

1 The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in  
2 regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Lander County  
3 Courthouse and Administration Building in Battle Mountain,  
4 Nevada, 50 State Route 305, on February 8, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.  
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7 **PRESENT: PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER**  
8 **SEAN BAKKER, COMMISSIONER**  
9 **ART CLARK III, COMMISSIONER**  
10 **DOUG MILLS, COMMISSIONER**  
11 **JUDIE ALLAN, COMMISSIONER**  
12 **KEITH WESTENGARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
13 **SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK**  
14 **THEODORE HERRERA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
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17 (Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of five  
18 commissioners. Let the record reflect the presence of Austin  
19 via teleconference.)  
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21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Call to order this Lander County  
22 Commission meeting, Town Board of Battle Mountain and Austin,  
23 Board of County Highway Commissioners, January 8th, 2018.  
24 Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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26 (Pledge of Allegiance)  
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28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We would like a moment of silence, please.  
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30 (Moment of silence)  
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32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.

33 Lander County Commissioners may break for lunch from  
34 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Any agenda item may be taken out of  
35 order, may be combined for consideration by the public body, and  
36 items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.  
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1     **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**  
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3           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Commissioner reports on meetings,  
4 conferences, and seminars attended.

5           Judie?

6           COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Nothing.

7           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Nothing?

8           COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Nothing.

9           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. I do have a couple of things.

10          We did have a hospital board meeting last night. It went  
11 very well. I'm really excited about how things are going at the  
12 hospital.

13          We do have Jason Bleak here with us today. And he'll be  
14 doing a report for us. I'll let him take care of most of that  
15 stuff.

16          But I would like to say we -- Keith and I met with Jason  
17 this week, and we talked about the EMS contract. And we'll be  
18 bringing something before the board at some point. I would like  
19 to continue to support the hospital with EMS.

20          So that's one of the things we worked on.

21          Another one that I thought was interesting that we're going  
22 to have to do is we -- I've talked in the past about our Phase 2A  
23 for construction at the hospital. And we've been kind of kicking  
24 that down the road for a while because, basically, it was a little  
25 bit of instability in our CEO situation. But now that that's  
26 stabilized --

27          But I was hoping to give Jason a little more opportunity to  
28 be here and settle in before we started in on construction. But  
29 it has come to light that it's going to probably become  
30 necessary to do at least part of that 2A project because of our  
31 IT and some things going on with our information technology over  
32 there that we're really going to have to do some construction to  
33 make a place for IT.

34          Because right now IT's jammed in a little closet. And it's  
35 totally inadequate. And we have to have in place our electronic  
36 health record information. And that's not working quite the way  
37 it should, which is causing us issues.

38          So we are kind of faced with the -- we're -- we're kind of  
39 being forced into going in construction pretty much immediately.  
40 And we're going to have to start working on that and getting that



1 done.

2 So I'll be talking about that quite a bit more as -- as  
3 time goes on.

4 Also yesterday, we had a meeting with LEDA. Had a good  
5 discussion with Sheldon Mudd from NNRDA. And they're showing us  
6 a lot of support over there at LEDA.

7 I think -- I -- I talked to him a little bit about trying  
8 to encourage them to step up a little bit in some of the  
9 projects they do and the things they take on as an advisory  
10 board to the commission.

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12 (Cell phone ringing.)  
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14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I'd like to see them do a little bit more  
15 about developing some of our infrastructure to make us more  
16 friendly towards business that might want to come to the  
17 community. So I'm trying to push them a little bit in that  
18 direction.

19 We had a pretty good meeting yesterday, though.

20 And then also we had a -- Keith and I had a phone call with  
21 J- -- J-U-B, our engineers for the airport down in Austin. So  
22 we -- the Austin fuel project's come along pretty well. We  
23 finalized some decisions about how to handle that.

24 And it's -- it's interesting. What we're going to do is  
25 that right now we have a fuel tank down there for a hundred low  
26 lead. And that fuel tank has a filter coming into it and has a  
27 filter going out of it. And it's also got a very high volume  
28 pump on it.

29 Well, that's not re- -- that's not required for hundred low  
30 lead. But don't they -- those things are required for jet fuel.

31 So what we're going to do is we're going to put a new tank in  
32 with a smaller pump that will save us money. And it'll only have  
33 fuel -- fuel filter on the output of that, which will also save us  
34 money.

35 And then what we're going to do is take -- we're going put  
36 the hundred low lead in the new tank and put the Jet A in the  
37 existing tank. And that should save us a substantial amount of  
38 money, actually. So our engineers are doing a good job for us  
39 there. And it's -- it's a pretty good plan, I think.

40 And that's all I've got that I can remember.



1 Sean?

2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The only meeting we had was  
3 fireman's. Ron's ordering our new water truck. He's getting  
4 quotes, anyway, we budgeted for. We ordered the new cordless  
5 Jaws of Life that will be wired into our rescue truck. That's  
6 about all that really came out of that meeting. Everyone voted.  
7 And we're moving forward with things.

8 So that's about all I have.

9 Patsy?

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. On the 1st of February, I  
11 did have our call with the Justice and Public Safety. That's  
12 the national NACO meeting.

13 We're talking about the upcoming legislation. Because we  
14 meet from 8:00 in the morning till 5:00 in the evening on that  
15 one, all day Saturday, the day before the legislative conference.

16 So they're getting their resolutions together. Of course,  
17 the big focus is, naturally, criminal justice reform and  
18 emergency management.

19 Also that day, we had a meeting regarding our grant for the  
20 cemetery. And the Cooperative Extension is heading that one up  
21 for us. We're looking at about 25 trees to replace the ones that  
22 we have lost. And we're working with the Chamber of Commerce on  
23 that.

24 And so we -- we went around to see what -- what we had to do  
25 as far as additional lines for water and such. So we'll be coming  
26 before you for your support and okay that we can plant the trees  
27 in the -- the county cemetery.

28 On February 2nd I did attend the NACO workshop. There were  
29 15 counties, actually, represented there. And it was regarding  
30 understanding county tax revenues.

31 I think many of you know Alan Kalt, who was at Churchill for  
32 a number of years. And he is now the new CFO at POOL/PACT. And  
33 so he -- he gave a great -- great overview of our revenue.

34 We also had a Douglas County clerk and treasurer there and  
35 three folks from the taxation department.

36 We went through a lot of different things, everything from  
37 the distribution of sales tax, property tax. The biggest thing  
38 was the consolidated tax. We call it CTX. And there's two  
39 different tiers. And that's always been confusing. And -- and  
40 that was excellent.



1 One of the questions came up was whether we really want to  
2 stay on a guaranteed status, which we'll become with the -- with  
3 the tax department.

4 And we need to take a look at that real, real closely and  
5 see. We might be in a position now that it would benefit us to  
6 come off. But what we need to look and see whether we're going to  
7 continue with that this year.

8 Cindy Benson also was there. And I think she was about as  
9 excited about it as I was. It really was -- was very, very  
10 informative.

11 On the 5th of February, we did have our chamber meeting,  
12 which of course we're working on -- as I mentioned -- the -- the  
13 cemetery grant for our trees there. Also, some new mountain bike  
14 signs. And those are on each end of town. So there'll be two of  
15 those.

16 And our office manager did resign, although she did finally  
17 offer to stay on while we looked for someone new, at least on a  
18 temporary basis. So we've got some flexible hours there that  
19 we're going to manage everything. Dee stepped in to handle at  
20 least a day if we need to. And so we're -- we're in a situation  
21 again out looking to replace that.

22 So that -- that's always a sad note when your -- you have to  
23 look for new people again when -- sorry to lose them.

24 But that's all I have. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Art?

26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Good morning. Thanks for coming. And  
27 welcome to Lander County, Jason.

28 Senator Heller's office called me a couple of times this last  
29 week. And we'll catch up on the most of that with Item Number 14.

30 But Senator Heller will be at the Owl Club at 11:00 o'clock  
31 on Saturday for a meet and greet. And I think Amodei will be  
32 there also. So you might want to check that on your calendar.

33 We'll catch up with the rest of the stuff on Item 14.  
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### 36 STAFF REPORTS

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38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We'll go to staff reports on  
39 meetings, conferences, and seminars attended.

40 KEITH WESTENGARD: Little bit more on our airport. We are



1 moving forward on our hangars, the design of our hangars out  
2 there at the Battle Mountain Airport.

3 And we are currently in the process of continuing with our  
4 Taxiway C realignment project, which is going to the IFE, which is  
5 the independent fee estimate right now. It's just a review of our  
6 consultants, our engineer's pricing, and projected times and so  
7 forth of -- of when the project would be started and -- and  
8 completed.

9 We did receive, two days ago, a letter from the Department of  
10 Taxation having to do with our supplemental city-county relief  
11 tax. So I have applied for our waiver, as we have in the last  
12 four years. That meeting will take place March 5th at  
13 9:00 o'clock in Carson City, to ask that waiver be granted.

14 I think everybody -- or I hope everybody's aware that the  
15 highway out here will be closed -- or will be under pilot-car  
16 guidance from 10:00 to 2:00 today. So they have signs up.  
17 They're doing some -- some roadwork out there, DOT is.

18 And then the other things are on the agenda. Thanks.  
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#### 21 PUBLIC COMMENT

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23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We'll move to public comment for  
24 nonagendized items only.

25 Persons are invited to submit comment in writing and/or  
26 attend and make comments on any nonagenda item at the board  
27 meeting, if any, and discussion of those comments at the  
28 discretion of the board. All public comment may be limited to  
29 three minutes per person, again at the discretion of the board.  
30 Reasonable restrictions may be placed on public comment based  
31 upon time, place, and manner, but public comment based upon  
32 viewpoint may not be restricted.

33 Do we have any public comment?

34 (No comment.)  
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#### 37 CONSENT AGENDA

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39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We'll go to the consent agenda.  
40 All matters li- -- listed under the consent agenda are



1 considered routine and may be acted upon by the Board of County  
2 Commissioners with one action, without extensive discussion. Any  
3 member of the board or any citizen may request that an item be  
4 taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon  
5 separately during the meeting. Consent agenda materials are  
6 available at the Lander County Clerk's Office for viewing, and  
7 copies are available for a nominal charge.

8 One, approval of February 8, 2018, agenda notice; two,  
9 approval of January 11, 2018, meeting minutes; three, approval  
10 of January 25, 2018, meeting minutes; four, approval of payment  
11 of bills; five, approval of payroll change requests.

12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm going to take out January 25th,  
13 2018, meeting minutes.

14 So with that, anyone want to pull the payment of bills or  
15 payroll change requests?

16 Have anything?

17 Okay.

18 I'll make a motion to approve February 8th, 2018, the agenda  
19 notice; January 11th, 2018, meeting minutes; the payment of the  
20 bills; and the payroll change requests.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Sean made a motion. Patsy  
23 seconded.

24 Do we have any public comment?

25 (No comment.)

26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.



1     COMMISSIONERS  
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- 3     1)     Update from Lander County EMS presented by the new Battle  
4           Mountain General Hospital CEO, Jason Bleak, and all other  
5           matters properly related thereto.  
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7           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number 1. Update from Lander County  
8     EMS presented by the new Battle Mountain General Hospital CEO,  
9     Jason Bleak -- or Jason Bleak, and all other matters properly  
10    related thereto.

11          JASON BLEAK: Thank you for having me here today.

12          And as Doug says, it's stated -- my name's Jason Bleak. It's  
13     spelled B-L-E-A-K. I try not to be bleak. Try to keep the smile  
14     on my face. But it is pronounced "Blake."

15          In way of short introduction, I -- I am a rural Nevada guy.  
16     I come from Panaca, Nevada. Much smaller than Battle  
17     Mountain. I think this is the big city compared to where I've  
18     been living for the past little bit.

19          And I enjoy rural Nevada. I have done my time in the big  
20     cities. I've had those wonderful conveniences. And I moved away  
21     from them. And so I'm glad to be here.

22          It is a pleasure for me to be in this position as the CEO at  
23     the hospital. And I look forward to the wonderful future that --  
24     that it holds.

25          I've shared this with my staff. And -- and this is part of  
26     introduction. But I think that it's good that everybody knows  
27     what my philosophy is in health care.

28          I've been in health care administration for nearly 17 years.  
29     I started in long-term care as a corporate guy. And I wandered  
30     all over the country. And 12 1/2 years ago I settled into a  
31     hospital setting and have enjoyed it ever since.

32          But in my career, I found that my style of -- of management  
33     and the things I focus on are -- are very simple. There's five  
34     C's. And so I've already told this to all my employees. They  
35     know what I'm looking for. You guys should know what I'm looking  
36     for as well.

37          These five C's are -- go as -- as follows. Care. We have to  
38     give the greatest care possible. That doesn't mean that we're  
39     going to provide every service. But those services that we do  
40     provide have to be top-notch. They have to be absolutely high



1 quality.

2 Next is cash collections. We have to be able to manage our  
3 business in a way that cash is coming in to support the business.  
4 Those services that we provide, we should be able to support that  
5 with a good, strong business model.

6 Next is cost containment. We have to make sure that we're  
7 doing things as efficiently as possible. Efficiency is -- is  
8 kind of in the eye of the beholder. But we have to be able to  
9 show our efficiency in -- in outcomes. We have to be able to  
10 show that what we have done is giving us great results and a  
11 good business result.

12 Next is census. Some might also refer to this as occupancy,  
13 but that doesn't really fit into my five C's. So census is, are  
14 we taking care of the community? Are they coming to us? Are they  
15 going somewhere else? And if they're going somewhere else, why?  
16 And how do we keep them here to take care of our patients and  
17 our -- our community the best possible way?

18 And then the last is cleanliness. And this has kind of a  
19 broad meaning. Yes, I do mean making sure that our -- our  
20 facilities are clean and -- and infection-free. But also, how  
21 is our business run? Is it run in a clean way? How do we  
22 present ourselves? Are we professional in our manner, in our  
23 demeanor, in our dress? Is our customer service good? And so  
24 cleanliness, in my mind, takes a pretty broad definition. And  
25 how do we reflect or what do our actions and our -- our demeanor  
26 reflect to the public?

27 And so those things are the areas that I focus on as I wander  
28 around the building, as I look at reports, as I start thinking  
29 about change and where we need to go. Those things are in my  
30 mind.

31 Not any one of them has any priority over the other. It  
32 just depends on what's happening at the moment. Some things may  
33 move up and down according to that specific moment.

34 So with that, I have already begun my process of evaluation  
35 at the hospital. And I have identified some areas of improvement,  
36 as Doug has noticed and -- or has stated.

37 Our building construction is -- is needed. Our IT area is  
38 needed. We -- we need improvements.

39 But more specifically for this meeting, our EMS system. I  
40 have done some evaluation here. And we're working through the



1 process. I'm glad that Myra's here. Pat Irwin would have been  
2 here, but I think he got called out on a run just -- just before  
3 this meeting.

4 I trust that you guys have received the -- the little  
5 information that -- that we sent out.

6 I do intend to revise that a little bit over the future to  
7 make it a little bit more clear as far as billable versus  
8 nonbillable runs, versus runs that were done to assist in other  
9 health care manners.

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

11 JASON BLEAK: And so I'm hoping to break that down a little  
12 bit so that it -- it's clear. Because as Myra and I have  
13 spoken, we're trying to figure out -- these numbers don't quite  
14 add up. So how many of these are runs to assist at the -- at  
15 the ER? How many of these runs are to assist with -- with the  
16 Austin operations? Things like that. So in the future, we'll  
17 break that down.

18 But you've got the three months: October, November,  
19 December. For those -- for the year to date, we have 120 billable  
20 runs. Of those billable runs, as you can see in the -- in the top  
21 right-hand corner of those three months, Medicare seems to be our  
22 biggest user of -- of our billable runs in December. It's  
23 42 percent, which is expected. It is expected.

24 One of the great things is, is -- is that with the ambulance  
25 service or the EMS service under the hospital, which is critical  
26 access hospital and designation, we can receive cost-based  
27 reimbursement for Medicare runs, which will help us tremendously  
28 as we get reimbursed a certain amount per run.

29 And so it comes very important for us to maintain our costs  
30 and make sure that we have accurate documentation of what all of  
31 our costs are.

32 And that's where I -- really relying on Myra and -- and Pat  
33 and then the future director to -- to keep us updated on.

34 The little graph at the -- the very last page is a very  
35 simplistic graph. It just shows our revenues. And those are  
36 gross revenues per month versus -- and those are in the blue. And  
37 then in orange are the expenses per month. They cover this --  
38 this fiscal year, year-to-date fiscal year.

39 As you can see, July --

40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So just -- Jason.



1 JASON BLEAK: Go ahead.

2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Excuse me. Just for clarification, when  
3 you say "gross revenue," you're saying that's what we billed.

4 JASON BLEAK: Yeah.

5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's not what we received --

6 JASON BLEAK: Yep.

7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- back from the insurance.

8 JASON BLEAK: That's correct.

9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh. Okay.

10 JASON BLEAK: That's gross revenue.

11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

12 JASON BLEAK: And so, as you can see, we are at a deficit  
13 other than one month in July. And I can't tell you exactly what  
14 happened in that one month of July. We must've really been  
15 cranking.

16 But we have some fixing to do. Because functioning at a  
17 deficit month after month is -- it's not a very good way to go,  
18 especially when I apply my five C's analysis. And so we have to  
19 be good stewards of -- of our operations. We've got to close that  
20 gap.

21 I would love to say that we're going to make money month  
22 after month, but I think that would be farfetched.

23 I hope that we can close that gap so that we're a break-even  
24 if not a little bit above over the course of a year.

25 Because those months, those emergencies, they -- they will  
26 ebb and flow. And we will take care of business so that we can  
27 ebb and flow with them.

28 So, seeing that, there are some areas of revenue that we are  
29 looking at to increase and improve our revenues. And I'll just  
30 list these -- these areas.

31 Community paramedicine is kind of a new term. It's probably  
32 been brought up -- and it was kind of introduced to the country a  
33 little bit through HGH over in Winnemucca. They set out and they  
34 started providing some community paramedicine services. And at  
35 that time it wasn't reimbursed at all.

36 Well, the model has become acceptable to the state and to  
37 the federal government. And so now they're -- they're putting  
38 together methods of reimbursement for community paramedicine.  
39 What this is, is that a -- a patient would go to the doctor.  
40 And doctor says, here's your regimen of -- of treatment. Go



1 home and have fun.

2 We could send in a team of paramedics to follow up with that,  
3 a few days later or a week later, to make sure that they're  
4 following their -- their drug regimens, to make sure they're  
5 eating appropriate, to make sure that they're taking care of  
6 whatever it is appropriately. And then they can suggest, "Come  
7 back to the doctor." They can work off of some orders. They  
8 can -- they can take care of things to try to keep that person  
9 from having to go back to the doctor or back to the emergency  
10 room. It will cut down on costs overall in health care.

11 And there is -- they are building mechanisms, currently, to  
12 pay for that service, which -- which can help us. There is a  
13 grant through Nevada Rural Hospital Partners right now. They're  
14 working on community paramedicine, which would, in essence, give  
15 us in the range of \$22,000 to support this service going forward,  
16 per year.

17 And I don't know how long the grant period is, a couple  
18 years, three years, maybe. But that is a -- a very good positive  
19 way that we can start to build revenue in our EMS service.

20 The next is having our -- our -- our staffing and our  
21 personnel ready to take transfers from Battle Mountain General  
22 Hospital to other places as needed.

23 We hope to cut down on the transfers. I want to keep our  
24 patients here locally and -- and take care of them here. But  
25 there are going to be those that need to be transferred. And if  
26 we can put together a -- a squad or a unit to take that transfer  
27 on -- on the second ambulance, it's -- it saves that patient gobs  
28 of money because they're not being flown out of here, and it adds  
29 to our -- to our revenue pouch.

30 Yes?

31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It doesn't cost anything to fly out of  
32 here, Jason, not one penny.

33 JASON BLEAK: Oh, that's through the --

34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

35 JASON BLEAK: I apologize --

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: AirMed.

37 JASON BLEAK: -- that.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: If -- if they're --

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just wanted --

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a Lander County resident. They're



1 not --  
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: If they're a --  
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Lander County resident.  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They aren't all Lander County  
6 residents that have --  
7 JASON BLEAK: Oh, okay.  
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to be transferred, of course.  
9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But it's always good to have both  
10 options too.  
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. Yeah.  
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So do we have a transport, though?  
13 Are -- are you guys looking at a transport?  
14 JASON BLEAK: We have two rigs in there.  
15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
16 JASON BLEAK: We're just working on getting the personnel  
17 lined up so that that second-out group is -- is ready to go and  
18 --  
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.  
20 JASON BLEAK: And so that -- more on the organizational  
21 stage there. Is that -- is that correct, Myra?  
22 MYRA WALL: Yeah. We're trying to find -- right now we're  
23 almost ready to go with that. We're trying to get more people  
24 that are local because that seems to be our biggest problem.  
25 But --  
26 Oh, sorry. My name is Myra Wall. Sorry. I'm not used to  
27 doing this.  
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So -- I mean, like Winnemucca has a  
29 transport, though, --  
30 JASON BLEAK: Uh-huh.  
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- that they use?  
32 MYRA WALL: Yeah.  
33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Are you guys looking at a unit like  
34 that? Or --  
35 MYRA WALL: We -- right now we have the -- the only  
36 ambulance -- other ambulance that we have up here is Rescue One.  
37 So that's what we use.  
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
39 MYRA WALL: But --  
40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'm just curious.



1 MYRA WALL: Yeah. I've heard some rumors. So I don't want  
2 the talk out of line. But Keith has been --

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I've heard the same --

4 MYRA WALL: -- working with us.

5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- rumors.

6 MYRA WALL: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's why I'm asking.

8 MYRA WALL: Yeah. No. And that would be wonderful if we  
9 could get something like that set up. And then we're going to  
10 start working on more having -- we have a list of people that  
11 are here local. And that seems to be our biggest problem.  
12 Because a lot of our employees are from Fallon and Lovelock,  
13 out of state, or out of -- out of state? -- out of county lines.  
14 So to get them to come in for a transfer is kind of unrealistic.

