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Is that your pile?

11 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- at the board meeting, if any, and
12 discussion of those comments at the discretion of the board.
13 All public comment may be limited to three minutes per person,
14 again at the discretion of the board. Reasonable restrictions
15 may be placed on public comments based upon time, place, and
16 manner, but public comment based upon viewpoint may not be
17 restricted.

18 Any public comment?

19 (No comment.)

20 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Austin, any public comment?

21 (No comment.)

22 MITESHELL LANHAM: Nope.

23 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Hearing none. I'm looking for --
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26 **ADJOURNMENT**
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28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Motion to --

29 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Motion to --

30 CHAIRMAN WAITS: Motion to adjourn by --

31 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Second.

32 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- Art. Seconded --

33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep.

34 CHAIRMAN WAITS: -- by Bryan.

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: All in favor?

36 CHAIRMAN WAITS: All in favor?

37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

38 COMMISSIONER ANCHO: Aye.

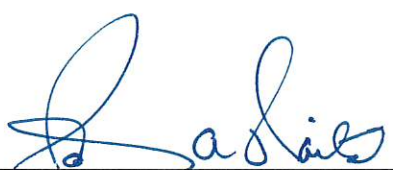
39 COMMISSIONER SPARKS: Aye.

40 Goodbye.

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CHAIRMAN WAITS: Any opposed?
Thank you. And thank you so much.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.)



**CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE
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ATTEST:



LANDER COUNTY CLERK

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