15 But having -- getting Kim oriented back onto the ambulance.  
16 There was just some breakdowns in communication. So having her be  
17 able to come, pull in if we get a call, that kind of stuff.

18 We are working on that local personnel so we can get some  
19 more -- it seems like -- I'm having the ER call me first before  
20 they send people out. If it's something we can do, we -- we'll  
21 pull it together.

22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Awesome. Good job.

23 JASON BLEAK: And -- and I am a licensed EMT. And as soon  
24 as I have -- feel like I have my arms wrapped around this  
25 tornado that I'm riding right now, I plan to run and -- and to  
26 assist wherever I can in -- in these transfer processes.

27 The other benefit that our EMS has, in affiliation with the  
28 hospital, is that if we get a mass casualty incident coming to the  
29 hospital, it gives us those extra hands that they can come to the  
30 ER. They can help with codes. They can help with some major  
31 issues that come -- that may come out here on I-80.

32 And having them there is -- is a -- is a safety blanket.  
33 It's a comfort, not only to the doctors but to the nurses and also  
34 to the administrator, knowing that we're not going to be  
35 shorthanded in -- in these issues.

36 And so that is my brief report.

37 You know, I -- I -- I now think -- I introduced myself and I  
38 didn't tell you about my family. And I really apologize to my  
39 family for that.

40 I've got a great wife and five wonderful children. They're



1 in Lincoln County. They would be here with me now, but I've got a  
2 daughter that's 18 years old and graduating from high school this  
3 year.

4 And she wanted to graduate with her friends. And so we're  
5 making that possible.

6 As soon as school is over, they will join me comp- -- up  
7 here. I have bought a house. I'm invested in this community.  
8 I look forward to being here for a long time. And it's just a  
9 pleasure to be here.

10 It's -- I -- I feel very fortunate and blessed to have the  
11 opportunity to be here.

12 So with that brief introduction and explanation, I can answer  
13 any questions or attempt to or Myra can.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We sincerely appreciate the update  
15 and, of course, the opportunity to -- to welcome you again,  
16 because it is exciting.

17 For the record, on your notation about the -- the revenue  
18 taken in and the expenses, of course, it's always very difficult  
19 with emergency services to say, boy, I would love these two to --  
20 to come out okay. And I think the county is well aware of that.

21 So that -- that part is where you break it down. You've  
22 identified some good options. And the other thing is, of course,  
23 for years we had problems with our billing.

24 And naturally, that's always a -- a big key. So -- so  
25 watching that close and staying on it. Because some people need a  
26 little bit more reminder, reminder, reminder when something is  
27 due.

28 So we appreciate everything you've done today and, again,  
29 want to welcome you to our community. And, of course, we're  
30 very, very excited about it. It's a --

31 JASON BLEAK: Thank you.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- good thing. Thank you.

33 JASON BLEAK: Thank you.

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Jason, welcome.

35 I -- you just mentioned billing, so I just had a thought.

36 What's your thoughts about billing? Are you -- is the  
37 hospital going to take back the billing? Or are you guys still  
38 outsourcing it? Or --

39 JASON BLEAK: I'm assuming you're talking about the  
40 private-pay portion of it?



1 Right now it is outsourced. I believe we send out the first  
2 -- the first notice. And then, after that, an outside group takes  
3 it and -- and works with it from there.

4 At this point, I'm not looking at changing.

5 In small communities I've -- I've noticed this, that it -- it  
6 becomes difficult for some to ask their neighbors for money. And  
7 -- and they don't -- that's a nervous feeling when you -- you  
8 interact with them at church or at schools at all these different  
9 community things. And so that's kind of the fear that we're  
10 trying to avoid.

11 That being said, we can't just call in this other group and  
12 say, go collect the money at any means possible. They've got to  
13 do it in a respectful, professional manner because they represent  
14 us.

15 And that's where we have to be more vigilant in sitting  
16 down with that outsourcing company, saying, let me see what your  
17 notices are. Can I change the wording in it? How are your  
18 personnel speaking to our people? Is it respectful? Is -- is  
19 it courteous? Is it recorded? Because recordings have an  
20 interesting way of cleaning up messes. So that if I can listen  
21 to it and I deem, hey, you guys were out of line, I can -- I can  
22 then squash that problem.

23 And so right now I'm -- I'm still looking at leaving it  
24 there.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I --

26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I just know --

27 JASON BLEAK: But it may --

28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- it --

29 JASON BLEAK: -- change.

30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- was a big contention in the  
31 community. Part of the collections, collection-wise.

32 JASON BLEAK: Yeah.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And --

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: How it's been --

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And one --

36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- handled.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm sorry. And one of the questions  
38 is, on the ones that -- that are not paying timely, how many of  
39 them are out of the county?

40 JASON BLEAK: That's a good question.



1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we --  
2 JASON BLEAK: And I'd have --  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- have a lot --  
4 JASON BLEAK: -- to --  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- of accidents --  
6 JASON BLEAK: -- research that.  
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on Highway 80, a lot out of state.  
8 JASON BLEAK: Yes.  
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And -- and if those folks don't happen  
10 to have, you know, their -- their coverage under their vehicle,  
11 for example, on any kind of med pay, then -- then they don't --  
12 they don't often pay timely. So --  
13 JASON BLEAK: That's right.  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I would be interested to know what  
15 our collection situation is. If it truly is in the county and  
16 --  
17 JASON BLEAK: Sure.  
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- what the percentage is.  
19 JASON BLEAK: Sure.  
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I would just -- I just know it was a  
21 contention. So I was just curious. So --  
22 JASON BLEAK: And I have heard those same concerns in the  
23 three weeks that I've been here.  
24 And that's definitely something that's going to be addressed  
25 and make sure that our outsourcing company, if we stick with them,  
26 that they are doing things as a good representative of us.  
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Awesome.  
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: One of the -- one of the bigger  
29 problems with the collection agency and the hospital trying to  
30 collect money -- and I've experienced this myself -- is I got a  
31 phone call from the collection agency before I got anything from  
32 the hospital or there was enough time for my insurance to be  
33 billed.  
34 JASON BLEAK: Hm.  
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And that -- that has happened fairly  
36 regular.  
37 JASON BLEAK: Okay.  
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And not getting a notice from the  
39 hospital. You know, people depend on that. So it's encouraging  
40 to hear that you've focused on this problem and hopefully we can



1 get it rectified.

2 JASON BLEAK: It will. It will.

3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think I agree with Art on that. I  
4 have to add that a lot of times you won't get a notice from the  
5 hospital or -- or it will be several -- several months and then  
6 absolutely nothing. And then you get -- get another notice from  
7 the outsourced collections.

8 JASON BLEAK: Uh-huh.

9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And I guess my biggest question is, is  
10 I've also heard people comment on, you know, I've paid the  
11 hospital this, but it doesn't reflect to the -- the outsource --  
12 outsourced collections.

13 So a little more communication between the hospital and the  
14 collection company.

15 And maybe, as Art mentioned, a more timely manner.

16 JASON BLEAK: Thank you. This feedback is very good.

17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. Not to put you on the spot or  
18 anything.

19 JASON BLEAK: No, this -- this feedback --

20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I know you're just --

21 JASON BLEAK: -- is good.

22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- starting. So --

23 MYRA WALL: Have to know.

24 JASON BLEAK: Well, like I said, I'm -- I'm trying to wrap  
25 my arms around this tornado of information. And -- and I'll get  
26 my arms around one of these days. And this helps. So thank  
27 you.

28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Other questions? comments?

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

30 JASON BLEAK: Thank you very --

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

33 JASON BLEAK: -- much.

34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Jason, Myra, --

35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- thank you --

37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you, --

38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- very much.

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Jason.

40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Appreciate it.



1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And if you need anything, come back to  
2 us.

3 JASON BLEAK: I will. Thank you so much. I appreciate  
4 that.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And thank you, Myra.

6 MYRA WALL: Thank you.  
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8 **2) Update from MedX AirOne regarding medical air transport**  
9 **services in Lander County, and all other matters properly**  
10 **related thereto.**  
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12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Item Number 2. Update from MedX  
13 AirOne regarding medical air transport service in Lander County,  
14 and all other -- all other matters properly related thereto.

15 Good --

16 JOEL HOCHHALTER: Good --

17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- morning.

18 JOEL HOCHHALTER: -- morning.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

20 JOEL HOCHHALTER: Joel Hochhalter. I'm the founder and  
21 owner of MedX AirOne.

22 Thank you for your time this morning. I just have come --  
23 been kind of making my rounds around the counties that have  
24 support us -- supported us over the -- you'll have to excuse my  
25 glasses. I'm aging -- supported us over the last three years.  
26 And I just kind of wanted to give an update of kind of where we  
27 are and where we're going and different things that -- that we're  
28 doing.

29 I want to start off with kind of just reminding -- putting  
30 out there again our model and, you know, why -- why we're a  
31 little bit different and we may look a little bit different than  
32 -- than other air medical transport services.

33 After 25 years in the air medical business and -- and a --  
34 a few years in the EMS billing. And I -- I feel -- I feel the  
35 pain of Mr. Bleak having been in that business for quite some  
36 time. It is very difficult and very challenging, especially on  
37 the ground side of things.

38 So -- but, you know, I've learned over my years in the -- in  
39 the EMS, both ground and air, that there's a better way to do -- a  
40 better way to do things without running people into the ground



1 financially.

2 And so we put together a -- a model that, you know, as you  
3 all know, we started off with, you know, offering -- I'm not a  
4 huge fan of -- of membership programs, although they do supply a,  
5 you know, a really good service. But they also generate  
6 tremendous amounts of free capital on behalf of, you know, larger  
7 entities, which is a business model. It's not wrong, by any  
8 stretch of the imagination. It's just how people choose to do  
9 business.

10 And I've learned over the years a different way to -- to come  
11 and do this. And we started off -- you guys supported us over the  
12 years with very small amounts, keeping in compliance under  
13 constant audit to make sure that we're, you know, in compliance  
14 with -- with CMS, which is very, very important. And we've --  
15 we've managed to do that. We've managed to do that very  
16 successfully.

17 And our -- our membership program now has -- we have  
18 developed a consortium. It's called the Northern Nevada EMS  
19 Consortium. It's a 501(c)(3), completely separate from MedX. But  
20 we are now getting do- -- supporting the membership through  
21 donations and -- and not coming to individual entities asking for  
22 specific amounts of -- of funding.

23 And the reason that we did this was this is part -- was part  
24 of our plan of -- of putting this program together to -- to help  
25 -- to make sure that we're always have the patient in the center  
26 of everything that we do.

27 And the communities -- being involved in the communities in  
28 everything that we do.

29 You know, I've -- I've spoken to a lot of the casinos and a  
30 lot of the mines and a lot of the bigger employers in northern  
31 Nevada. And they all have the same message, was, you know, gosh,  
32 we're really happy that you're not going to send our employees a  
33 balance bill. We really appreciate that. But we're self-insured.  
34 School districts, county employees, whatever have you, all the  
35 mine employees, we're all self-insured. And you send us the bill  
36 and you still expect us to pay a hundred percent of the bill  
37 charges, which, shamefully, I will admit.

38 And after 25 years I have a lot of folks in the air medical  
39 industry that won't speak to me anymore because I think the air  
40 medical industry has gotten completely out of control with what



1 they think the value of -- or the cost of a -- of a -- of a  
2 transport is. I've seen, you know, poor folks in -- up in this  
3 part of the country with 80- and \$120,000 bills for a 45-minute  
4 ride in an airplane. And that's just absolutely ludicrous.

5 And so we -- we put this together. And -- and -- and I  
6 recognize when -- when I'm speaking with the -- the mines and  
7 we're talking about the membership program, they're very willing.  
8 They say, gosh, we -- you know, we'd really like to -- to  
9 participate. But what's in it for me? What's in it for me as the  
10 employer that you -- you know, I'm not -- I'm going to give you  
11 money for the membership program. Yet you still want me to pay  
12 the whole bill.

13 Well, that was the second part of our membership is we're the  
14 only air medical service that are -- that is in network with  
15 the -- the insurance carriers in northern Nevada: Blue Cross Blue  
16 Shield, Anthem, Hometown Health, Cigna.

17 And so not only are we not balance billing the -- the patient  
18 through the membership program, but we're also passing along  
19 significant discounts, up to 60 and 70 percent, to employers,  
20 which keeps their costs of their -- we're not going to be part of  
21 their insurance premiums going up. Let's just say that.

22 There -- there may be other avenues that cause that. But --  
23 but we are not. And so the -- we met with the -- the insurance  
24 companies and explained to them how we're approaching the  
25 membership program. And they are very happy. And they are -- are  
26 very thrilled that we've di- -- that we have come on board as a  
27 network provider. So, in essence, we have a -- now our membership  
28 is -- is not only -- it -- it's twofold. It's for the patient,  
29 but it's also for the employer and also for, you know, the -- the  
30 payer itself. If it -- if it's not a self -- self-insured, which  
31 affects people like me, who, you know, don't belong to a large  
32 organization, you know, that go out and buy insurance.

33 But, you know, hopefully we can be part of one of the reasons  
34 why we can keep insurance costs a little bit more under control  
35 when it comes to the air medical industry, because we are in  
36 network. And being in network also supplies some sort of a -- a  
37 membershiplike action. Because all of our in-network contracts  
38 state that, you know, we agree to accept X amount of dollars, you  
39 know, for a transport on behalf of Blue Cross Blue Shield. And we  
40 give up the right to balance bill the patient on behalf of that --



1 of that in-network contract, is pretty -- I mean, it's common,  
2 even with the hospitals. Once they get the, you know, the amount,  
3 then that -- that's it. There's no more billing of the patient.

4 And so we're pretty happy to -- to be able to -- to do that.  
5 I think we have about -- we have one more insurance company to go  
6 for me to feel comfortable to say that we're in network with a  
7 hundred percent. And we're -- we're currently -- currently  
8 working on that as we -- as we go.

9 Again -- and then the third part is, you know, that we place  
10 the patient, you know, and the community in the -- in the center  
11 of what we do. And when -- when I say "placing the patient," I  
12 think that's fairly self-explanatory.

13 One of the things that we also do is, you know, we're one of  
14 the only services that, I -- that -- that will transport mental  
15 health patients, psychiatric patients, when there is no other  
16 means to transport them to -- to Reno or to Las Vegas or to Twin  
17 Falls or wherever they can possibly get a -- get a bed.

18 I'm -- as far as I'm concerned, a psychiatric or a mental  
19 health patient is no different than a cardiac patient or any other  
20 kind of patient. It's a human being who has an issue, that has a  
21 problem. And they need a helping hand. And if we can't give it  
22 to them here, then it's our duty and our fiduciary responsibility  
23 to get that person to where they need to go. And so we -- we do  
24 do that, knowing that it's a nonreimbursable action. But it's  
25 part of our plan and part of our model that -- of -- of putting  
26 patient and -- and community in the forefront.

27 Another thing we do by -- with the community is we always  
28 join up with a local organization. I'm really big into supporting  
29 the -- the kids, the youth of our communities. So we're real huge  
30 supporters of the Boys and Girls Club in northern Nevada. We're  
31 one of their major sponsors. And so we do everything that we can  
32 to -- to assist them in raising their funds and making sure that  
33 these kids have a place to go.

34 We're in the process is of putting together a -- a program  
35 that actually introduces kids into the medical field and to EMS  
36 by allowing them to come out to the helicopter. We're also  
37 introducing them into aviation, both on the pilot side and on --  
38 on the maintenance side and let- -- letting them kind of look  
39 and see what it feels like. They have -- the program will give  
40 them their opportunity to earn their wings or their Star of Life



1 if they choose to go down the EMS route. And this is all tied  
2 to our nonprofit consortium, is we want to get to the point  
3 where we're offering up some scholarships for kids who decide to  
4 go down one of those three paths, either into EMS, be it nursing  
5 or be it a paramedic or EMT or aviation mechanic or -- or a  
6 pilot. We hope that, you know, part of the donations that we  
7 raise for the consortium can go towards that.

8 Another part of the consortium of funding that -- that we  
9 are now beginning this year as new is that, you know, there's  
10 opportunities for memberships with all the different flight  
11 companies. And that's great. I -- I believe -- I'm a firm  
12 believer that everybody should have one for everybody. Because  
13 there is absolutely no way on God's green earth that one company  
14 can cover everything. The stars just don't line up that way.  
15 That's not how the telephone rings. It either rings seven at a  
16 time -- they're never spaced out evenly where everybody, you  
17 know, has sufficient aircraft or ground ambulances, for that  
18 matter, to make sure everybody's taken care of.

19 So we -- we spread the -- spread the wealth around. In  
20 fact, we're -- we're a -- the call center for the Elko hospital  
21 for NNRH. And we probably send off over 30 transports a month  
22 to either other ground services or other air services that --  
23 that come through our center, for ones that we can't handle.

24 But part of the consortium is -- because every -- the --  
25 the memberships that we offer here in northern Nevada, none of  
26 us have a specialty, like a -- for instance, a neonatal  
27 transport team. Neonatal transports for a premature birth is --  
28 is a -- very much a specialty in and of itself. It's not  
29 like -- you know, adults are adults. They all pretty much act  
30 the same.

31 A premature birth baby is -- is -- is like living on  
32 Mars. It's -- they -- they don't play by the same rules as  
33 the rest of us do when they get sick. So we end up calling in a  
34 specialty neonate team either out of Reno or out of Salt Lake or  
35 even out of Boise now.

36 And so part of the consortium funding is we're working with  
37 these agencies to extend the membership, not so much the -- it's  
38 not the membership. But we're negotiating rates with these  
39 specialty teams that are forced to come out of state, for the  
40 consortium to pay the bill on behalf of the patient at the



1 Medicare-allowable rate. Because the majority of these folks  
2 usually either don't have insurance or they dang sure can't  
3 afford the \$100,000 bill they're about to get dropped.

4 So we're trying to negotiate with these entities. And the  
5 consortium wants to be able to step up and take care of that  
6 cost on behalf of the family.

7 So as -- as we grow -- as I'm sure you can -- you can see,  
8 that our goal with the consortium is to really, you know, include  
9 as many folks in the EMS community as -- as we possibly can.

10 The other part of the consortium is education. We are really  
11 in a huge education mode right now. We are opening up all of our  
12 specialty education that we provide to our flight crews.

13 We do the general education -- ACLS, PALS, TNCC -- that are,  
14 you know, pretty much required by -- you know, for hospital staff  
15 and EMS staff. But we also teach a class that's called  
16 S.T.A.B.L.E. That's -- that's specific to babies and to -- to  
17 neonates. Those are some of the education that is very hard to  
18 come by.

19 We have three instructors available to us now that teaches  
20 the S.T.A.B.L.E class. And it just gives rural communities a  
21 little bit extra tool when it comes to doing initial  
22 assessments, to be able to catch things before a child is --  
23 is -- is a patient that is constantly standing on a cliff, if  
24 you will, and they're just seconds away from falling off. It  
25 doesn't take them very long to go from -- as you can see, you  
26 know, watching the news, you know, all these kids that are --  
27 that have fallen to the flu this year. Because it just doesn't  
28 take a long time for a child to become ill and then extremely  
29 ill, and then, you know, succumb to -- to the disease.

30 So we want to be able to hand out the tools, provide  
31 education and classes that give people the tools to recognize  
32 things long before that child is ready to -- to -- to drop off  
33 the edge.

34 So just as an -- as an example, we're -- we're doing  
35 S.T.A.B.L.E. S.T.A.B.L.E. is an acronym for -- there -- there's a  
36 -- you know, in the adult world, we call it ABCs: airway,  
37 breathing, and circulation. And that's how you treat a patient.  
38 And those that they're not breathing, don't worry about the  
39 bleeding, you know, so on and so forth.

40 The first thing is that you have to maintain an airway.



1 With -- with kids it's a little bit different. S.T.A.B.L.E.  
2 stands for sugar, temperature, airway, blood pressure, lab work,  
3 and then finally, emotional support.

4 We know by evidence-based medicine that emotional support  
5 to a -- to a neonate, to a child is -- a touch is very -- very  
6 important. Very common to a -- to a neonate and -- and to a  
7 baby.

8 So, anyway, that's just some of the things that -- that we  
9 are doing.

10 And I want to just kind of give a little bit of rundown  
11 specific to Lander County for 2017. 2017. As you know, MedX has  
12 a helicopter in Winnemucca and a helicopter in Elko. We've now  
13 added a fixed-wing aircraft in Elko. So we now have three  
14 aircraft and looking at adding our -- our fourth.

15 We've just acquired a -- a hangar out here at the -- at the  
16 airport. So we're -- we're gearing up for that.

17 But 2017 we were requested 26 times in Lander County to  
18 respond to scene -- scene requests. We actually completed about  
19 14 of those. We completed approximately 80 transports from the  
20 hospital. So a total of around 94 patients transported out of  
21 Lander County by either Elko or -- or Elko AirOne or HCH AirOne.  
22 Usually it's Humboldt that's coming this direction because they're  
23 a little bit closer.

24 And I'm happy to say that out of those 94 patients, not one  
25 of them paid one red cent and -- and never will.

26 Because of now -- especially the support that you guys  
27 provided with the membership program, but now the donations that  
28 are carrying the membership program through our 501(c)(3), making  
29 it possible. So we -- we now are solidly at membership through --  
30 Pershing County, Humboldt County, Lander, Eureka, and Elko  
31 Counties are now all covered under the -- the membership through  
32 the -- the consortium.

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good job.

34 JOEL HOCHHALTER: Thank you.

35 You know, we really went into this with -- you know, it was  
36 kind of an accident that we even got this started in the first  
37 place. But I knew that, you know, if I did this again, that I  
38 definitely had a picture in my head how we were going to do this,  
39 and it wasn't going to be by, you know, repossessing 95,071  
40 Chevys. There's just so many that you can do with. And that's



1 not how we treat people. And there's a way to do it.

2 And I think we're seeing that across the country. You  
3 know, if you look in the news, Amazon and Berkshire Hathaway and  
4 the other company that is going to completely change the face  
5 of, you know. If what they're doing actually works out, they're  
6 going to rewrite the health care, the way things are done.  
7 Going to really throw a rock in the pond, if you will, to -- to  
8 health care.

9 So I'm not here -- although you guys have supported -- and,  
10 again, I -- I thank you very much -- have supported our -- our  
11 membership program and supported the people of -- of Lander County  
12 through this. You know, we're -- we're past the point of saying  
13 that, you know, we're asking for dollars. If you so desire to  
14 provide a donation to the consortium to help us through, we have,  
15 you know, Barrick, Newmont, a lot of the support companies from  
16 the mining industry, a lot of just local businesses. You can go  
17 to nnemsc.org. Individuals can go on there and donate a dollar.  
18 It -- it really doesn't matter because it's all -- all staying  
19 here.

20 And I want to -- ma- -- also make sure that everybody  
21 understands, our consortium is set up -- we -- we have a board  
22 of directors. We have one open slot. And I've been twisting  
23 somebody's arm to be part of that.

24 But we -- we -- we pay no salaries out of this nonprofit  
25 organization. It's written into our bylaws. Nobody's allowed to  
26 -- there's no administrative fees that are allowed to be taken out  
27 of the bank account. One hundred percent of the donations that go  
28 into this, 100 percent of the donations will go out to fund the  
29 membership program for all five counties in northern Nevada, and  
30 then, secondly, will go to fund education.

31 For instance, we're in the process of purchasing a cadaver  
32 so we can have a cadaver lab for all the EMS and hospital folks  
33 and people who want to attend to learn, you know, hands-on  
34 ventilator management and actually get to see the -- you know,  
35 what happens.

36 So we're -- we're digging down to the grassroots level.  
37 So...

38 And that's all coming through the consortium. So 100  
39 percent of the dollars that get donated come back to northern  
40 Nevada in one way or the other. They don't -- they don't leave.



1       So should you, like I say, should you feel so inclined to --  
2 to donate to the consortium, that'd be great.

3       Lander County residents continue to be covered and will  
4 continue to be covered as long as I'm upright and able to take  
5 in nourishment.

6       So, with that, thank you for your time. And I'll entertain  
7 any questions.

8       CHAIRMAN MILLS: I have -- I have a question.

9       JOEL HOCHHALTER: Okay.

10       CHAIRMAN MILLS: I just want to be sure that our -- our  
11 helipad at the airport or at the hospital. And that our  
12 airport, is there any -- is it adequate for your needs? Is  
13 there anything we need to do to fix or improve?

14       JOEL HOCHHALTER: No. The -- the -- the system at the  
15 hospital, the helipad is phenomenal. The EMS staff is  
16 phenomenal. When we come in there's always someone there to  
17 help. So -- and we have one or two of the hospital staff that  
18 actually fly with us. So we probably cheat because they all  
19 know each other anyway.

20       But, no, it's -- it's -- it's very -- it's a very nice setup.

21       CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

22       JOEL HOCHHALTER: Absolutely no complaints whatsoever.  
23 It's perfect.

24       COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, thank you, --

25       CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

26       COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Mr. Hochhalter, for giving us the  
27 overview. We sincerely appreciate it.

28       JOEL HOCHHALTER: You got it.

29       CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. Thank you.

30       COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

31       CHAIRMAN MILLS: Appreciate --

32       COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would --

33       CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- it.

34       COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- I would like to thank you  
35 personally for your passion about this.

36       It was an airplane ride to Salt Lake City a few years back  
37 that saved my wife's life. And I think this is an indispensable  
38 service that we can provide for our county.

39       Thank you.

40       JOEL HOCHHALTER: Absolutely.



1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.  
2 JOEL HOCHHALTER: Thank you.  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Mr. Chairman?  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Excuse me. Since -- if we could run  
6 back to Number 1 for just a minute, Pat Irwin has just come in  
7 with our EMS. And I would love to have him come up and just  
8 introduce himself and give us a quick background on --  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- just a couple --  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll --  
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- minutes.

13  
14 1) Update from Lander County EMS presented by the new Battle  
15 Mountain General Hospital CEO, Jason Bleak, and all other  
16 matters properly related thereto.  
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18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll reopen Item Number 1 for a few  
19 minutes. Pat, if you'll come forward.  
20 PAT IRWIN: Good morning. Pat Irwin, for the record.  
21 I almost slipped out until I heard my name mentioned.  
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I saw you going.  
23 PAT IRWIN: Thank you, Patsy. I appreciate it.  
24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.  
25 PAT IRWIN: Not sure what -- what I can add to this  
26 morning, because I missed it. But we were out on a -- on a call  
27 there for a minute and made it back as quick as we could.  
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just your background and you- -- and  
29 your temporary situation for us so it's --  
30 PAT IRWIN: So I --  
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on the record.  
32 PAT IRWIN: I believe you -- you heard from earlier that  
33 Myra and I are co-interim directors running the EMS right now.  
34 The position has been announced. It should close this Friday,  
35 tomorrow. And we should have some more information for you  
36 after we get some nominations or people that have put in for the  
37 application for that. So we'll keep you posted as to where  
38 we're at.  
39 We've been working real closely with Kim and working up in  
40 Austin quite a bit as far as making sure that they're stocked.



1 Just recently we made sure that the ambulance was at the ACLS  
2 level so that we can -- if we have a paramedic that wants to go  
3 support up there, that they can just grab a bag and go. So that  
4 was completed just last week right during the -- the board  
5 meeting that we had.

6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

7 PAT IRWIN: I guess it was two weeks now. It's starting  
8 to -- to go pretty quick.

9 But my history and the reason why I -- I met Jody at -- at  
10 the NACO conference, I believe. And Patsy introduced me to you.

11 But I've been a county commissioner for Pershing County for  
12 eight years and was part of NACO and going to all the  
13 conferences. I've been in EMS for 30 years and was just  
14 recently came out of Washoe County working for Gerlach area and  
15 came up here to help out and support. So --

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Awesome. Well, we appreciate it.

17 PAT IRWIN: All right.

18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.

21 PAT IRWIN: You guys got a great system. Your guys are  
22 doing a great job.

23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

24 PAT IRWIN: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you, Pat.

26  
27 **14) Discussion for possible action regarding a letter from Lander**  
28 **County in support of the release of Wilderness Study Areas**  
29 **(WSAs) in Lander County, and all other matters properly**  
30 **related thereto.**  
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32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We're going to go out of order. We  
33 need to go to Item Number 14 because we have a -- someone we  
34 need to phone in. And they're expecting a phone call from us  
35 right about now.

36 So Item 14. Discussion for possible action regarding a  
37 letter from Lander County --

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hold on. Hold on.

39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: (Indiscernible.)  
40



1 (Establishing contact with Andrew Williams.)  
2

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I didn't want that buzzing over your  
4 talking.

5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: No.

6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Sorry.

7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: It's all right.

8 ANDREW WILLIAMS: This is Andrew.

9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, Andrew. This is Sean Bakker,  
10 Lander County.

11 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Hey, how are you doing?

12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good. You?

13 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Hey, I'm doing well. Thanks for taking  
14 the time to talk. Donna had briefed me a little bit and said  
15 you guys wanted to go over, you know, the -- some of the stuff  
16 here with lands bills and then --

17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

18 ANDREW WILLIAMS: -- I'm happy to talk.

19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We need --

20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But --

21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we need to read the item into the  
22 agenda, and then we'll -- we'll get to you and get some  
23 explanation.

24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Austin, are you there?

25 FRANK WHITMAN: Austin, aye.

26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Cool.

27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.

28 Item 14. Discussion for possible action regarding a letter  
29 from Lander County in support of the release of Wilderness Study  
30 Areas, WSAs, in Lander County, and all other matters properly  
31 related thereto.

32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Andrew, what are you -- what  
34 information do you have for us about this?

35 ANDREW WILLIAMS: So this bill kind of came from -- from  
36 Dean himself. He, you know, he had spent some time up in  
37 eastern Nevada recently. And, then, I think he really got an  
38 earful on some WSA issues. And he came back. And he was just  
39 like, why don't we do something about this? Right?

40 So what we're looking to do is -- is, you know -- and he



1 talked to the Secretary of the Interior, who also told him that  
2 he would support Dean in wherever he does legislatively here.

3 So what Dean wants to do is -- is take these WSAs that have  
4 existed for some 30-odd years and -- and for the ones that were  
5 not found nonsuitable by the BLM, which that's questionable in  
6 itself right there, a little process. So the ones identified  
7 nonsuitable would be immediately released back into multiple-use  
8 status. So the ones that were found suitable for wilderness,  
9 there would be a two-year shot clock or a five-year shot clock  
10 to give Congress two years or five years to act. And if they  
11 don't act, they immediately go back into multiple-use status.

12 So that was kind of our game plan here. And we've got Nye  
13 County, Elko County, and Eureka County on board.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Andy, I have a question.

15 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And maybe it's just the way we put it  
17 on the agenda. Because, actually, it looks like we're asking  
18 for a letter or resolution or something. We did a resolution  
19 back in -- what? -- 1998 with -- with everything on it, saying,  
20 excuse me. In 1991, the Secretary of Interior said that we  
21 could release these. And -- and yet nothing has been done.

22 So has Senator Heller actually got the bill that we can  
23 support? Or --

24 ANDREW WILLIAMS: So the -- the -- the thing is, is, you  
25 know, we have to -- we can't write the bill until we get letters  
26 of support, if that makes sense. So --

27 But what the bill would look like is that it would say, you  
28 know --

29 Let me look at a map really quick. So in your county you  
30 have -- it looks like Roberts Mountain is your WSA.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We have Augusta Mountains, Simpson  
32 Park, Desatoya --

33 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Okay.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Mountains.

35 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Sorry.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

37 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Yeah. So Augusta Mountains, Simpson  
38 Park. Okay. So -- and those are both found nonsuitable for  
39 wilderness; right? I think. Yeah. So the bill would  
40 immediately have released those to wilderness areas.



1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. But what I'm saying is we've  
2 already done all this. We've been doing it for years. So  
3 why -- why does he need a letter from us now?  
4 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Well, just so it -- so here's the deal.  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I mean --  
6 ANDREW WILLIAMS: When -- when Dean drops this bill, all  
7 hell's going to break loose with Friends of Nevada Wilderness and  
8 other -- the Wilderness Society. And we just need to show that  
9 we have support from the affected communities.  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You can't look at our history and say,  
11 "That's support"?  
12 ANDREW WILLIAMS: You can. But it would just be really  
13 helpful if you were to do one right now as well.  
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So -- so this is a new endeavor that  
16 you need support for?  
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Art, I don't think he heard you.  
18 Andrew, Art Clark, one of the commissioners, just asked  
19 that -- this a new endeavor that you need support for?  
20 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Right. It's just -- yeah, obviously,  
21 there is historical support from -- from Lander County. It  
22 would just -- it would be helpful if there was also something a  
23 little more recent than 1991.  
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: 1998. Okay.  
25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I understand.  
26 ANDREW WILLIAMS: And, --  
27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --  
28 ANDREW WILLIAMS: -- you know, I -- I hope we're not -- we  
29 don't mean to irritate anybody over there. It's just --  
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, I think --  
31 ANDREW WILLIAMS: -- we --  
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- you're good.  
33 ANDREW WILLIAMS: -- (indiscernible) all of our own boxes  
34 as well.  
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right. No, I understand.  
36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So, Andrew, this is -- this is  
37 Commissioner Mills.  
38 I just want to clarify that -- there's actually two parts  
39 to this bill? One is if -- if the WSA does not meet the  
40 criteria of -- of a WSA, it drops off as a WSA immediately?



1           ANDREW WILLIAMS: Yeah, as soon as the bill is passed.  
2           CHAIRMAN MILLS: And then the other ones are put on a -- on  
3 a time limit, either two or five years that, if at least no  
4 action taken on them, then they also drop off as a WSA?  
5           ANDREW WILLIAMS: Yes, exactly.  
6           CHAIRMAN MILLS: And then those lands would then go back  
7 to -- they just go back to multiple use?  
8           ANDREW WILLIAMS: Yeah. Whatever they were before they  
9 became WSA.  
10          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Whatever they were.  
11          ANDREW WILLIAMS: That's right.  
12          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
13          ANDREW WILLIAMS: Multiple use.  
14          CHAIRMAN MILLS: And that's -- that's it in a nutshell,  
15 then, for this bill.  
16          ANDREW WILLIAMS: That's it. It's actually a pretty simple  
17 concept. Yeah. There's not too much going on here.  
18          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
19          ANDREW WILLIAMS: And -- and as for Augusta Mountain, I  
20 don't -- so in the Pershing County bill, I don't think we  
21 touched the Humboldt County part of Augusta Mountain Range.  
22          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. Because that -- that overlaps -- is  
23 it two or -- two or three counties it's in?  
24          ANDREW WILLIAMS: Yeah. Okay. So we would definitely,  
25 then, release the part of that that's in your county.  
26          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
27          ANDREW WILLIAMS: Because I think that one's getting taken  
28 care of -- part of the -- the Pershing County part is being  
29 taken care of in their lands bill that they have going right  
30 now.  
31          COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Are you good, Doug?  
32          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Uh-huh.  
33          COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Frank?  
34          FRANK WHITMAN: Yes, sir.  
35          COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Do you any questions for Andrew?  
36          FRANK WHITMAN: Just a statement. I do, I guess. I have a  
37 question. That is, Lander County is looking into pursuing its  
38 own lands bill, mostly housecleaning sort of a thing and not a  
39 grand -- not something as bold as Pershing County.  
40          ANDREW WILLIAMS: Okay.



1 FRANK WHITMAN: And our commissioners are going to meet on  
2 the 22nd to discuss just the -- the scope of that project.

3 But one of those was to square away the Augusta Mountain  
4 Wilderness Area, and -- and our side that we have, --

5 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Yeah.

6 FRANK WHITMAN: -- actually, we -- that -- felt we could --  
7 we could move ahead with that with the mining claims, the  
8 ranchers. And the Friends of Nevada Wilderness looked like  
9 they'd sign on. But part of that was that some of that would go  
10 wilderness.

11 But it sounds like if we do nothing and Heller's bill  
12 passes that then that would just fix itself.

13 But the other two wilderness areas, can you tell me at this  
14 point, are -- is there anything in there that is the Desatoya  
15 and the Simpson Park Wilderness -- is there anything in there  
16 that -- that would be deemed as -- as suitable for wilderness  
17 area? And -- and if so, then we're -- we'll -- we'll need to  
18 deal with that. If not, then we can just ignore that aspect of  
19 a -- of a Lander County land.

20 ANDREW WILLIAMS: I'm looking at the Desatoya on my map.  
21 And I will email you this map as well so you guys can have it.

22 It looks like it's probably about 70 percent found suitable  
23 for wilderness, and it looks like 30 percent of it was found  
24 nonsuitable by the BLM.

25 FRANK WHITMAN: Okay. And --

26 ANDREW WILLIAMS: What was the other one? I'm sorry.

27 FRANK WHITMAN: Simpson Park.

28 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Oh, there we go. Yeah. That's  
29 completely nonsuitable, --

30 FRANK WHITMAN: Okay.

31 ANDREW WILLIAMS: -- a hundred percent.

32 FRANK WHITMAN: Okay. Can you -- can you get -- I'm --  
33 thanks. We'll need to look at that map and --

34 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Yeah.

35 FRANK WHITMAN: -- introduce --

36 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Yeah.

37 FRANK WHITMAN: -- a strategy with that. But as it stands  
38 now, I -- speaking for myself as a citizen and chair of our  
39 public lands board, I certainly would support -- or reaffirm  
40 Heller's bill if that -- that's the least I think I can speak



1 for our PLUAC.

2 Okay?

3 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Okay. No, that's great. And -- and --  
4 and so in the context of wanting to do a larger lands bill, I --  
5 I can see where you're -- a little bit of heartburn could come  
6 in. And I guess it really all depends on when are you looking  
7 to do a new lands bill?

8 I guess it's a timing issue; right?

9 FRANK WHITMAN: But this comes in -- this legislative --  
10 well, actually we -- what we were thinking of getting our  
11 homework, our ducks in line, and having it ready for this  
12 summer, your summer session.

13 And Congressman Amodei -- we're working with Amodei, --

14 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Okay.

15 FRANK WHITMAN: -- Martin Paris on the details of that.

16 ANDREW WILLIAMS: And -- and that -- and that draft  
17 proposal would only touch the Augusta Mountains portion?

18 FRANK WHITMAN: Right. We felt -- before Heller's  
19 announcement, we felt that trying to get all the parties  
20 together in that short of time, have a couple public hearings in  
21 the county, was -- was outside of our really -- we couldn't get  
22 it together in time.

23 Pershing County's been working on their bills --

24 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Yeah.

25 FRANK WHITMAN: -- for ten years.

26 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Oh, I know. Trust me. Well, I'm  
27 inclined, then, to think that, if you're going to work on a  
28 public lands legislation that would touch Augusta Mountain, that  
29 maybe if we include you in this bill, we don't touch the Augusta  
30 Mountain portion. What do you think?

31 FRANK WHITMAN: Yeah. What I want to see is that a bill  
32 can -- gets through Congress and -- and looking for the best  
33 strategy for that.

34 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Okay.

35 FRANK WHITMAN: That's really the bottom line, speaking for  
36 myself. And I'm -- I'm sure the -- sure our commissioners feel  
37 the same way, is let's get a bill that we can get something  
38 done, finally. Thank you.

39 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Sure. Okay.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Andy, I think we agree. If -- if --



1 if Senator Heller is going to do this and do it, you know,  
2 promptly, that all of them need to be addressed. I mean --

3 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I would think --

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- all --

6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- so.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- all -- all three. Don't --  
8 don't -- because it does take years to do land bills. And --  
9 and -- and this is exciting if we can actually take care of it.  
10 Because they haven't met the criteria. And so --

11 ANDREW WILLIAMS: No, absolutely.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

13 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Well, and that's kind of what the push is  
14 here, is that I think Dean sees that right now we have a  
15 Republican majority in Congress. And we have an ally in the  
16 White House. That if there's any time to get this done, it's  
17 going to be now.

18 And, you know, and the chairman of the Energy and Natural  
19 Resources Committee has already committed to Dean that we can at  
20 least get a hearing on this bill. So, if anything, it'll bring  
21 the issue to the limelight. Hopefully we can get a vote out of  
22 committee as well. So that's kind of the push here. And --  
23 and -- and -- so sorry for the urgency here, but it's just kind  
24 of -- that's where we're at, you know.

25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. So --

26 ANDREW WILLIAMS: And I know you're going to see him on  
27 Saturday too. Feel free to -- you know, you can obviously hash  
28 this out with him as well.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Awesome.

30 So with that, I'm going to make a motion to approve a  
31 letter -- or a resolution of support from Lander County in support  
32 of the release of BLM wilderness study areas in Lander County.

33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Sean made a motion. Art seconded.  
35 Do we have any public comment?

36 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I do.

37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sadie?

38 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Well, it's not a comment. It's a  
39 question.

40 Sadie Sullivan, for the record.



1 May we get Andrew's last name?  
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Andrew. Andrew, what's your last  
3 name?  
4 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Williams.  
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Williams.  
6 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Thank you.  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. All in favor?  
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.  
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.  
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.  
13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: (Indiscernible.)  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Huh?  
15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: (Indiscernible.)  
16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right. Andrew, thank you very much.  
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Andrew.  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We appreciate your time.  
19 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Hey, thank you. And -- and I will get  
20 some of your email addresses from Donna, and I will send you  
21 that map over. Okay?  
22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Thank you.  
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Thanks.  
24 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Thank you. Have a good one.  
25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Bye.  
26 ANDREW WILLIAMS: Bye.  
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, Austin, we -- oh.  
28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We're going to go ahead and take a  
29 break.  
30 I was going to say five-minute.  
31  
32 (Break taken between 10:08 a.m. and 10:21 a.m.)  
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34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I call this meeting back to order.  
35  
36 3) Update from the Old Courthouse Committee, and all other  
37 matters properly related thereto.  
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39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're moved to Item Number 3. Update from  
40 the Old Courthouse Committee, and all other matters properly



1 related thereto.

2 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: This is it. But I'm not  
3 leaving.

4 COLT NELSON: Good morning.

5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Good morning.

6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.

7 COLT NELSON: For the record, Colt Nelson. How are you  
8 guys doing?

9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Good.

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good.

11 COLT NELSON: Good.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good.

13 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: I have to go make some copies  
14 real quick.

15 COLT NELSON: I kind of got the update from Amy the same  
16 time Ni- -- Nilla did. And I was actually running around. So  
17 I'm going to be going through this with you guys. But I can  
18 answer any questions.

19 But we actually have got some traction, finally. So it's  
20 -- I know it's been seeming like we haven't been doing much. Be  
21 we actually have gotten a few things going. And this spring I  
22 think things are going to heat up. And it'll -- we'll get some  
23 more things happening.

24 So I'll just go through these if that's okay and then open it  
25 up for questions, if that's all right.

26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's fine.

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

28 COLT NELSON: Okay. We have submitted the 501(c)(3), and  
29 the status is still pending. I am meeting with the attorney  
30 that filed that with us, next week, to find out, is this normal?  
31 And I don't know.

32 Patsy, --

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So --

34 COLT NELSON: -- maybe you know. Is this normal?

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's normal.

36 COLT NELSON: It takes this long? So --

37 But it has been submitted. And we know that because the  
38 Nevada Preservation Foundation that we're working through said  
39 it's in. We -- we found it. So it's going forward.

40 So we have established a partnership with the Nevada



1 Preservation Foundation out of Las Vegas. And they've been very  
2 helpful with, you know, what are you guys wanting to do? And that  
3 type of thing. We have in-person meetings scheduled this spring  
4 as they were planning a trip out to northern Nevada. And they  
5 want to stop and look at the building. They're really excited  
6 about it. So --

7 And I can't -- can't express enough that they've been so  
8 helpful for this whole process. And we're learning stuff all  
9 the time with it.

10 We have been and will continue to submit applications to a  
11 variety of grants through the NPF, I mean, especially when the  
12 501(c)(3) gets complete. But we are learning that there are  
13 several of them available. And I think we got a pretty good shot  
14 to get quite a few of them. So it looks right now -- it's pretty  
15 exciting.

16 The award notifications are this spring for a few of them,  
17 and we're kind of pressed for some time. In fact, one of the  
18 things that I really need from Ron -- and he's going to get that  
19 for me -- right? -- to -- back to Amy is some of the support  
20 from some of our elected officials is huge for one of their  
21 grants. In other words, like, we're not just making stuff up.  
22 We do have support from the community. And I thought that was  
23 interesting. But we will be turning in those letters next week.

24 Ted, I've -- I've -- is going to do one for us as well  
25 because he went to school there. And that type of stuff is neat  
26 for them to see.

27 And if you guys would like to send Amy any type of support  
28 letter as well, it's just helpful.

29 So we have that going on right now.

30 In fact, part of that application goes in next week. Again,  
31 the N- -- NPF is assisting with our application and nomination  
32 paperwork to be on the State National Register of Historical  
33 Places. And that's going through too.

34 So at this point, I'll also let you know, we haven't spent  
35 any money. So the money that you guys have gave, the -- the  
36 courthouse -- actually our official title of Lander County  
37 Citizens for Historic Preservation, it's still sitting there.  
38 But we are going to spend a little bit of funds in the next week  
39 or so because we have to pay for this first nomination to get it  
40 under the historical stuff. But it's not much. So we're really



1 watching that too because we know that's kind of the seed money.  
2 So -- so so far -- and I'll keep you updated on those each month  
3 as well of what we're doing.

4 And what's really neat is we've met folks like Heidi Swank,  
5 Jim Bertolini, Catherine Wines, and Rebecca Palmer. All of these  
6 folks are regional personnel that's starting to assist us.

7 Catherine Wines, for example, is the architect that kind of  
8 put together a really quick drawing of what this place will look  
9 like when -- you know, from the outside, doing some of the stuff  
10 that Mel Green talked about. And it looks really nice.

11 I mean, I think once we get to that point and start showing  
12 there's something happening, the community will get more excited  
13 as well.

14 Amy did attach the Lander County historic and conditional  
15 assessment report. It was Mel Green's report. You guys -- I  
16 think you had that last year, if I remember right. So she did  
17 reattach that.

18 And we will -- moving toward with the grant approval  
19 activities -- will go off that report to make sure we kind of  
20 follow along what he recommended for, you know, the building and  
21 that type of stuff.

22 We -- we are requesting some -- a set of keys if we could get  
23 some because there's going to be times this spring where people  
24 are coming through. Or what's the process to get the keys? Or  
25 anything like that?

26 Because as Heidi and this group comes through, I may have  
27 to --

28 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: If you could --

29 COLT NELSON: -- run over from --

30 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: -- make two copies --

31 COLT NELSON: -- Winnemucca --

32 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: -- for the rest of the  
33 commissioners --

34 COLT NELSON: -- that's where I work -- to -- to let them  
35 in, that type of thing. I don't know if this is possible. But  
36 if we could get a set of keys --

37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Should -- that should be.

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The only thing -- I -- I don't know  
39 if some of the elected officials still have stuff over there or  
40 what -- we got to find that out. Besides that --



1 COLT NELSON: Okay.  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You can always call and make a -- a --  
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Anna.  
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- arrangements with Anna.  
5 COLT NELSON: Yes. Yes. Anna's --  
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So that --  
7 COLT NELSON: -- been very --  
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you don't have --  
9 COLT NELSON: -- helpful --  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to run --  
11 COLT NELSON: -- with that --  
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- over.  
13 COLT NELSON: -- too.  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: If she has a time frame or whatever,  
15 you know, she can --  
16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- open it up. So...  
18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But I -- Colt. All -- yeah, we just  
19 got to make sure what -- because each one of those rooms are  
20 still --  
21 That -- the elected officials who occupied them before still  
22 have stuff in them, I think.  
23 COLT NELSON: Okay. Yeah. And we'd be very respectful of  
24 that. We'd only use it to show people. And I would always let  
25 Anna know, no matter what.  
26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.  
27 COLT NELSON: But it just makes it convenient if we --  
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.  
29 COLT NELSON: -- can shoot, you know, shoot over real  
30 quick. So that's -- and I didn't put that in there. Amy did.  
31 So she's just -- we're requesting a set of keys. So --  
32 That's all I have, guys, for right now. And I know you  
33 probably have a lot of questions. And as we -- I believe this  
34 spring -- and I'll probably get with Nilla if it's okay and do  
35 maybe a monthly -- or whenever you guys do your commissioner  
36 meetings, be at each one of these. Because I think we're going  
37 to have -- have more information coming pretty fast.  
38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That'd be great.  
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just -- we just need to wait a  
40 couple minutes. Nilla's making copies of this report. And I



1 think that commissioners need to read it. It's from 1997. It  
2 was an assessment done on the old courthouse. So we'll have  
3 that momentarily.

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Regarding your -- your letter  
5 of support that you're asking, you need them, like, right now,  
6 you said.

7 We don't have time to put it on the agenda. It's not an  
8 action item.

9 But what I would say is that --

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: Got one.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- if -- if some -- some of our  
12 commissioners, especially those that went to school here, you  
13 know, have some background on -- on some of that, that you could  
14 write an individual letter, you know, just from you.

15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well --

16 COLT NELSON: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And it's still a commissioner. And  
18 it's your district.

19 COLT NELSON: That's right.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So --

21 COLT NELSON: And, --

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I would --

23 COLT NELSON: -- Patsy, that'll help even on the other --

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, I would --

25 COLT NELSON: -- grants --

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- encourage --

27 COLT NELSON: -- too.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you to do something like -- like  
29 that.

30 And I also might suggest Cooperative Extension and call  
31 Lisa Taylor. And I'm sure she'd be happy to get --

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Shannon's over there. And she knows  
34 the history and everything on it too. So --

35 COLT NELSON: What was her name again?

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Lisa Taylor.

37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: How do (indiscernible)?

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And that's our Cooperative Extension  
39 office here --

40 COLT NELSON: Okay.



1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- in Battle Mountain.  
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: (Indiscernible), Keith, but no.  
3 (Indiscernible.)  
4 COLT NELSON: Awesome. Okay. Good.  
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you have a -- do you have a copy  
6 for -- got it here.  
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: (Indiscernible.)  
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, good work, Colt. So...  
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I -- I really appreciate your  
11 work, especially when you're doing it for free. You know, it  
12 was a big point of contention when we started this term. And  
13 that's why I asked for the committee to have the meeting with --  
14 with everyone.  
15 But since then we came across the report from 1997. And  
16 you'll have a copy of this. And maybe we'll take a couple minutes  
17 just to read it. Because this generates some real concerns about  
18 people being inside that structure.  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So just -- has -- have there been any  
20 decisions made on what the building's going to be when it's  
21 done? Because I'm still not clear on that.  
22 COLT NELSON: Yeah. We -- we have a list in here of  
23 when -- on the last meeting, we talked about several different  
24 things, everything from a library to, you know, a section of the  
25 building being historical where you come in and see one of the  
26 old classrooms that, --  
27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
28 COLT NELSON: -- you know, that type of stuff. But we had  
29 -- we have a whole list. I'll bring that on the --  
30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
31 COLT NELSON: -- next. It's probably --  
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because I knew there was --  
33 COLT NELSON: -- in --  
34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- I knew there --  
35 COLT NELSON: -- this stack.  
36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- was quite a list. I was just wondering  
37 if it'd been narrowed down at all. Or had --  
38 COLT NELSON: And I apologize. I should have --  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Where's the --  
40 COLT NELSON: -- had it just more organized. I was told



1 just, hey, you --  
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
3 COLT NELSON: -- got to go do this.  
4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey.  
5 COLT NELSON: It was kind of last-minute stuff. So I'll --  
6 I'll bring that list. But, yeah, there is plans. And we are  
7 talking about -- because that's the whole idea -- right? --  
8 having the building multifunctional. Maybe the Chamber of  
9 Commerce is over there. I don't -- you know. It's going to be  
10 a fabulous place.  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. And then I -- I think I did hear  
12 this. The building got broke into, and there was an air  
13 conditioner or something stolen out of there?  
14 ANNA PENOLA: That was a mistake.  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That was a mistake? That didn't happen?  
16 ANNA PENOLA: It did not happen.  
17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No.  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, well, good. Okay.  
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It was --  
20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right. Good.  
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It was a rumor, not a mistake.  
22 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Mr. Mills, actually, that -- that's  
23 really not true. I was called to go there.  
24 Max Bunch, for the record.  
25 The building was broke into.  
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.  
27 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: There was an air conditioner that was  
28 removed from the building, but it was removed by the county and  
29 placed into another building. So --  
30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.  
31 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- the building was broke into.  
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We broke into the building.  
33 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No.  
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, --  
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.  
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- no.  
37 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No, no. No.  
38 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Two separate.  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So two separate incidents?  
40 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Two separate incidents.



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

2 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I think -- at some point in time -- and I  
3 don't know when the Road and Bridge Department took out the air  
4 conditioner. But they took it out and put it somewhere at the  
5 golf course.

6 I noticed that it was gone when they called me in the  
7 middle of the night --

8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It wasn't the --

9 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- to come down to --

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- golf course.

11 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- the building.

12 BERT RAMOS: It's at one of our well houses.

13 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well houses. Okay. So it's not --

14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.

15 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- even there. But I --

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. Don't mix that up.

17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, okay.

18 So that's -- that -- that was my understanding. And so the  
19 building has been broke into.

20 I know that my old office, the whole glass door was been  
21 busted. The assessor's office glass door.

22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Did they --

23 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: There's --

24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- take anything?

25 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, that's hard to tell at this point.

26 Some of the doors won't open now because they've -- they've  
27 jammed the doors. And so you can't get them open.

28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh. Okay.

29 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So -- but they're -- but it did get broke  
30 into. Some of the stuff that was down in the commissioners'  
31 chambers -- there's stuff there. But I don't think that we have  
32 a list of everything. And there's still -- I mean, there's just  
33 file cabinets and desks all stacked in there. I didn't get into  
34 it too much because the Sheriff's Office was there. There were  
35 two officers. We checked the whole entire building, for the  
36 most part. And they were doing a report, I believe, that they  
37 did a report out there. And I had told them the air conditioner  
38 was gone. And then later we found out, in two or three days,  
39 that it was just moved by the county employees someplace.

40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Max?



1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So it wasn't gone.  
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Max?  
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yes.  
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It -- I wasn't around in 1908, but is  
5 it wavy glass or is it clear glass?  
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Max --  
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Modern --  
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- wasn't around in 1908 either,  
9 though.  
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, he -- he lived there, though. He  
11 would know.  
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: 1998.  
13 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Are you talking 1908?  
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: When it was built.  
15 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It was built in 1916.  
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: 1916.  
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.  
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Was it wavy or clear?  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.  
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: The glass?  
21 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, I can tell you that as a -- as a  
22 young man, we broke a lot of glass in the building.  
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Not a problem.  
24 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: When we were playing soccer --  
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We did.  
26 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- out there.  
27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're going to call the judge about that.  
28 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah, I -- I know. I know. That -- that  
29 was where we'd play. That was the park.  
30 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.  
31 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: The grass in front. So a lot of windows  
32 got broke on the bottom floor. I guess I'm not sure which glass  
33 you're talking --  
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
35 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- about.  
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, the antique glass down in the  
37 Austin courthouse is wavy.  
38 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.  
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I'm just thinking, well, modern  
40 glass is a lot less expensive than that. I just --



1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And I'm sure --  
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- just a thought.  
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- at -- well, you know, now that I think  
4 about it, all the glass in there has been replaced.  
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.  
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
7 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: They replaced all the windows --  
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
9 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- at some point in time in the last 25  
10 years. Because I was there when it happened.  
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
12 You've been there 25 years?  
13 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah.  
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yep.  
15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Back on track.  
16 COLT NELSON: Doug, can I answer your question? Because we  
17 found the list.  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, go ahead. Yes, please.  
19 COLT NELSON: Okay. So what we have here -- and, again,  
20 subject to, you know, more discussion and that type of thing --  
21 art exhibits and art education; crafter art consignment shop and  
22 space for classes; performance and fine arts center, similar to  
23 Oats Park in Fallon; Great Basin College Extension classroom  
24 and/or adult education classrooms that we could make; office  
25 space for nonprofit organizations; library and research; archive  
26 center with focal on local history; gathering rooms for  
27 meetings, weddings, anniversaries, reunions, that type of stuff;  
28 eat, you know, serve meals; --  
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
30 COLT NELSON: -- possible use of one room to set up as a  
31 historical classroom, like it was; and nonprofit group meeting  
32 space, such as, you know, scouts and stuff like that. So that  
33 was the -- the list.  
34 And thanks, Sadie, for saving me on that one. I knew we had  
35 it somewhere.  
36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. So it sounds like it's kind of like  
37 a -- like a community --  
38 COLT NELSON: Yeah.  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- community building.  
40 COLT NELSON: Yeah.



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Now when the architect that came to  
3 do the historical insight, did he say anything about the  
4 structural sound of the building? Is there going to need to  
5 be --  
6 COLT NELSON: There was a --  
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- work done?  
8 COLT NELSON: -- there was a few things --  
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: For you? Uh-huh.  
10 COLT NELSON: -- that is upstairs for earthquake stuff.  
11 But it was pretty minimal, actually, --  
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
13 COLT NELSON: -- when we crawled up there and looked. And  
14 Mel's report, that whole report talks about those things that he  
15 recommended be done. We're -- we have to stick with that when  
16 we --  
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.  
18 COLT NELSON: -- when we go through and do this. And we  
19 will.  
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And I'm -- and I see it right here.  
21 I was just --  
22 COLT NELSON: Yep.  
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So...  
24 COLT NELSON: Yeah.  
25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
26 We'll look forward to seeing some -- some progress being made  
27 on that. It's --  
28 COLT NELSON: Yeah, me too. I mean, I -- I -- I didn't  
29 know it would take this long on some of it. But it -- it takes  
30 a little bit of time, and --  
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
32 COLT NELSON: -- it's an interesting learning experience  
33 for me because we're actually going to be taking the old Hancock  
34 House that we have in Battle Mountain on -- on Third Street and  
35 making that a historical site for Battle Mountain, which is  
36 going to be fun too. That's a whole separate deal. But --  
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
38 COLT NELSON: -- there's a lot of work that needs -- that  
39 goes into it. So yeah.  
40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.



1 COLT NELSON: We're learning a ton of stuff. So it's --  
2 it's a -- and I can't thank you guys enough for helping and  
3 supporting with this.

4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Colt, --

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, --

6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- I have a --

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Colt.

8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- question. Can --

9 COLT NELSON: Okay.

10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- can you even apply for these  
11 grants, like, next week until you get your 501(c)(3)?

12 COLT NELSON: We -- we can. Heidi -- what Heidi said is we  
13 have everything ready and she turns in. She has whatever she  
14 looked up from Nevada that shows we have applied. And she said  
15 she can turn the paperwork in for at least we're submitted. And  
16 as pending the approval of that.

17 That's how I got it explained to me. So, yes, we -- we can  
18 start --

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.

20 COLT NELSON: -- some of these.

21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's great. Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, this --

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you, Colt.

24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Have you had a chance to look at this?

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh?

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Mean, this, a little --

28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: This (indiscernible).

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- bit scary.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, but -- but we still -- we still  
31 were in there and changes were made. And that's why they stayed  
32 in there afterwards, or we'd have all been out. You know, when  
33 this was done in 1997.

34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I just --

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- just wanted this on the record so  
37 that we've covered our bases.

38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: (Indiscernible). And they did a new  
39 assessment of the building.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And --

2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They have some work they have to do  
3 to the structure.

4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right. There's some things they need to  
5 do. But overall, the -- the new assessment shows it's pretty  
6 good. So...

7 COLT NELSON: Yeah. Yeah.

8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

9 COLT NELSON: And we'll -- and we'll look at -- we'll read  
10 through this too, Art, and make sure that there's something in  
11 here that we -- we don't -- check both reports --

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, it's --

13 COLT NELSON: -- and make sure we're not missing anything.

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- 11 years old, but --

15 COLT NELSON: Yeah. Okay?

16 And like I said, looking forward to getting some traction on  
17 this and get moving.

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

19 COLT NELSON: So...

20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

21 COLT NELSON: All right. Thanks, --

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thanks.

23 COLT NELSON: -- guys.

24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Thanks, Colt.

25 COLT NELSON: Thank you.

26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'll get that letter to you.

27 COLT NELSON: All right. Thank you.

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29 **4) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the**  
30 **creation of a dog park and the signage to be displayed, and**  
31 **all other matters properly related thereto.**  
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CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Moving to Item Number 4.

34 Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the  
35 creation of a dog park and the signage to be displayed, and all  
36 other matters properly related thereto.

37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We got a dog park ordinance?

38 We -- did we do that?

39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, we don't -- we don't  
40 have -- we don't even have approval for a dog park. That's why



1 we're here today.  
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, okay.  
3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. That's why we have to --  
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. But --  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- approve the --  
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we do need --  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- dog park.  
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to do an ordinance? Or we don't?  
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, --  
10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think we do.  
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- we -- we should probably  
12 follow it with an ordinance.  
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You know. Because right now we  
15 just have districts for -- for dogs, rules for the dogs. So --  
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But we got to have a -- so it can be  
18 enforced by the sheriff's department --  
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And we need --  
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right --  
21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- also.  
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. We need to do a --  
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- slight ordinance. But until  
25 it's approved -- right now it's -- it's kind of open for a dog  
26 park. But we haven't approved it. So --  
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion we approve the --  
28 the dog park at Lion's Park and create an ordinance for the  
29 county.  
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And signage.  
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Signage.  
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And signage.  
33 Yeah. We'll talk about the signage. But that's -- that's  
34 the motion, basically.  
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Second.  
36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Patsy made a motion. Sean  
37 seconded.  
38 Do we have any public comment?  
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You want to talk about the signage now  
40 in the public comment?



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We can --  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- if you'd like to.  
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because, yeah. We definitely -- I  
5 mean, besides the fact of, you know, please pick up after your  
6 pet or something like that, the -- the dog park that announces  
7 that, you know, county dog park, whatever. If you've been to  
8 any -- any -- there's a lot of them that are a lot more  
9 restricted than others.  
10 And if you Google "dog park signs" or go on Amazon, then --  
11 you can buy them for, you know, like, 20 bucks. And there's all  
12 these things.  
13 But I think what we need to say is going to be a real  
14 consideration.  
15 Of course, the things, you know, no aggressive dogs and  
16 we're not liable, and all the legal things that have to be. But  
17 some of them go so far as to say, you know, no -- no food in the  
18 park, human's or dog's, you know. Because they don't want other  
19 dogs coming around if you're giving treats, of course. Some of  
20 them actually limit the age. No one under 13, that -- that type  
21 of thing. I don't --  
22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Wow.  
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- know if you want to go that part or  
24 how serious.  
25 So not part of a motion, but my recommendation would be  
26 that -- that, you know, they -- they look at some of -- of --  
27 "They"? Who they? Okay. Executive director and Public Works?  
28 And -- and I'd be happy to -- to step in with any information if  
29 they need a third party to -- to look at that and -- and actually  
30 create the signs and --  
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So do you want to -- do you want to --  
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I don't want --  
33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- bring this --  
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a committee.  
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- back before -- no.  
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, no.  
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: No, I'm not saying --  
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No --  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- a --  
40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- committee --



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- committee.  
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- this time?  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No committee. No committee.  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I'm saying, do you want to -- do you want  
5 to put a -- a package of signage together that matches up with  
6 the ordinance and then we can approve the signage?  
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. The signs should -- the  
8 signs should -- should go in after the ordinance, after you  
9 approve the --  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.  
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- ordinance.  
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right. And --  
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And then --  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- then the signage would match up with  
15 the --  
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- ordinance. And then --  
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Not ne- --  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we can --  
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- not --  
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- post it.  
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- necessarily. We don't have to  
23 put -- what we're going to put on the sign doesn't necessarily  
24 have to be part of the ordinance.  
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, the thing --  
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, it should be consistent --  
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Patsy, --  
28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- with the ordinance.  
29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- you mentioned three or four  
30 things that need to be part of the ordinance if you can have --  
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: If -- if we go that route.  
32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.  
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. Yeah.  
34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's -- and that's all I'm  
36 saying.  
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.  
38 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Whatever rou- -- route you  
39 take.  
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I think that's all part of the



1 coordination afterwards.  
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And if you want to --  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So we --  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do that --  
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- can put --  
7 You guys can put that package together and bring it before --  
8 Here's the signs. Here's the ordinance. They match up.  
9 Everything's kosher. And we'll just approve that when it's all  
10 estab- --  
11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- finished.  
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is --  
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good deal.  
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that o- -- is that -- sound okay to  
16 everybody?  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.  
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Public comment.  
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: All right.  
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Public comment?  
22 MICHAELA YOUNG: Hi. My name is Michaela Young.  
23 I -- I just wanted to come here today and explain the  
24 importance of the dog park since it's already kind of started.  
25 I mean, the fence is up. And the idea is in the citizens of  
26 this town's brains.  
27 Because working over at Ace Hardware, I read the newspapers  
28 every week. And I read for months and months and months that  
29 the dog park was going to come. And I was excited. And I  
30 finally went there with my dogs just a week or two ago, and I  
31 was disappointed.  
32 There's nothing but trash cans. There's not a spot for the  
33 dogs to drink water. There's not even a spigot in there. And  
34 there's not a spot for bags for feces disposal. Main things you  
35 would need for a dog park.  
36 And I just wanted to come in here today and explain why it  
37 was important for the completion of this.  
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you, --  
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.  
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.



1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Michaela.  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We're -- we're ex- --  
3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, you know --  
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we're excited about it. But as you  
5 can see, it's -- it's a work in progress.  
6 MICHAELA YOUNG: Yeah.  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.  
8 MICHAELA YOUNG: Yeah.  
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So --  
10 MICHAELA YOUNG: I -- I didn't --  
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you for --  
12 MICHAELA YOUNG: -- really --  
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- your input.  
14 MICHAELA YOUNG: -- know what to expect. And I --  
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You got to exercise your dog, though;  
16 right.  
17 MICHAELA YOUNG: Yes.  
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
19 MICHAELA YOUNG: Yes, I did.  
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.  
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah, sometimes these are long processes.  
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Processes.  
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: But, again, we're -- hopefully you'll be  
24 satisfied by the time we're done.  
25 Other public comment?  
26 (No comment.)  
27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?  
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.  
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.  
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.  
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.  
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'm going to vote aye because I  
33 support the dog park. Still not really thrilled about the  
34 location, although it's a little late for that now since we've  
35 already got the fence up.  
36 But I do support the dog park.  
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Judie.  
38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.  
40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.



1     SAFETY COMMITTEE  
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- 3     5)     Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove access  
4           to the Administration Building for the Lander County  
5           Sheriff's Office, including key access, installation of  
6           weapons lock boxes located in the inmate transportation  
7           hallway, and video surveillance access, and all other matters  
8           properly related thereto.  
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10           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number 5. Discussion for possible  
11     action to approve/disapprove access to the Administration  
12     Building for the Lander County Sheriff's Office, including key  
13     access, installation of weapons lock box located in the inmate  
14     transportation hallway, and video surveillance access, and all  
15     other matters properly related -- related thereto.

16           KEITH WESTENGARD: So this was brought up at our safety  
17     committee meeting. It was brought to the safety committee's  
18     attention by the -- by the undersheriff that they had some  
19     concerns about access during any type of a possible active  
20     shooter or any type of an incident where the Sheriff's Office  
21     will be involved as well as weapons lock boxes in the inmate  
22     transportation hallway where they -- where the inmates are  
23     brought in on the -- on the lower level and then transported up  
24     to the courtrooms. And then access to the surveillance cameras  
25     within the building.

26           So I -- Robert's here or -- or the sheriff or the  
27     undersheriff's here to speak to their -- to that if needed.

28           But that's how this came about, through the -- to the  
29     safety committee meeting at our last meeting.

30           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Any input?

31           SHERIFF RON UNGER: Sheriff Unger and Robert Quick. I'll  
32     let you --

33           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: So this was brought up -- and  
34     it comes from the original ideas and design of the building,  
35     from our understanding, when we originally designed the  
36     courtrooms and so forth -- was the holding cells up near the  
37     courtrooms -- in between the courtrooms have cameras built into  
38     them. And we were going to allow -- be allowed access or  
39     dispatch was going to be allowed access to those cameras to  
40     allow us -- to reduce the number of staffing it takes to



1 transport inmates to court.

2 And then that has not happened. So we have no access  
3 to th- -- to those cameras or any cameras in this building.

4 So, needless so say, it takes four to six staff members to  
5 transport inmates because we -- we cannot put them in those cells.  
6 It's a safety issue where we cannot see the inmates. And  
7 therefore we cannot leave them in there without being observed.

8 The other things are if there's some sort of an incident in  
9 the courthouse, we have no access to the building.

10 We've had repeated alarms and so forth inside the building.  
11 We've had to call the judge to get access.

12 If there's some incidents that occur even when the building's  
13 open, and whether it be an active shooter or fights, any -- any  
14 kind of a thing, we don't have access to this building.

15 So we are going to have to either break windows to get in, or  
16 we're going to -- there's going to be a huge delay potentially  
17 before we come through the front door, because we don't know  
18 what's going on.

19 So it was brought up to the safety committee a year or so  
20 ago, about this -- right after the building was opened. And then  
21 I recently brought it up again.

22 And it's -- it's merely for the fact of what the commission  
23 wants. It's -- to us, we just bring the concerns to you of  
24 what, you know, some potential issues that -- that have arisen  
25 or could arise. Hopefully, of course, it never occurs.

26 But we, you know, turn it over to you to what you want to  
27 decide to do with it. And then we will work our plans around  
28 that.

29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. I -- I have a question on the  
30 video surveillance. Can you -- can you hook it up to dispatch  
31 so that you can see what's going on here if you have an issue?

32 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: The original design, I would  
33 say, that we talked about was that dispatch would be -- have  
34 access to the video in this building.

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Because when I was on the  
36 school board, I wanted the Sheriff's Office to have access to  
37 the videos in the school --

38 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Uh-huh.

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- too. Same safety issues, --

40 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Well, this --



1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- especially the schools.  
2 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: When the building was built, we  
3 actually put fiber lines between the buildings for  
4 communication.  
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
6 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And so the -- the  
7 infrastructure's in place to do it. It was just never moved  
8 forward with.  
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: What do you need, Robert, to move  
10 forward with that? Like you said, the lines have --  
11 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We'd have to get with the judge  
12 to find out where they stopped the con- -- the contractor  
13 stopped and then just --  
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But --  
15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- when we --  
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- minimal cost? Or do we have any  
17 idea --  
18 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: I am -- I don't think there's  
19 going to be a huge cost because the --  
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.  
21 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- infrastructure's --  
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.  
23 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- in place.  
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No. And -- and I -- and cost  
25 irrelative in that. But I was just kind of curious. Like you  
26 said, the infrastructure's there. It's all set up. It just  
27 needs to be some --  
28 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Somebody to say, do it.  
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Somebody to say, do it, and --  
30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So I'm not that concerned about the video  
31 part of it, although, I have to say this: On this issue,  
32 I've -- I've gotten more pushback from people on this one  
33 than -- they're -- they're telling me they don't like this idea  
34 than I ever hear on any other topic. And --  
35 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And -- and I've heard some of  
36 the same issue or --  
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.  
38 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- regarding they don't want  
39 the sheriff's office to --  
40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Have access to their --



1           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- have access --  
2           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- office --  
3           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- to the --  
4           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- mainly.  
5           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- videos inside this building.  
6       My understanding is the videos in all --  
7           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well --  
8           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- public areas.  
9           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because I understand the videos are mainly  
10       of the hallways, which I'm not --  
11           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: That's my --  
12           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that concerned about --  
13           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- understanding as well.  
14           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- the hallways. That -- I'm not  
15       concerned about the video. But the -- the one I get the  
16       pushback on is -- is mainly having -- having keys to the  
17       offices --  
18           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Uh-huh.  
19           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- and -- and access.  
20       And that I've gotten more commenting on that than --  
21           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And --  
22           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- I ever hear on much of anything.  
23           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And, again, that's up to the  
24       commission what the --  
25           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.  
26           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- commission wants to do.  
27       But if -- if an incident occurs and we can't even get into an  
28       office door or back into the employees' entrance, that's going  
29       to delay response.  
30           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
31           COMMISSIONER WAITS: So you have no keys to get into this  
32       building at all?  
33           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Our only access is into the  
34       jail transport hallway.  
35           COMMISSIONER CLARK: What about the --  
36           COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I guess --  
37           COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- back door?  
38       I -- I thought you --  
39           UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Jail transport hallway is the  
40       only place our key works, which is --



1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
2 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- coming through the fence  
3 from our secure area and up the elevator.  
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now, the lock boxes are standard  
5 procedure, aren't they?  
6 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Well, now, when you refer to  
7 the lock box, what we were looking at in the initial design  
8 that we -- we were planning for was one to two officers to bring  
9 over all the inmates to be seen in court.  
10 And because of the confined area, it was a security concern  
11 that they have a weapon on the elevator.  
12 So the idea was we were going to secure our weapons down at  
13 the main door, bring the inmates up and secure them into the  
14 cells, then come back and get our weapons for court.  
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. What --  
16 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: That was the idea.  
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think it --  
20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, that actually --  
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- sounds --  
22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- answers --  
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- like a --  
24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- the question that I had.  
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.  
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because I had people make comments, Why  
27 are they going to lock their gun in the lock box and then go to  
28 court without their gun?  
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. No.  
30 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: That -- that --  
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So you're going to go -- you're just going  
32 to go back down and get it and --  
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They -- they don't --  
34 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Correct.  
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- want them in an enclosed spot in  
36 the elevator --  
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: In the elev- --  
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- in case --  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- in the --  
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- they have --



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- elevator.  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a --  
3 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Correct.  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- ruffle.  
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because that part I was thinking, yeah,  
7 well, they're in the elevator --  
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I think that's great.  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So you're just going to go back and get  
10 the gun, go back --  
11 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Correct.  
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to court. Okay.  
13 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Once we see -- once we were  
14 able to secure them --  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: But you're not --  
16 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- in the cells.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- putting inmates into the cells, --  
18 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Because --  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- because you don't --  
20 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- we can't --  
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- have the video access.  
22 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We have no access to watch  
23 them.  
24 SHERIFF RON UNGER: They're solid doors, no windows to look  
25 through. So when they are in there, we have to have a deputy  
26 there to check on them every so often. And we're talking every  
27 five or ten minutes.  
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I guess the big concern is -- is  
29 the keys and access to individual offices.  
30 People in the sheriff's office know where my house key is if  
31 they ever needed to get into it. I worked there. I trust those  
32 people. I know them. I guess that's why I don't have a problem.  
33 But if -- if this is a real issue, how do you work around  
34 it?  
35 The keys would only be issued to get into those offices on --  
36 on a need basis -- right? -- if there was some kind of activity.  
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But they definitely need keys to this  
38 building.  
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, you're not --  
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I mean, we --



1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- going to --  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.  
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're not going to come here at night  
4 and --  
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, a basic key to the building and  
6 keys to the offices are -- I think --  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's -- that's two separate issues.  
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. So getting in to -- to be in the  
10 hallways, that's -- that's easy enough, I think.  
11 But I don't -- I don't know. A lot of the elected officials  
12 especially are very concerned about you guys having keys to their  
13 offices. And it's not --  
14 SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's understandable.  
15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And --  
16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.  
17 SHERIFF RON UNGER: You know.  
18 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And it's up to the commission  
19 and those elected officials what they want if an incident were  
20 to occur.  
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: But if there is a real emergency, you --  
22 you guys can just do the same thing that the fire department's  
23 going to do. You're going to break everything and you're going  
24 to get in.  
25 SHERIFF RON UNGER: If --  
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: If --  
27 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- that's what we have to do, that's  
28 what --  
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Once --  
30 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- will do.  
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- once you're in the building.  
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I'm going to make a motion that  
34 we approve keys for the building for the Sheriff's Office.  
35 The --  
36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Like -- we need to specify, just the  
37 public areas of the building?  
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. Keys to -- keys to get in the  
39 building.  
40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.



1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Period.  
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Once they're in, if -- if there's --  
4 This isn't part of the motion.  
5 Once they're in, if there's a problem with the treasurer's  
6 office, they'll have to go through the front or whatever they  
7 want to do. But at least they're inside. And they need -- need  
8 to have that access.  
9 Okay.  
10 Doesn't NHP have an outside key to get in?  
11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.  
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They do.  
13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: They have an --  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They're --  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- office here.  
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. They have an office --  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: They have --  
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- here.  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- access.  
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So most certainly our sheriff's  
21 office --  
22 Okay. Back to the motion.  
23 Okay. We're going to give them keys -- keys to the -- to  
24 the building -- okay -- weapon lock boxes to be located in the  
25 inmate transportation hallway, and video surveillance access to  
26 --  
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: To the areas they need.  
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: To the -- no, I don't put the areas  
29 they need.  
30 What -- what's your specific area?  
31 The -- the video surveillance?  
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The main hallway. The --  
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The video --  
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- elevator.  
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- surveillance and --  
36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: The -- the cells? Or do you need it for  
37 the hallways too?  
38 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Again, it's up to the  
39 commission.  
40 I can tell you the less access we have to the video, if an



1 incident does occur, the --  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
3 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- slower the response is going  
4 to be --  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Hall and --  
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --  
7 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- because we --  
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- cells?  
9 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- can't see.  
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Hall and cells.  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well --  
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think video access is absolutely  
13 essential --  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because if it -- the video's --  
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just beca- --  
16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- mainly the hallways anyway; right?  
17 There's no videos in an actual office that I'm aware of.  
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Keith?  
19 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Can we account for --  
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: He don't know.  
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.  
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: That's Max's --  
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Max.  
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- deal.  
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: I have no idea.  
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Anyway, they -- they need video --  
28 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I'll let you guys set up --  
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- access and --  
30 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- your motions and your seconds. And  
31 then I'd like to have some --  
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Some public --  
33 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- public --  
34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- comment?  
35 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- comment or --  
36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We'll get to that.  
37 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- adverse comment to --  
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
39 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- what --  
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's my --



1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- you guys --  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- motion.  
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- are talking about.  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So your motion is for the key to the  
5 building to the public areas, --  
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The weapons --  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- the lock boxes, and video access.  
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Video access to the hallway and their  
9 cells.

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: To the cells. Okay.  
12 Do we have a second?  
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll second that.  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Patsy made a motion. Judie  
15 seconded.

16 Do we have any public comment?  
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I agree with that.  
18 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Better get your Taser on.  
19 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's right. I got my cap gun. All  
20 right. Max Bunch, for the record.

21 Just so that the commission knows -- and I believe Ms. Waits  
22 was on the commission when this was brought up before the  
23 commission previously and it was voted down. This same issue was  
24 brought up before and was voted down.

25 I guess I'm not understanding why the safety committee is  
26 making this decision, because I know the courts were never  
27 included or requested to come to the meeting to discuss it.

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I wasn't even at the meeting, and I'm  
29 on the safety committee. I was never notified.

30 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I understand that. You were absent along  
31 with Michelle Young, Bert Ramos, Araceli Stephens. Ron Unger  
32 was missing and so was Carrie Baum.

33 In the minutes of that meeting, which I have acquired, the  
34 request from Mr. Quick states, the sheriff's department still has  
35 no access to the building or the cameras. This poses a safety  
36 concern for Lander County employees.

37 That's what was discussed in the minutes that I have from the  
38 safety meeting. Never talks anything about what gets on the  
39 agenda of lock boxes in the hallway. That's not in their meeting  
40 minutes. So I'm not sure how that gets from the meeting minutes



1 to the agenda item.  
2 There --  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, whoever wrote the agenda added  
4 it, it appears.  
5 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It appears.  
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. Well, if that's --  
7 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But I thought --  
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- what --  
9 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- it was discussed at the safety  
10 meeting. That's what Keith has said. It was discussed at the  
11 safety meeting. And how it gets on there -- it's not even in  
12 the minutes that it was discussed.  
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
14 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: How does it get on the agenda?  
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The Sheriff's Office apparently wanted  
16 it on the agenda.  
17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I understand that. Is there agenda  
18 request?  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Uh-huh.  
20 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No.  
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: (Indiscernible.)  
22 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: There's not.  
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yep.  
24 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Max?  
25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Did they do one?  
26 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Max. Sadie Sullivan, for the  
27 record.  
28 What meeting? Just to clarify it so it's clear --  
29 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: They're --  
30 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- you're talking of the safety or  
31 the (indiscernible).  
32 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It's a safety meeting.  
33 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Oh, safety? And what --  
34 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Safety meeting that occurred on  
35 January 24th at 9:20 a.m.  
36 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Of this year?  
37 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Of this year. Yes.  
38 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you, (indiscernible).  
39 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So you would --  
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.



1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- think that -- and -- and -- and -- and  
2 not -- not that I'm opposed to all of this, because I know  
3 Robert and I have talked about -- and we, between the two of us,  
4 have probably dropped the ball on the issue of getting cameras,  
5 being able to do a wireless access so that they can actually be  
6 sitting at the bailiff's station in the courtroom and be able to  
7 see the inmate in the cell.

8 And one of the other things we talked about, which -- which  
9 I don't realize that -- I don't think we all realized until  
10 after. We were coming in before we started to go into the  
11 building. There was a big group of us -- Ron, Robert. There  
12 was, I don't know, maybe five or six from the sheriff's office  
13 that were there on -- on a safety thing and trying to figure out  
14 what we were going to do prior to opening up the -- the  
15 building.

16 During that meeting, it was probably when we realized that --  
17 that they didn't want to put the -- not that the cells aren't able  
18 to be there and not that there shouldn't be a camera in the  
19 bailiff's station or wherever the law enforcement needs it to be  
20 able to see the person in the cells, but that the doors are solid.  
21 And we could fix that, probably, with cutting out the steel doors  
22 and placing in a window. That way they could utilize putting  
23 people in the cells and they can see them.

24 There is currently a visitor's -- an attorney/client or  
25 attorney/defendant place right now that already has glass that  
26 they don't utilize, to just sit somebody in that they could watch  
27 from the outside hallway through -- and it's -- probably be -- I  
28 don't know -- 4-feet-by-8-feet glass that's there that they could  
29 actually put somebody in if need be --

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Are you talking --

31 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- currently.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- against this, Judge? Is that -- is  
33 that what you're saying?

34 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, I'm -- I'm -- there are other  
35 things I'm going through. I think that we can do things to --  
36 to help out the sheriff's office. So I'm trying to go through  
37 each little section that's here. And right now I'm talking  
38 about the ability to -- the lock box, basically, and the -- and  
39 the inmate transportation hallway. Because you need to know  
40 that it's just not an inmate transportation hall- -- hallway.



1 It is for every employee in this building has access to that  
2 hallway to get to the basement, every employee. And now you got  
3 a lock box gun down there and --

4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But it's locked up.

5 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's locked up, supposedly. But how  
6 many locks can you break through? What if somebody goes in  
7 there and breaks that open and grabs the gun?

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aren't these employees?

9 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: These are employees, yes.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You think our employees are going to  
11 do that? I think we have a problem.

12 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.

13 So do you think that law --

14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Some of them --

15 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- enforcement should take --

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- have bad days --

17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- their gun out of the -- out of it and  
18 put it in a lock box? Why wouldn't you want to have the law  
19 enforcement who's --

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because --

21 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- highly trained in having and defending  
22 their gun in their holster and being able to use their gun?

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I like the idea of when they're  
24 in a confined elevator that they don't have to use their gun.

25 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Uh-huh. So for two years --

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I like that idea.

27 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- two years that we've been in -- in the  
28 --

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

30 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- in this building, --

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

32 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- not one --

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Let me --

34 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- incident.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- let me -- let me put it this way.  
36 Okay. You asked about the agenda. The agenda does not say that  
37 it was put on by the safety committee. The agenda simply says  
38 the sheriff's office wants these things.

39 So the motion is that we have these things.

40 Now --



1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I understand that.  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- if you -- if you're speaking  
3 against the motion, then --  
4 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You asked --  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you don't want --  
6 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- for public comment.  
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the lock box and you're giving no  
8 other options. And what else don't you want us to do?  
9 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, I'm -- you're saying public  
10 comment.  
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You -- no, I'm still asking.  
12 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.  
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.  
14 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So I'm -- I may -- may be for something  
15 and may be against something, but you're telling me that I'm  
16 against everything that's on this.  
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. No. I don't mean to imply that.  
18 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So the key access that -- that they've  
19 referred to in the meeting that they've called me and I've come  
20 down. And we -- probably for at least the last year, we have  
21 not had any alarm issues.  
22 Originally when we came in, we had -- we had one distinct  
23 area that was really in bad shape which was the district  
24 attorney's office.  
25 And when -- when that alarm would go off, they would call me.  
26 And I would call the district attorney and I'd say, sheriff's  
27 office is waiting for me. Because they can't get into the office  
28 anyway. So if you give them access to the building in the main  
29 hallway, they still can't get into the office.  
30 So they're still going to have to call somebody to come in  
31 and do it.  
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Maybe, maybe not. I mean, I don't  
33 know what the reasons they're coming in for. But if they're  
34 coming in because somebody else is in the building, then  
35 they're -- I mean, they may be still in the hallway or they've  
36 broken a window to get through somewhere else.  
37 So -- so you don't want them to have a key?  
38 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I don't -- you need to understand they do  
39 really have access to the building if they choose to at this  
40 point in time with coming in through the elevator, the back



1 door, courtrooms, and you walk right out of the courtrooms.  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I mean, you end up in the same hallway.  
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But -- but I do think they certainly,  
5 as -- as a --  
6 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I mean, they really do have access to the  
7 building.  
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I'd --  
9 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But --  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- like them to have --  
11 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- they don't have --  
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- a key.  
13 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- access to the front door.  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: But we can -- we can make it a little  
16 easier for them by --  
17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Oh, absolutely.  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- allowing them access to the front door  
19 or the back door.  
20 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, they can't get in -- well, they  
21 could get in the back door if they have a key to the gate.  
22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I'm a little bit confused, you  
23 know, that it's February the 8th. I have an abundance of  
24 recollection of going to court. And lock boxes were standard.  
25 Except the detectives that were with us, they all carried a gun  
26 in -- into the courtroom. We don't do that here?  
27 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yes.  
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes, we do.  
29 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
30 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: In fact, I've talked --  
31 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We just --  
32 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- to Judge --  
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- need the lock boxes in a certain  
34 area for a specific type of situation.  
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Putting them --  
36 SHERIFF RON UNGER: May I clarify --  
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- in the elevator.  
38 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- that?  
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Please.  
40 SHERIFF RON UNGER: The lock boxes would be in the hallway,



1 exactly like Max said.

2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

3 SHERIFF RON UNGER: What we're looking at doing, as opposed  
4 to like last week or this week as an example, we had to bring  
5 five inmates in to district court and I think five or six -- and  
6 I'm not sure. Max can correct me -- into justice court.  
7 Justice court was after lunch. What we had to do is each  
8 individual prisoner that came over, we're having to escort them  
9 one at a time.

10 With the lock box, I can bring three, maybe four over, with  
11 one deputy, bring them into the hallway, lock my gun up, go  
12 upstairs, put them into the cells, go right back down and get my  
13 gun and go back up, and we're clear.

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

15 SHERIFF RON UNGER: The gun's not going to stay in there  
16 all day long. It's going to be in there for a few minutes,  
17 whatever time it takes to get them up and bring them down. A  
18 safety issue for law enforcement and for the prisoners.

19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

20 SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's -- that's the issue on the lock  
21 box.

22 I'd also like to say, on the cells, Max is absolutely  
23 correct. There is an attorney cell in there. And it is windowed.  
24 And it is divided.

25 Now, if we bring up one prisoner or if we bring up three --  
26 three males and a female, we do utilize that cell.

27 It's convenient. The deputy can stand outside and look at  
28 them and then go back in and check the other ones. So that cell  
29 is utilized.

30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Safety first.

31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Are these cells -- they -- they lock?

32 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah. They're -- they're --

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So these --

34 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- commercial jail cells.

35 SHERIFF RON UNGER: They're -- they've got big locks on  
36 them. Big heavy doors.

37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So even the attorney/client cell with  
38 the --

39 SHERIFF RON UNGER: When the --

40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- window.



1       SHERIFF RON UNGER:  -- attorney go in, the -- the  
2       prisoner's on one side.  The attorney goes in another door.  
3       There's bulletproof glass, I believe, in there to where they can  
4       communicate.  And they have done that.

5       A lot of times the -- the attorney want to go in and be  
6       face to face with these people.  When they do that, the deputy's  
7       outside as they should be.

8       COMMISSIONER ALLAN:  But --

9       SHERIFF RON UNGER:  Okay.

10      COMMISSIONER ALLAN:  -- you're not going to put five or  
11      six?

12      SHERIFF RON UNGER:  No.  Not in the same cell.

13      COMMISSIONER ALLAN:  Right.

14      SHERIFF RON UNGER:  Absolutely not.

15      COMMISSIONER ALLAN:  So you need those other cells which --  
16      they were built.  We may as well use them.

17      SHERIFF RON UNGER:  Now, we could double them up in the  
18      cells if we had to, but right now we don't because we don't have  
19      any visual on them.  So there's deputies there.

20      So I guess what I'm saying, it takes three or four deputies  
21      to bring these prisoners over, back and forth all day long.  
22      We're short-staffed.  So the ones that's been doing it has been  
23      the administration staff:  myself, the undersheriff, because one  
24      of us is bailiff.  And we're having -- a lot of times -- to pay  
25      overtime for the deputies to do this because of the short  
26      staffing in the jail.  Okay.

27      As far as the access is concerned, yes, we do have access to  
28      the hallway, which gives us access to upstairs.  Okay.

29      Once we get up there, then if something happened downstairs,  
30      we're running down a set of stairs or whatever to get down into  
31      here.  It's -- it's a time issue, number one.  It's a safety  
32      issue, number two.  We're tasked with protecting the public and  
33      the safety of this deal.  And the quicker we can do that, the  
34      better off we are.

35      If we've got to jump -- do all these climbing of the stairs  
36      and everything else, we're killing time.

37      CHAIRMAN MILLS:  So que- --

38      COMMISSIONER CLARK:  And, Patsy, your -- your motion is to  
39      give keys for access to the building, --

40      COMMISSIONER WAITS:  Yes.



1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- not specific --  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.  
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- offices?  
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's correct. Just the outside --  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- building's.  
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. I just want to make that --  
8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So question on the --  
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- intent real clear.  
10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- on the -- on the cells and -- and the  
11 visual part of that -- because, as -- as Max mentioned, we could  
12 cut -- we could cut windows into the doors and -- and resolve  
13 that that way. Or we could give you video access.  
14 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: We --  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So the question is kind of --  
16 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: We'd really already have video access  
17 there. Probably Robert and I have dropped the ball in not being  
18 able to get the IP address. I'm -- I'm not exactly sure what  
19 needs to happen --  
20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
21 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- for --  
22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because that's what I'm -- I was going to  
23 ask --  
24 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Because --  
25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- about.  
26 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- because we --  
27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: It -- what's --  
28 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- should have --  
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- what's the capability --  
30 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- both.  
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- of doing it?  
32 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: To be -- to be sure about this, we should  
33 have both. We should have visual access and we should have  
34 video access.  
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So would you --  
36 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So --  
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- like -- would -- would both be a  
38 good --  
39 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Both would be great.  
40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- thing for you?



1           SHERIFF RON UNGER: Right now we need to do something.  
2       Because it's --  
3           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because --  
4           SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- it's costing me, as the sheriff and  
5       my jail personnel, people while we're standing in there watching  
6       them --  
7           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
8           SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- and transporting them.  
9           CHAIRMAN MILLS: So I'm -- I'm -- I'm thinking in -- in  
10       logistics terms here, to do the video thing, I don't know how  
11       long it will take to do that. I don't know how easy it is to do  
12       that. I don't know if we can do that.  
13           JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No, I think --  
14           CHAIRMAN MILLS: It seems like --  
15           SHERIFF RON UNGER: It's a --  
16           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we can.  
17           SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- wireless, isn't it?  
18           JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No, I think -- I think it can be done.  
19       And maybe Robert --  
20           CHAIRMAN MILLS: But maybe -- maybe we need to --  
21           JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I don't have --  
22           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- do both.  
23           JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- I don't have the IT knowledge that  
24       Robert --  
25           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
26           JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- has. And -- but I know the cameras  
27       are there. We're hooked up.  
28           CHAIRMAN MILLS: So we say, --  
29           JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And I think --  
30           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- yeah.  
31           JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- we just --  
32           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Let's do the --  
33           JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- need an --  
34           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- video --  
35           JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- IP --  
36           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- thing --  
37           JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- address --  
38           CHAIRMAN MILLS: And it's going to take us a year --  
39           JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- or some --  
40           CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to get it done. Well, that's not



1 really going to help you --  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, no.  
3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- a whole lot.  
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So --  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So maybe we need to do both and cut -- cut  
6 holes in doors, put the heavy glass whatever in there. And then  
7 you have the -- you have visual and video.  
8 SHERIFF RON UNGER: The deputy in that hallway would.  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right. Maybe --  
10 SHERIFF RON UNGER: The bailiff --  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we can --  
12 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- is the --  
13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- do both.  
14 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- one that -- my -- my  
15 understanding -- and I'm sure I'm correct on this -- at one  
16 point in time -- and Robert would have to jump in here on this.  
17 It's got be a wireless -- am I correct? -- to the video that the  
18 bailiff would be looking out on a -- what do they call it? --  
19 tablet? So we would have visual of what's going on in those  
20 cells if the deputy --  
21 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: That's what Max and I  
22 originally talked about is using a wireless tablet just so we  
23 don't leave computers in the courtroom and so forth. And then  
24 we can move back and forth.  
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And --  
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And that -- and how easy is it to -- to  
27 accomplish that?  
28 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: It depends on the vendor of the  
29 video system in the building. The -- the infrastructure to get  
30 that is already in place. The wireless is already in place in  
31 the building. The fiber line between the buildings are already  
32 in place. It requires some programming --  
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can you --  
34 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- for that.  
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- can you take care of it once it  
36 gets to your -- your building?  
37 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: I can take care of it on my  
38 side.  
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So we -- we would have the -- the



1 video available to dispatch.  
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Is it to dispatch or into the courtroom?  
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No, we're talking --  
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Or both?  
5 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- about -- we're talking about a tablet.  
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I understand that. But you've  
7 got -- you've got the video feed into the sheriff's office now,  
8 which I honestly feel that, you know, that's a very good safety  
9 measure, you know. Off hours, when the courthouse is empty,  
10 is -- is the sheriff's office does have the access to --  
11 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: They -- they wouldn't have that. You  
12 don't have that.  
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You don't --  
14 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: What she's --  
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- want that?  
16 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- saying.  
17 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We don't have that now.  
18 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Right.  
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, I know. I know.  
20 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: But --  
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But you've got the capability. The --  
22 the feed.  
23 So you -- you --  
24 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: That would be --  
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- have --  
26 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- useful if we had that. Yes.  
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right. And then also -- so you  
28 have -- you have the access for dispatch to -- to monitor  
29 hallways, et cetera, if there's any cause, and then also the  
30 tablet for when you actually do have court to monitor those  
31 prisoners in their cells.  
32 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Yes.  
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So we're just clear that there's two  
34 separate things, kind of, here, is a wireless remote tablet that  
35 the bailiff can monitor.  
36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. So I would say that I like the idea  
37 of cutting the window into the doors for the cells.  
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I will --  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: But we're not agendized --  
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I will amend --



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to do that today.  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I will --  
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Right. Right. Right. No. That's true.  
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I will amend my motion to include that  
5 we put windows in the cells for the courthouse.  
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Can we -- can we do that the way the  
7 motion -- or the agenda is --  
8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We can do that?  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Do you want to approve the  
12 amendment to the motion? Or --  
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I --  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Judie.  
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- did.  
16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, it's Judie.  
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I will approve that.  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Look --  
20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Other public comment? So, Max, you -- you  
21 seem to have some objections to some of the ideas here.  
22 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, --  
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And I'm still --  
24 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- I --  
25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- not sure what the real objections are.  
26 Because you seem to -- you're supporting and you're objecting at  
27 the --  
28 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No, I --  
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- same time.  
30 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- I'm -- I'm supporting. And -- and as  
31 you talked, you know, I am. And I have not talked to you about  
32 somebody having access to my office.  
33 Have we had any discussions about this agenda item at all?  
34 You and I?  
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: No.  
36 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.  
37 So you had said other elected officials had talked to you  
38 about access to their offices.  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
40 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I want to be on the record stating, I



1 don't think that somebody should have access to my office.

2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, I -- we're not going -- we  
4 wouldn't be --

5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And we're not approving --

6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- without --

7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that.

8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the elected --

9 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I --

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- officials.

11 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- I know. But that -- but I'm just  
12 trying to tell you that -- that I am also on board with the  
13 other complaints that you had from maybe other elected  
14 officials. I don't know --

15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

16 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- who you talked to. I know you and I  
17 didn't talk.

18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I was one --

19 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I thought this agenda item. I was not.

20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well, --

21 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So --

22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- I'm just trying to --

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So what are the other  
24 complaints, then?

25 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: The other complaints, I don't -- you  
26 know, I'm not sure. That is the court area of the -- of the  
27 building. And we're not -- we're not here as -- as the court.  
28 And I talked to Judge Shirley about this -- about -- because we  
29 were unsure how this was going to come in on the lock box thing  
30 because we didn't have any -- any understanding. One, we  
31 weren't invited to the meeting to find out.

32 I know that Robert and I had talked about it previously.

33 And so -- and it's back on the agenda. But I thought it was  
34 a dead issue after the last commission said, no, we're not doing  
35 that.

36 So -- but it's a new commission, new decisions, whatever you  
37 want to make.

38 I just want to make sure that -- that the courts are involved  
39 if you're going to make court decisions. Whomever the judges are,  
40 it doesn't matter. The courts belong to them just like the



1 sheriff's office belongs to him. And without including those  
2 people -- it might be nice to include them to have an  
3 understanding what's going on so I don't have to come in here and  
4 take up 15 or 20 minutes of time.

5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Been more like 35, 40, but that --

6 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay. That's fine. I'll take an hour if  
7 need be.

8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, and I don't exactly feel that  
9 it's so much the courts are involved. This is -- this is --

10 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It is the courtrooms --

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- public --

12 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- the courtrooms. It's the courtrooms  
13 and the holding cells that the courtrooms are in charge of.  
14 It's not the sheriff's office when they come up to utilize the  
15 court jail cells.

16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And so if they --

18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, --

19 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: If they --

20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- I would --

21 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: If they had --

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- hope --

23 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- a safety --

24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- they --

25 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- issue --

26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I would hope that in the future that they  
27 do include you in those --

28 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Well, and --

29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- conversations.

30 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- and -- and we would have to come to  
31 the commission to change --

32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --

33 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- to change the building too. You guys  
34 are in charge of the building. But it sure would have been nice  
35 for the courts to be involved, to be able to have an  
36 understanding of what was going here and st- -- because it  
37 doesn't even say anything about the courthouse. It says the  
38 Administration Building. I mean, it doesn't say anything about  
39 the courtrooms or anything. But I know that Mr. Unger had a  
40 conversation --



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

2 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- with Mr. Shirley on Tuesday about  
3 making sure that we have guns in this building, just like you  
4 guys have decided to make sure that there are guns in your  
5 commission meeting due to an incident you had with a local  
6 resident at one point in time. You requested a gun in your --  
7 your c- -- meeting rooms when you're having meetings. And the  
8 sheriff's office has provided that.

9 And we -- we, on the other hand, would like the same thing  
10 --

11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

12 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- to do that. We don't want to have to  
13 do -- the two judges don't want to have to do what they've done  
14 in Elko, which is shut the whole entire building down and no  
15 guns come in whatsoever. I don't think the judg- -- Judge  
16 Shirley and myself are not on that -- that vote.

17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

18 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: That's going to cost the county a lot of  
19 money to have security --

20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And again, --

21 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- out here in the front.

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- it doesn't -- you know, we're not  
23 talking about doing that.

24 So let me ask, do you -- do you have any objection to the  
25 sheriff's department having access to the public areas of the  
26 building?

27 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I -- I don't.

28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Do you have any objection to them  
29 having a lock box down in the inmate hallway?

30 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You know, the only concern I have is  
31 that -- that I just don't know how long it's going to be there.  
32 I don't know how -- if it's -- I don't know where it's going to  
33 be put. And I'm assuming it's going to be put by the door as  
34 you enter in after it closes. You know, I -- I mean, the safety  
35 issue is up to them.

36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

37 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: If somebody gets -- gets knocked --

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, --

39 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- down --

40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- and --



1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- on that.  
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- on the -- the lock box issue, I  
3 would think that you'd come back with some ideas on how you  
4 would want it situated in there anyway. Don't you think?  
5 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: As -- as --  
6 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yeah, they're not that --  
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And a --  
8 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- big.  
9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- design and --  
10 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It's probably -- is it's an exterior lock  
11 box and not an --  
12 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Same ones we use --  
13 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- interior.  
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.  
15 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- with our office.  
16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So --  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --  
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So you can talk to our --  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- can --  
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- judges --  
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you tell us --  
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- about it.  
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Have you -- have you developed some sort  
24 of procedure for bringing inmates in and using the lock box?  
25 SHERIFF RON UNGER: We've got --  
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: What's the process going to be?  
27 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Not with the lock box yet. Am I  
28 correct? But we will.  
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So you're going to develop something?  
30 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yes, it was something --  
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
32 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- that we was under the understanding  
33 it was going to happen two years ago.  
34 So we've discussed this with Max in the past.  
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
36 SHERIFF RON UNGER: And it's something that we just need to  
37 get done. Because several years ago, we didn't have the amount  
38 of prisoners in jail as we do now.  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah, because --  
40 SHERIFF RON UNGER: You know.



1           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

2           SHERIFF RON UNGER: So it was a real simple process. It  
3 was one at a time.

4           And now, with what we have today that we didn't have  
5 yesterday, is we have an abundance of prisoners that we're running  
6 back and forth until noon. We try to -- Judge Shirley has been  
7 very gracious with us because of the -- the way his calendar's  
8 written up, we try to do all of our prisoners first. So we can do  
9 that, send my people home or send them back to their regular jobs.

10          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

11          SHERIFF RON UNGER: What we're having to do now, which is  
12 sometimes a -- a pain is, because of the lack of people, we have  
13 to bring all those prisoners into the courtroom, set them down  
14 alongside of us to where we can watch them and they do their  
15 thing, put them back and forth, and then get a deputy when  
16 they're freed up to run them back and forth. So it's an issue  
17 for us is what it amounts to.

18          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do you -- do you know how many lock boxes  
19 you're going to need?

20          SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well, it -- our lock boxes, they  
21 come -- they're different sizes. They hold a weapon and the  
22 knives and the keys. And I would imagine a box of four or a box  
23 of two, you know.

24          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

25          SHERIFF RON UNGER: Because it -- probably two would be the  
26 most we'd have.

27          So it'd be a --

28          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

29          SHERIFF RON UNGER: It would be a box probably 12 by 6, I  
30 would say, and maybe four inches deep is all it would be.

31          CHAIRMAN MILLS: So you need -- you need space for two --  
32 two weapons.

33          SHERIFF RON UNGER: You put one weapon in this one and lock  
34 it up. And you keep the key. And then a weapon --

35          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

36          SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- in this one and lock it up.

37          CHAIRMAN MILLS: And I -- I imagine, in my head here, that  
38 a deputy's going to come in and lock his weapon and keys and  
39 whatever in a box. If another deputy's coming, there's another  
40 box for him to use.



1 SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's correct.  
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And each deputy would have their  
3 individual box they use that day.  
4 SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's correct.  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
6 SHERIFF RON UNGER: And they would --  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do you think you --  
8 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- only lock it --  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And you think you're just going to need  
10 two of them?  
11 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yes. And it'd only lock those in -- in  
12 there when they have several prisoners. If we've got one or two  
13 prisoners, we're golden with going up. We got more than that,  
14 going to lock it up.  
15 But we--  
16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So you don't want --  
17 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- may change --  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you don't --  
19 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- that --  
20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- want the prisoners --  
21 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- in our --  
22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- ganging up --  
23 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- policies --  
24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- on the deputy in the elevator.  
25 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Yes. Absolutely.  
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Easy enough.  
27 SHERIFF RON UNGER: So --  
28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So are you okay with that --  
29 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah, I'd --  
30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- so far, Max?  
31 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- be -- the only other question I would  
32 have is: What type of keys are we talking about? Are we  
33 talking about hard keys? Or are we talking about card keys?  
34 And how many?  
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I'd imagine the lock box is going to be a  
36 hard key.  
37 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: No, no, no, no.  
38 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Wait a minute.  
39 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I'm just --  
40 SHERIFF RON UNGER: He's -- he's talking about --



1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I'm talking --  
2 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- access.  
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- about the access to the --  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, the access.  
5 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- building.  
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, for the front doors, you're probably  
7 going to need to have to have a hard key because -- well, there  
8 is the one side has those --  
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The same kind the commissioners --  
10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- (indiscernible) things.  
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- have.  
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.  
13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.  
14 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: So --  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because that'll work on the side -- on the  
16 side --  
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The PA key.  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- door over here. It'll work on the back  
19 door.  
20 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Our suggestion would be so you  
21 can track who comes in and out is use your proximity card key  
22 system.  
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
24 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We can actually program because  
25 the -- your cards and the cards that we use at the sheriff's  
26 office are compatible. Because I've added the janitorial staff  
27 to our system. So if our cards -- cards are compatible, I can  
28 supply a list of numbers for the employees' cards, the deputies.  
29 And it only has to be put into your system and you can see  
30 exactly who came in. Because they have to swipe their own card.  
31 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So -- I'm putting in their card -- or I'm  
32 taking their card and putting into it our system?  
33 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: That would be my suggestion.  
34 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.  
35 SHERIFF RON UNGER: I've got one question, Max. And this  
36 is for you. This -- this door at the end of the hallway, can we  
37 access that from the outside?  
38 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Not with a card key. Because there's --  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's a --  
40 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- no card key --



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that's a --  
2 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- here.  
3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- hard key on that one.  
4 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Could -- could --  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I think the same on this other side too --  
6 right? -- down by the --  
7 SHERIFF RON UNGER: So that's something we'd --  
8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- recorder's --  
9 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- want to look --  
10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- office.  
11 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- at.  
12 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Yeah, the --  
13 SHERIFF RON UNGER: We may also need a --  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Those --  
15 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- hard key.  
16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- those two on the ends of the building  
17 are --  
18 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You're thinking --  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- all --  
20 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- Oscar --  
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- hard --  
22 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- needs --  
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- keys.  
24 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- the card key for all those?  
25 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well --  
26 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Or just -- because that's -- those are a  
27 PA key, which gives them a -- I mean, they have the same issue  
28 with that.  
29 If you need three or four of those where you're giving them  
30 just to certain people --  
31 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well, first off, it was a question,  
32 number one, if it was a --  
33 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Okay.  
34 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- key or -- or the deal.  
35 And the reason I look at that, --  
36 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: It's a hard key.  
37 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- if I'm coming from my office and I  
38 got an issue in one of -- in this hallway, I could be down this  
39 hallway in just a matter --  
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.



1 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- of seconds as opposed to running  
2 through here. And if there's an active --  
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You can't open that --  
4 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- shooter, --  
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- door from the --  
6 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- we're --  
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- outside, though, --  
8 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- we're putting us at --  
9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- can you?  
10 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- risk.  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, you can do the --  
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The side door.  
13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: You can do stairwell access.  
14 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: The stairwell access is -- is a key-only.  
15 SHERIFF RON UNGER: That's the one that goes up to Mr. --  
16 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: But --  
17 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- Teddy's --  
18 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- I mean --  
19 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- office.  
20 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So if there's four of those, is that good  
21 for you guys? Because, I mean, your cop cars are coming in the  
22 front door, probably not the side door.  
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
24 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Well, it depends on where --  
25 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Right.  
26 SHERIFF RON UNGER: -- they're at.  
27 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Right.  
28 SHERIFF RON UNGER: You know, if something happens during  
29 the day, there's -- there's two or three of us is going to come  
30 over here immediately. And we're going to want to get in the  
31 quickest door we can.  
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Any other --  
33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- public comment?  
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So, Max, let me -- let me finish just one  
36 last question. Because we've covered the access to the public  
37 areas of the building. We've covered the lock box. And then --  
38 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Uh-huh.  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- the last one is, then, the video. And  
40 it seems like --



1 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: Right.  
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you're supportive of the video --  
3 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: I am --  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- idea.  
5 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: -- supportive of the video. I'm -- I'm  
6 just --  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
8 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: You -- originally the way that it was  
9 planned is that each office underneath the -- the counter has  
10 a -- an alarm.  
11 And when that alarm goes off, it -- it sends a message to the  
12 dispatch. And I don't know what sound it makes. It makes some  
13 sort of sound to direct the dispatcher's attention to that area or  
14 to that screen that says Door Number X is -- or this office has  
15 got a problem.  
16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
17 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: And so -- and then that tells the  
18 sheriff's department, send them up to the DA's office, for  
19 example.  
20 And they go up to the DA's office. But if it goes off in the  
21 middle of the night, we know somebody probably did not pull that  
22 alarm. And that's what happened previously. And I would call  
23 Ted. And Ted would say, go ahead and go in.  
24 And then I would -- when I got through going through the  
25 building or through that office when law enforcement was with me,  
26 we'd go through that office. And when we got done, I'd call Ted  
27 and say, Ted, there was no issues in there. We had to re- -- we  
28 pulled the alarm. We reset it a couple of times.  
29 And every counter has those and they're strategically  
30 placed throughout the building. One may even be close to one of  
31 the commissioners.  
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
33 JUDGE MAX BUNCH: So -- so what happens when you pull that,  
34 there's a room number that goes to them. Dispatch has a -- a  
35 list of room numbers and doors and -- and what that goes to so  
36 they actually know. And then because of all the moving around  
37 in the building that -- that you guys have allowed to happen,  
38 district court, NHP, all that stuff, I have an updated list that  
39 I've been working on that -- that needs to go to the sheriff's  
40 office. Because there were, like, two doors that for some



1 reason we didn't have on there, but we're going to make sure  
2 that those are on there. And so there's a list and each  
3 department that has responsibility for that door.

4 So if it's the administration, then if something happens in  
5 the administration, they pull up Keith. And Keith can come down  
6 and open the doors and -- and go into the -- that area. You're  
7 still going to have to call somebody to come into the office.

8 So --

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Unless they see an immediate threat.  
10 Yes.

11 I got --

12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it.

14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do we have -- do we have any other public  
15 comment on this?

16 So we have a motion and a second on the floor.

17 All those in favor?

18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Thank you very much.

24 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Thank you, Max.

25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I just got --

26 SHERIFF RON UNGER: Thank you.

27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Take a break for a minute.

28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. Take a break.

30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Austin?

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32 (Break taken from 11:22 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.)

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34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Bring it back to order.  
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1     **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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3     6)     **Update from the Battle Mountain Livestock Advisory Board, and**  
4           **all other matters properly related thereto.**

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6           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number 6. Update from Battle  
7 Mountain Livestock Advisory Board, and all other matters  
8 properly related thereto.

9           COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think he went outside. He's right  
10 there. He's coming in.

11          SHERIFF RON UNGER: Do you want me to go get him? He's  
12 standing outside?

13          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sure.

14          COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. I -- should be coming --

15          CHAIRMAN MILLS: He's -- I think he's --

16          SHERIFF RON UNGER: Who is it?

17          CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- heading back.

18          COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Casey.

19          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Casey.

20          COMMISSIONER WAITS: Timing is everything.

21          COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.

22          UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

23          UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Casey, you're up.

24          COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Casey, you're up.

25          CASEY GUNTHER: Fantastic.

26          Casey Gunther, for the record.

27          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We've opened the agenda item so --

28          CASEY GUNTHER: Okay.

29          CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we're ready for you.

30          CASEY GUNTHER: I didn't request the agenda item. So what  
31 do I -- who has --

32          CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.

33          CASEY GUNTHER: -- who has the information?

34          CHAIRMAN MILLS: We were expecting you to have the  
35 information.

36          CASEY GUNTHER: So what --

37          DEONILLA FULLER: Okay. Nilla Fuller, for the record.

38          I sent him an email asking if could give an update, and he  
39 said yes.

40          CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.



1 DEONILLA FULLER: So I thought you had an update for us.  
2 CASEY GUNTHER: Well, what's the update require? Let's put  
3 --  
4 What do you want?  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We just want to --  
6 CASEY GUNTHER: Just to ask the --  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- know what --  
8 CASEY GUNTHER: -- advisory board --  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- what's going on --  
10 CASEY GUNTHER: -- is?  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- with --  
12 We're just -- want know what's going on with the --  
13 CASEY GUNTHER: Okay.  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Livestock Advisory Board.  
15 CASEY GUNTHER: Well, you're looking at the only two  
16 members of the advisory board right now: Jason Clark --  
17 JASON CLARK: Jason Clark, for the record.  
18 CASEY GUNTHER: -- and myself.  
19 JASON CLARK: Uh-huh.  
20 CASEY GUNTHER: The other two members we had, previously,  
21 resigned.  
22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And I thought -- I thought we had an item  
23 for appointing new board members for that.  
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: We need to wait and see. There's --  
25 there was discussion you guys are going to form a -- a club, a  
26 501(c)(3) club, similar to what we have with the motorcycle --  
27 motocross track. If that's the case, then it's -- it's a  
28 different situation. So --  
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, okay.  
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- part of this update is: Are you guys  
31 going down that road to --  
32 JASON CLARK: Okay.  
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- be like the motocross club?  
34 CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.  
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: And if you're not, we'll advertise for  
36 -- to fill the vacant board seats.  
37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Well --  
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
39 CASEY GUNTHER: So with that, --  
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It --



1 CASEY GUNTHER: -- what --  
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'm sorry. If they decide to form a  
3 501(c)(3) club, then are we looking at disbanding the Livestock  
4 Advisory Board? Or --  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.  
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- do we advertise for a whole new  
7 group of board members?  
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: Is it disbanding?  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's what we're --  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: In other words, --  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- trying --  
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do we keep the --  
13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to decide.  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- board --  
15 CASEY GUNTHER: No.  
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and they are separate? Or do we --  
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I -- I --  
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do away --  
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- guess --  
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- with the board and they --  
21 CASEY GUNTHER: The --  
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- replace --  
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We're --  
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it?  
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- we're -- we're depending on board  
26 members to tell us whether or not we've got a board?  
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, the board members know we  
28 don't have a board. We -- we -- we have two members of the  
29 board.  
30 CASEY GUNTHER: Correct.  
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Like what -- what the chairman  
32 wanted to do is -- is sit -- and -- and listen to what the  
33 board, the two board members have to say about what their --  
34 their future --  
35 Casey was thinking about getting off the board.  
36 CASEY GUNTHER: Possibly.  
37 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So we wanted to find out how  
38 many board members we needed to pick. Because we -- right now  
39 the ordinance says we have the advisory board. We're going to  
40 have to pick an advisory board.



1           Sometime in the future if you want to convert it into a  
2 501(c)(3), I mean, you can do that. But you have to have a -- a  
3 standing advisory board during that time.

4           But we don't know how many members we need to pick. So I  
5 believe that -- when I talked to Doug -- that was one of our  
6 main thrusts here, to see how many people are on the board. Are  
7 they going to remain on the board? And how many members we have  
8 to pick.

9           CASEY GUNTHER: So right now I can tell you what I've been  
10 discussing and what Jason, myself -- and I discussed with some  
11 of the other folks, is that we would like to keep the advisory  
12 board intact, advise -- or advertise for the needed five  
13 members.

14           My wish is to stay on the board until we get some things  
15 accomplished. And then my work schedule might not allow me to be  
16 in town a lot.

17           But as far as the 501(c)(3) goes, in discussing with other  
18 partners and -- and friends and people around town that leaving  
19 that up to private citizens to form their own clubs, whether it be  
20 roping club, gymkhana clubs, and actual rodeo clubs where their  
21 sole purpose to bring events in.

22           At that point in time, they would come to the advisory  
23 board, let us know what they want to -- what they want to do,  
24 and then the board come to the commission and update you on it,  
25 let you know about it, and get your approval for those events.

26           But right now we're three members short to have a full board.  
27 So we haven't had a board meeting in some time.

28           JASON CLARK: Four months.

29           COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Are we advertising for --

30           KEITH WESTENGARD: As soon as we know how many to advertise  
31 for, that's what we'll do. So it sounds like three.

32           COMMISSIONER WAITS: Three.

33           CASEY GUNTHER: Correct.

34           COMMISSIONER WAITS: I didn't realize --

35           CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

36           COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that you were short those members.  
37 So --

38           CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.

39           COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- thank you. And we'll see what we  
40 can do.



1 We'll start recruiting.  
2 MONTE PRICE: Monte Price.  
3 I believe it has been advertised. It's in the paper right  
4 now. It's just seeking --  
5 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yes.  
6 MONTE PRICE: -- board members.  
7 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Sadie Sullivan, for the record.  
8 I think Nilla was maybe going to double-check on that for  
9 sure. But it's been advertised. I think some of the letters  
10 came in after the close of it.  
11 So I don't know. We'd have to get approval. But I think  
12 mentioned to somebody, maybe it was Nilla, on those, are we  
13 allowed to advertise for the boards and put instead of a closing  
14 date "until filled"?  
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.  
16 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Accepting applications until  
17 filled?  
18 We have to have a close date?  
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.  
20 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay. So it's been advertised. I  
21 believe the letters came in after the close of that. And so  
22 that's why it's going to have to go back out again.  
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: Because we -- we only had advertised at  
24 the time, I believe, for one?  
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I don't --  
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: So --  
27 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: So if we have to be --  
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Why would we only --  
29 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- specific --  
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- advertise for one? Why wouldn't we  
31 just --  
32 KEITH WESTENGARD: That's --  
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- advertise for --  
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: Because we didn't know how many openings  
35 --  
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- vacancies.  
37 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- there were for sure. Now we know  
38 there's three. She just left.  
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think --  
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I know, but --



1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- at the time --  
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- what I'm --  
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to (indiscernible) one --  
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- saying --  
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- of them.  
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is --  
7 CASEY GUNTHER: I believe at the time --  
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is you just -- excuse me --  
9 CASEY GUNTHER: Sorry.  
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- is you advertise --  
11 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Accepting letters of --  
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You could get --  
13 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- interest for this one?  
14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- 20 for one position. You don't  
15 just say we have one opening. You say we have -- we -- we need  
16 letters of interest for --  
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: But we --  
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- this board.  
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: In the past we've said how many openings  
20 we have on -- in the advertisement.  
21 We had one that we knew of in the past.  
22 So we advertised for one opening. Now we know we have three.  
23 We can say -- are we supposed to say? May I refer to legal on  
24 this? Are we supposed to reference the number of openings we  
25 have? Or do we need to note that?  
26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If you have -- if you have  
27 certain -- like we have three openings right now. You should  
28 reference three openings.  
29 The commissioner is correct that you can advertise every  
30 year for anybody that's interested. And then when there's an  
31 opening, you have -- you have a card index or an index of people  
32 who are interested. That can be done.  
33 But when you have certain amount of openings you, need to  
34 advertise for those openings.  
35 If that answers the question.  
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: So that's how that came about.  
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: So we're --  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: (Indiscernible.)  
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- putting in for three openings right



1 now.

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Nilla's out sending the advertisement to  
5 the paper.

6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Mr. Price, you had another comment?

7 MONTE PRICE: Yeah. I would think Nilla knows this,  
8 answers this. But I believe in the paper, when it was  
9 advertised, it said board openings for the rodeo grounds board,  
10 the planning commission board.

11 I -- I didn't -- I think it just said "board openings" and  
12 listed the boards that had openings. I don't know that it  
13 said --

14 DEONILLA FULLER: It said --

15 MONTE PRICE: -- one opening --

16 DEONILLA FULLER: -- livestock.

17 MONTE PRICE: Yeah.

18 DEONILLA FULLER: They had separate ones. One was  
19 livestock. One was planning.

20 MONTE PRICE: Okay. But did the ad say we had one opening?  
21 Or it said words --

22 DEONILLA FULLER: Typically it specifies how many openings  
23 we have.

24 I think the last time I advertised for livestock, it only  
25 had two openings. Now we have three.

26 MONTE PRICE: Okay. And I don't -- I don't remember. I  
27 guess, did it say that number of openings? I thought it just  
28 said board openings and listed the --

29 DEONILLA FULLER: It said --

30 MONTE PRICE: -- livestock.

31 DEONILLA FULLER: -- it said (indiscernible) on there. I  
32 know because I just edited it so I could send --

33 MONTE PRICE: I'll go get --

34 DEONILLA FULLER: -- it off.

35 MONTE PRICE: All right. That's (indiscernible) how I know  
36 that.

37 DEONILLA FULLER: Yeah.

38 MONTE PRICE: All right.

39 DEONILLA FULLER: And they closed -- last one closed  
40 January 19<sup>th</sup>. And we didn't actually get any applications for



1 it for the following week. That's why we'll be advertising it.  
2 I do have those letters.  
3 MONTE PRICE: Okay.  
4 DEONILLA FULLER: So what (indiscernible).  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We'll get those advertised.  
6 CASEY GUNTHER: To give a background on that, they were  
7 advertising for one opening since Rick Gobel was removed from  
8 that.  
9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.  
11 CASEY GUNTHER: And they continued advertising for it. And  
12 they never got it before. So that's --  
13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, that's been --  
14 CASEY GUNTHER: -- when I --  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- a while --  
16 CASEY GUNTHER: -- started.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- too. Okay.  
18 CASEY GUNTHER: Correct. That was the point I was trying  
19 to make. But --  
20 And then also updatewise, just to let the commission know,  
21 we've had a lot -- and Mr. Ramos can -- can help with this as well  
22 because he's the main reason for it. But we've had a lot of good  
23 word coming our way about the state of the rodeo grounds, the  
24 improvements we've made.  
25 A lot of that's due to -- to Bert Ramos. He's been right  
26 alongside with us, listening to the -- to the public and making  
27 adjustments.  
28 They had a high school rodeo there in September. And  
29 overwhelming support. And just said it was the best high school  
30 rodeo they've seen in years. The facility was --  
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Good.  
32 CASEY GUNTHER: -- great. So just to play in on that.  
33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Awesome.  
34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, that's -- that's actually kind of  
35 impressive that you make that much improvement with a short  
36 board.  
37 CASEY GUNTHER: Uh-huh.  
38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And you're -- sounds like you're doing  
39 some good things over there. So that's good.  
40 CASEY GUNTHER: I'm trying.



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We'll get those -- we'll get those  
2 three readvertised. Hopefully we'll get some interest and get  
3 them filled and -- and continue on.

4 CASEY GUNTHER: And I'll let the board know as soon as I  
5 can of whether or not I can stay on the board.

6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Awesome.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Casey.

9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: See you.

11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Appreciate it.

12 CASEY GUNTHER: Yep.  
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#### 15 PUBLIC WORKS 16

- 17 7) Discussion for possible action regarding the Battle Mountain  
18 Water Transmission Main 2018 Project located on 26th Street  
19 and Allen Road and to award the project to one of the  
20 following: a) Canyon Construction: base bid \$2,054,291.81,  
21 alternate bid \$1,162,269.48; b) Hunewill Construction: base  
22 bid \$1,507,123.00, alternate bid \$563,119.00; c) Q&D  
23 Construction: base bid \$1,900,000.00, alternate bid  
24 \$645,000.00; and all other matters properly related thereto.  
25

26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Item Number 7. Discussion for  
27 possible action regarding the Battle Mountain Water Transmission  
28 Main 2018 Project located on 26th Street and Allen Road and to  
29 award the project to one of the following: a) Canyon  
30 Construction: base bid \$2,054,291.81, alternate bid  
31 \$1,162,269.48; b) Hunewill Construction: base bid \$1,507,123,  
32 alternate bid \$563,119; c) Q&D Construction: base bid  
33 \$1,900,000, alternate bid \$645,000; and all other matters  
34 properly related thereto.

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Bert, I got to ask you this right  
36 away. What's a base bid and what's an alternative bid?

37 BERT RAMOS: Okay. So the base bid is just for the bare  
38 minimum to complete a project. The alternatives we put in  
39 there -- if the bids come in low and we have a budget to fulfill  
40 them, then we get the bells and whistles.



1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Thank you.  
2 BERT RAMOS: Okay. So --  
3 Bert Ramos.  
4 The -- obviously, I think in your guys' packets our  
5 recommendation is -- is Hunewill Construction. Their total bid  
6 was 2,070,242. And it's over a million dollars cheaper than the  
7 highest bid.  
8 I don't know the exact numbers' difference between the second  
9 bid. But we did have a prebid meeting. We had nine contractors  
10 show up and look at the job. We only had these three bid it. And  
11 their numbers are great. We have the budget for it. So hopefully  
12 we can get the award.  
13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. With that, I'll make a motion  
14 to approve Battle Mountain Water Transmission Main 2018 Project  
15 located on 26th Street and Allen Road and award the project to  
16 Hunewill Construction and the base bid of \$1,507,123 in the  
17 alternate bid in \$563,119.  
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do we need to sp- -- do we need to specify  
20 in the motion that we want to do the -- the base bid and the  
21 alternate?  
22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I just made the motion to approve --  
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: He just made a motion --  
24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- both --  
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- to include --  
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.  
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- both --  
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We just --  
29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- of them.  
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- approve of them.  
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So no.  
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh. Oh, okay. All right.  
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And -- I mean, you could put "not to  
34 exceed the \$2,070,242. Is that what you want?  
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: No, that's not what I want. I just.  
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh. Okay.  
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: It wasn't clicking in my head that we were  
38 approving both. Okay.  
39 Sean made a motion. Art seconded.  
40 Do we have any public comment?



1 (No comment.)

2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

8 BERT RAMOS: Thank -- thank you guys very much.

9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Bert, you spend a lot of money.

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But you're making great improvements.

11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Man.

12 BERT RAMOS: Oh, trust me.

13

14 8) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove a  
15 modified contract between Lander County and Land Venture  
16 Partners, LLC, for the Battle Mountain Airport water line  
17 project, and all other matters properly related thereto.  
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19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number 8. Discussion for possible  
20 action to approve/disapprove a modified contract between Lander  
21 County and Land Venture Partners, LLC, for the Battle Mountain  
22 Airport water line project, and all other matters properly  
23 related thereto.

24 BERT RAMOS: Okay. As you guys know, that contract was  
25 before you last time. We came back with the changes, which is  
26 just APN numbers. So hoping for approval on that as well.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we approve the  
28 modified contract between Lander County and Land Venture  
29 Partners, LLC, for the Battle Mountain Airport water line  
30 project and authorize the chair to sign.

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll second Patsy's motion.

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, Art.

34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay, mat- -- Patsy made a motion. Art  
35 seconded.

36 I was going to try to think of dumb -- some dumb question  
37 to ask, but I couldn't think of one. So we'll --

38 BERT RAMOS: Okay.

39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- just go to public comment.

40 (No comment.)



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?  
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.  
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.  
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.  
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And, Isaac, you want to come up here  
8 and introduce yourself real quick --  
9 ISAAC MORRISON: Sure.  
10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- before you get off the hook that  
11 easy?  
12 So everyone knows you're real and not --  
13 ISAAC MORRISON: Yeah.  
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- just --  
15 ISAAC MORRISON: For the record, Isaac Morrison, president,  
16 Battle Mountain Land Company.  
17 I just want to clarify that the contract should be between  
18 Battle Mountain Land Company and the county and not Land Venture  
19 Partners. That was a change that was made some weeks ago under  
20 the first revision.  
21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
22 ISAAC MORRISON: So just wanted for clarification.  
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you want me to redo my motion?  
24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do we need to redo a motion --  
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah.  
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- on that?  
27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Please.  
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So the proper name is not Land  
29 Venture Partners?  
30 ISAAC MORRISON: That should be in the -- in the updated  
31 contract that the --  
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm just going by off the agenda.  
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.  
34 ISAAC MORRISON: Oh.  
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I di- --  
36 ISAAC MORRISON: Okay.  
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I didn't go --  
38 ISAAC MORRISON: Oh, I --  
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- by the contract.  
40 ISAAC MORRISON: Okay.



1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So let me pull it.  
2 BERT RAMOS: I apologize.  
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So what's the -- what's the correct  
4 title? Battle Mountain --  
5 ISAAC MORRISON: Battle Mountain Land Company, LLC.  
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Land Company.  
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. We brought you in to make  
8 the corrections.  
9 ISAAC MORRISON: Yeah.  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. Right.  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.  
12 ISAAC MORRISON: Well, I just want to thank you guys for  
13 being -- all your cooperation as well. It's been ver- -- real  
14 pleasant to work with you guys. So --  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thanks.  
16 ISAAC MORRISON: Yeah.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Look forward to seeing something happening  
18 there.  
19 ISAAC MORRISON: Yeah. We are --  
20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's great.  
21 ISAAC MORRISON: -- too.  
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Page 91, Patsy.  
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm on 91. I'm looking.  
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: At the very top of the page.  
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: There it is. Battle Mountain Land  
26 Company.  
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.  
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
29 ISAAC MORRISON: Yeah.  
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: All right. One mo- -- one new motion  
31 again. Okay.  
32 And I make a motion we approve the modified contract between  
33 Battle Mountain Land Company, LLC, designated as the owner, and  
34 Lander County for the Battle Mountain Airport water line project,  
35 and authorize the chair to sign.  
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.  
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Patsy made a motion. Art seconded.  
38 All in favor?  
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.  
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.  
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.  
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.  
5 BERT RAMOS: Thank you, Patsy --  
6 ISAAC MORRISON: Thank you.  
7 BERT RAMOS: -- and Isaac.  
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, --  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.  
10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Isaac.  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thanks.  
12 ISAAC MORRISON: Yep. Nice to meet you guys.  
13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yep.  
14 Get these things right.  
15

16 9) Update from Public Works regarding the status of projects,  
17 and all other matters properly related thereto.  
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19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number 9. Update from Public Works  
20 regarding the status of projects, and all other matters properly  
21 related thereto.

22 BERT RAMOS: Okay. This one I'm going to bounce all over  
23 the place. But --

24 So we -- last week we had our first official meeting with  
25 the CMAR for Well 9A, which is a golf course well.

26 And we have a couple well drillers we're -- that thing's  
27 coming together. Probably by the 15th of next month, we'll have  
28 that -- I'll be back in front of you with something on that as  
29 well as our Hill Top paving projects.

30 And then after that, the Austin park, we went up there and  
31 dug out a big chunk of the hill there for the stage that they've  
32 been requesting up in the -- in the park. And the guys, I  
33 believe, put some base in there yesterday. And we're getting the  
34 compaction on it. We'll start putting the wall up, probably mid  
35 next week, depending on when we get the concrete blocks in and  
36 pour the concrete following that. So it'll be -- it'll be nice  
37 little addition to the Austin park.

38 There are some -- some small ruts in the grass there from  
39 the heavy truck traffic both ways. We did put plywood and what  
40 we could down to try to -- try to keep that to a minimum, but



1 with the multiple loads and heavy hauling, it -- it did -- but  
2 that'll be cut out and cleaned up as well. Just in case  
3 complaints come your guys' way, we will take care of it.

4 We're busy budgeting on some -- on some other projects  
5 as -- as you guys just seen. This Hunewill bid just went out.  
6 And I think that the -- this Allen Road loop, we have some  
7 other -- trying to think of the right word here -- developers  
8 coming forward with additional money to supplement the county in  
9 these projects. So I think we're going to have 125,000,  
10 roughly, from Jay Wintle for his part of the road development.

11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

12 BERT RAMOS: And we will also be working, probably, with --  
13 Curt -- is it Curt Johnson?

14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, yeah.

15 BERT RAMOS: And --

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Curt --

17 BERT RAMOS: And --

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Dave Itza.

19 BERT RAMOS: And Dave Itza on -- on another part of that.  
20 That all will come back in front of you guys.

21 Today our water tanks are being dove in. Water's still good  
22 to drink. But they are diving in the tanks and doing a tank  
23 inspection you're supposed to do every five to seven years. So  
24 they're doing that today, let us know what kind of sediments we  
25 have at the bottom and if we need -- if we have any -- any  
26 failures so -- or things that could possibly fail. So that's just  
27 general information. Other --

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Scuba --

29 BERT RAMOS: -- than that, --

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- scuba diving --

31 BERT RAMOS: -- you know, --

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- in Lander County.

33 BERT RAMOS: Other than that, I think that everything's  
34 pretty well to go unless you guys have something you'd like me  
35 to budget for for this upcoming year that I'm unaware of.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I will ask, since you asked about the  
37 budget, are you doing anymore on the McGinness Hills? The  
38 road out there? Grass Valley?

39 BERT RAMOS: That's going to be in front of us on the next  
40 agenda. They -- they're proposing to put an additional pipeline



1 alongside of the road. Ormat is.  
2 I didn't feel that it was my decision to approve that.  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, no. I'm talking about the road.  
4 I'm sorry.  
5 Any -- are you -- are you doing --  
6 BERT RAMOS: Yes.  
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the road in --  
8 BERT RAMOS: I -- we'll --  
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the road --  
10 BERT RAMOS: -- yes --  
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- any --  
12 BERT RAMOS: -- we're proposing to do some more work on  
13 that --  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.  
15 BERT RAMOS: -- road.  
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's what I was asking, if it was on  
17 your budget.  
18 BERT RAMOS: Yes, it is on my budget.  
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
20 BERT RAMOS: And the other thing that I am throwing on my  
21 budget that I'm not sure how the commission's going to feel  
22 about -- but maybe now is a good time to ask -- is possibly  
23 putting aside some money, earmarking it for the Austin sewer and  
24 water, even though they're completely separate from us. But  
25 just earmarking that money in case -- case some of their grants  
26 don't come through. Because NDOT is going to pave that road  
27 whether they have grants or not.  
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Why don't you put it in on your budget  
29 and we can talk about it. How's that?  
30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah, I think so.  
31 BERT RAMOS: Okay.  
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.  
33 I --  
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think it'll be a good idea.  
35 BERT RAMOS: And -- and I don't want to offend anybody in  
36 Austin as well because I know that's their -- that's their deal  
37 and it's not -- it's not my place to step in. But I -- but I  
38 think that it's a safe thing for the county as a whole.  
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't think they have any trouble  
40 coming and asking us for money.



1       The -- the Austin swimming pool. I know last year was a -- a  
2 mess. You going to have swimming pool ready this year?  
3       BERT RAMOS: Yes. As we --  
4       COMMISSIONER CLARK: Are --  
5       BERT RAMOS: -- did last year, if we have --  
6       COMMISSIONER CLARK: Lifeguards.  
7       BERT RAMOS: -- lifeguards.  
8       COMMISSIONER CLARK: And people to go in the pool.  
9       BERT RAMOS: Yes. And -- and if -- even if --  
10      CHAIRMAN MILLS: Can't run it --  
11      BERT RAMOS: -- nobody jumps --  
12      CHAIRMAN MILLS: You can't run --  
13      BERT RAMOS: -- in --  
14      CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- it without --  
15      BERT RAMOS: -- the pool, we have lifeguards, --  
16      CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- employees.  
17      BERT RAMOS: -- we're good, Art.  
18      COMMISSIONER WAITS: We did get the new boiler, though;  
19 right? That came last year.  
20      BERT RAMOS: Yes, the boiler -- the -- the pool's itself is  
21 in good --  
22      COMMISSIONER WAITS: So the pool --  
23      BERT RAMOS: -- condition.  
24      COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- is set. We've -- we've done that  
25 part.  
26      BERT RAMOS: Yes.  
27      COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
28      BERT RAMOS: People.  
29      COMMISSIONER WAITS: Physically, we are ready.  
30      BERT RAMOS: Yep. Thank you very much.  
31      COMMISSIONER CLARK: Maybe we --  
32      CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you, --  
33      COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- should --  
34      CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Bert.  
35      COMMISSIONER CLARK: Maybe we should put a steel building  
36 over that pool.  
37      COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Bert.  
38      BERT RAMOS: Are you recommending budgeting, Art?  
39      COMMISSIONER CLARK: Budget. Put it in the budget. Let's  
40 see.



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
2 Our treasurer is out today, so we're going to table Item  
3 Number 10.  
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8 11) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove a policy  
9 within Lander County that requires a professional review on  
10 all projects, and all other matters properly related thereto.  
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12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 11. Discussion for possible action  
13 to approve/disapprove a policy within Lander County that  
14 requires a professional review of all projects, and all other  
15 matters properly related thereto.

16 You were trying to get up and leave.

17 BERT RAMOS: I was. I was hoping Gene was going to get  
18 suckered into one before I got back up here.

19 Okay. So the professional review in counties -- I think  
20 that the commissioners are aware of the last meeting when I --  
21 when I requested professional review of one of our engineers.

22 In small counties that don't have an engineer on staff to do  
23 review, it is common practice to have professional reviews done on  
24 your contract.

25 Now I did not put this on the record. But I am all for  
26 doing professional reviews on all contracts.

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I put it on the agenda.

28 BERT RAMOS: Okay.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So just --

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Over how much?

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, I -- I -- for a discussion to  
32 see if we want to. I know -- so I talked to Eureka County. And  
33 they do a professional review on every one of their engineers.  
34 It's Eureka County.

35 We did one on the courthouse, the golf course, the rec  
36 center. We do them -- all the FFA grants, all of the airport  
37 projects --

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh-huh.

39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- we do professional reviews.

40 So I just think we should adopt a policy to do all of



1 our engineers.

2 I don't under- -- I mean instead of just picking and choosing  
3 and ju- -- doing half or not half. Marty, you got something to  
4 say about that?

5 MARTY UGALDE: Thank you.

6 Marty Ugalde with Day Engineering. As a -- as an engineer  
7 that -- I'm involved with water and sewer projects all over the  
8 state.

9 And we are required -- actually, excuse me -- the entities  
10 that -- that I do projects for require third-party review in much  
11 of the rural counties. Because we do a lot of work for Eureka  
12 and, of course, Battle Mountain.

13 And in fact I wanted to also comment that the very first  
14 water and sewer project that I did for Lander County in 2015, I  
15 sent to Summit Engineering for review for their -- for their  
16 third party review and approval of the project before -- excuse  
17 me -- before it went to bid.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So what's a common price on a  
19 professional review?

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: More often than not.

21 MARTY UGALDE: Well, I -- I have done third-party review  
22 for Fernley, as a third-party review for a lot of the land  
23 development projects with water and sewer. And it's -- they --  
24 they charge a -- a flat rate of a thousand dollars for review of  
25 a set of plans. If it's a more involved set, then it's a  
26 time-and-materials after that. If it doesn't take that much  
27 time, they get a return on the deposit, depending on how much  
28 time it takes. But they charge a thousand dollars.

29 Washoe County, (indiscernible), Carson City, their fees are  
30 usually 2,000, 2500. It -- it varies based on the review that  
31 they're doing.

32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So it's minimal, though?

33 MARTY UGALDE: Pardon?

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's minimal.

35 MARTY UGALDE: It is minimal. Yeah.

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And -- and the purpose of this is just  
37 to make sure that everything's right?

38 MARTY UGALDE: Yeah.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's another set of eyes.

40 MARTY UGALDE: Yeah. Personally, for me, I welcome all



1 sets of eyes that are, you know, that could --  
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
3 MARTY UGALDE: -- possibly look at it because -- I -- it  
4 makes for a better project. And I feel better, personally.  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So who -- who would do this for us?  
6 How -- how does --  
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We have an --  
8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that work?  
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- attorney of -- or, I mean, we have  
10 a engineer of record right now, which obviously I don't think  
11 that they could review their own stuff.  
12 But as far as anybody else, is using our engineer of record,  
13 which is Summit.  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Almost any engineering company will do  
15 a --  
16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.  
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- review.  
18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It -- it depends on who's doing the  
19 work and what other engineer's available.  
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. What they're specializing in,  
21 --  
22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.  
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- whether it's water or airport or  
24 whatever they -- but there's lots of them around. It's not a  
25 problem getting anybody.  
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So --  
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just wondered if you wanted --  
29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: A dollar amount?  
30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: A dollar --  
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: A dollar --  
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- a dollar --  
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- amount.  
34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- limit on them.  
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.  
36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: 5,000?  
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: What -- what would your recommendation be?  
38 Because it's --  
39 KEITH WESTENGARD: A thousand or 2,000 --  
40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Two thousand?



1 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- dollars, Marty, --  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.  
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- on average?  
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well -- well, what's -- what's our --  
5 what's our guideline right now for going out to bid? Is it  
6 50,000 before we have to --  
7 KEITH WESTENGARD: Go out to bid.  
8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So that would --  
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Go out to --  
10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- mean --  
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- bid?  
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- pretty much every project in that case;  
13 right?  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, no. There's lots of projects we  
15 go out we don't have to go out for bid for.  
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, we've got -- we've got the money  
17 in the budget for professional services. And this would fall  
18 under professional services. And --  
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.  
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- and --  
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I'm saying --  
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- who knows --  
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- if we don't have to go to out to --  
24 to bid on things --  
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, like Marty's saying is, you  
26 know, it -- it's a thousand to 2,000, maybe 2500 per contract.  
27 It's not like we're going to have a whole lot of -- of these  
28 contracts that need to --  
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, but I don't --  
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- be reviewed.  
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- think we need to have it in that we  
32 are going to do it on every single one of them if we're not  
33 going out to bid. That's what I'm saying.  
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: But most of our projects, we -- we do go  
35 out to bid on.  
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The -- well, the huge ones. But  
37 what's our amount? 50,000?  
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: 50,000.  
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: 50,000.  
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.



1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
2 So if we're going out for 50,000 or more. Otherwise, we just  
3 do it to somebody around. We don't have to go out. We don't have  
4 to have an engineer, you know, redo it necessarily. So I'd say  
5 use -- use our 50,000.  
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So professional reviews on any  
7 project over 50,000?  
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll second that.  
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Or anytime we go out to bid, if you  
10 want to say that.  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Was that a -- was that a motion?  
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No one put that in a motion, but --  
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, he's just talking.  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.  
15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve that we  
16 do professional reviews on all projects over 50,000 --  
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh, I thought Patsy already did this  
18 one.  
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And this -- okay. Go ahead.  
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: No, I -- I -- maybe I wasn't totally  
21 listening right. I thought Patsy had made a motion. I  
22 seconded. But you were just talking? Okay.  
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.  
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Sorry.  
25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. All right. I made a motion,  
26 though.  
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And I'll second it.  
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Now, with that -- so when  
29 they, for public comment, with that, when you do a professional  
30 review, now where's that report go?  
31 Just back to whoever's bidding the project? Or --  
32 MARTY UGALDE: The -- the third-party review would be for  
33 the entity that requested of you.  
34 So if Lander County asks for a third-party review of a  
35 project, if I were doing the review, I would send that report  
36 back to Bert or Lander County --  
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.  
38 MARTY UGALDE: -- with my review comments, saying, these  
39 are things that I think need to be addressed in the design.  
40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Sean made a motion. Judie  
2 seconded. Do we have any public comment?

3 (No comment.)

4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

11 BERT RAMOS: Good deal.

12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, guys.

13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.

14 MARTY UGALDE: Thank you very much.

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Pershing County.

16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Just push on through?

17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.

18  
19 **12) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the**  
20 **easement agreement between Pershing County Water Conservation**  
21 **District and Lander County, and all other matters properly**  
22 **related thereto.**  
23

24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Item 12. Discussion for possible  
25 action to approve/disapprove the easement agreement between  
26 Pershing County Water Conservation District and Lander County,  
27 and all other matters properly related thereto.

28 KEITH WESTENGARD: This was -- this is the last document  
29 that needs to be put into place for the Pershing County water  
30 transfer -- or I'm sorry -- the Pershing County land transfer to  
31 Lander County, the 998 acres.

32 It has been reviewed by the DA. And it just needs  
33 signature. And we will complete that transition -- transaction.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do -- on the signature, do you want  
35 the executive director or the chair? I looked at that and I was  
36 unsure.

37 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, since the chair's here, I'd go  
38 ahead and have the chair sign it, I would --

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

40 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- recommend.



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So does this -- as I recall, we have to do  
2 a --  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We've --  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I don't know what you call it. A public  
5 project in -- in connection with receiving this land.  
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: This --  
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: And --  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: This --  
10 KEITH WESTENGARD: And --  
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's separate from all this?  
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, part of this whole deal is -- is  
13 we -- the commission authorized Frank Dimick to stay on.  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Uh-huh.  
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: And we work with SHPO, which is state  
16 historical land society -- state historical society -- in order  
17 to get everything put in place per the agreement.  
18 So once this is done, this, then we can proceed with the  
19 requirements that the historic preservation society wants --  
20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- and do what we need to do --  
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And then we need --  
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to --  
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to take care --  
25 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- fulfill --  
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- of it.  
27 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the requirements.  
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.  
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.  
30 I'll make a motion we approve the easement agreement between  
31 Pershing County Water Conservation District and Lander County, and  
32 authorize the chair to sign.  
33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.  
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Se- -- go ahead.  
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Patsy -- Patsy made a motion. Sean  
36 seconded.  
37 Do we have any public comment?  
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So this is basically just for the  
39 public access for the --  
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.



1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- pedestrians across the Humboldt  
2 River and the riparian and so forth. So --  
3 Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. All in favor?

5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

10  
11 13) Discussion for possible action to approve the 2017 Lander  
12 County Policy Plan for Federally Administered Lands (The  
13 Lander County Public Lands Plan), and all other matters  
14 properly related thereto.  
15

16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 13. Excuse me. Discussion for  
17 possible action to approve the 2017 Lander County Policy Plan  
18 for Federal Administration Lands, the Lander County plan --  
19 public land plan, and all other -- other matters properly  
20 related thereto.

21 KEITH WESTENGARD: This is the update that PLUAC and the  
22 planning commission have worked on. It has gone through PLUAC.  
23 It has gone through the planning commission.

24 Once this plan is -- is approved by the commission, it'll be  
25 combined with our county master plan. And then there will  
26 actually be a public comment at that time in order to hear public  
27 comment before it's adopted into the county.

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm going to -- Frank, do you have  
29 anything to say on Number 13?

30 Is Austin with us?

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Frank?

32 MITESHELL LANHAM: We're here.

33 FRANK WHITMAN: Yo.

34 MITESHELL LANHAM: Say that again.

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Number 13.

36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Number 13, Frank. Art wants to know  
37 if you have any comment.

38 FRANK WHITMAN: No, I don't.

39 But I also don't know all the details. So I -- I -- I would  
40 be -- I'm of ignorance of that one.



1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
2 MITESHELL LANHAM: Thirteen.  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's --  
4 FRANK WHITMAN: Oh, 13. I'm sorry.  
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. It's the one --  
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.  
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you guys approved. I know  
8 you're --  
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I know you're --  
11 FRANK WHITMAN: (Indiscernible.)  
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- not ignorant on --  
13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: You're taking --  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that one.  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you're taking us by surprise here.  
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Number --  
17 FRANK WHITMAN: (Indiscernible) something here. Yeah. Item  
18 Number 13.  
19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is the one we worked with --  
20 FRANK WHITMAN: Right. I'm -- I'm --  
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Paris.  
22 FRANK WHITMAN: If --  
23 Speaking as chair of the PLUAC, we have reviewed that. And  
24 we would li- -- encourage the commissioners to vote that up and to  
25 adopt it as a new federally administered lands plan. Thank you.  
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, Frank.  
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I do have a comment on it.  
28 Because I -- there are several things on there that -- that I  
29 think we need to take a look at. And some of them are just  
30 like -- well, I'll give you an example. Page 173. Over on  
31 Policy 15-11, it says, "The establishment of new specially  
32 designated lands" -- I don't want to do that one -- "is strongly  
33 opposed with consent from Lander County." And I thought it's --  
34 it's oppose "without."  
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Which -- which number, Patsy?  
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: 15-11. You want Lander County's  
37 consent. So there's a few things in there that I think our  
38 words are wrong. A few things that -- like a date was wrong.  
39 And one of them --  
40 So I guess my question is: If you pass this like it is --



1 well, use that same page, 173, Policy 15-12. "Lander County  
2 continues to support the development of the Kingston  
3 Administrative site for public use." And -- and I don't even  
4 know what an administrative site is.

5 There's just some things that are very light in questioning.  
6 And I have quite a list of them. So what I'm wondering is, if --  
7 if you pass it, can I go over kind of the nuts and bolts with  
8 Keith for some changes?

9 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah, and --

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, they -- just things that --

11 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah, and, Commissioner Waits what's --

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Grammatically and --

13 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. What'll happen is this is just  
14 approved -- now it's gone through --

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

16 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the PLUAC, planning, and the  
17 commission. There's actually going to be -- once it's combined  
18 and the master plan is updated, there'll actually --

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, no.

20 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- be --

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand --

22 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- public comment.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that too. But I'm saying for us to  
24 do it --

25 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, okay.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and let it go through like this, I  
27 don't --

28 KEITH WESTENGARD: I see.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- want it to. That's what --

30 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I'm saying.

32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I -- there's several things --

34 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: 15-11.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- in there I think that I have --

36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: You want to basically approve it with --  
37 and reserve --

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, that --

39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- the right to make some changes.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. Right. So I'm just



1 wondering -- but, I mean, the basic thing, we've added several  
2 new policies in here and stuff that are great.  
3 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Gene.  
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So the whole concept is, we need to go  
5 on.  
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I don't want to take time to go  
8 nitty-gritty now.  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: You don't want to -- you don't want to  
10 delay it all just because --  
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.  
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you want to make --  
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So -- so --  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- some -- some grammatical --  
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- can -- can --  
16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- changes --  
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we just do it --  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- or whatever.  
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- with some grammatically and light  
20 changes --  
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yes.  
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that will come before --  
24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.  
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- us?  
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I think that's fine. Because this --  
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: This isn't a final approval anyway.  
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. No, I know that.  
30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So we're --  
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I don't want it to go any  
32 further --  
33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- fine.  
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- without these.  
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I think we're fine to do that.  
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I'll make a motion to approve  
38 the 2017 Lander County policy plan for the federal administered  
39 lands and authorize Patsy and Keith to --  
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: To make it some light changes.



1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- make some light changes.  
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll second that.  
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Is that not good, Ted?  
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You can't approve -- you can't  
5 approve this if -- if you're going to make slight changes,  
6 because then it's a different document.  
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, it's grammatically. And like I  
8 said, the one says that -- that we oppose it with the consent of  
9 Lander County. It should read --  
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The motion says slight changes,  
11 --  
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we oppose it --  
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- not grammatical changes --  
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- without the consent.  
15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: With the amendments.  
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So do we want to defer this? And  
17 I'll --  
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.  
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- go through it?  
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yes.  
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, we would have to --  
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And bring it back?  
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We would --  
24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well --  
25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- have to make amendments now.  
26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I'll withdraw my --  
27 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.  
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- motion.  
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They're just mostly grammatically.  
30 But --  
31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Right.  
32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.  
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
34 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: If there's some --  
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: All right.  
36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- that -- yeah.  
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's fine.  
39 Because the final you said was going to come before you  
40 anyway. So --



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right. Do you know how long it might take  
2 you to do some of these changes?  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do.  
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do you know how long it'll take you to  
6 make some changes?  
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Too long for this meeting.  
8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
9 Have it by the next meeting, maybe?  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, absolutely. I mean, I can --  
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- sit down with Keith and we'll do it  
13 in a half an hour.  
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We'll -- we'll put it --  
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Or a little -- a little longer.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll table this one and put it on the  
18 next agenda.  
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: Defer?  
21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
22 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.  
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Defer it. Okay. We did Number 14.  
24  
25 15) Discussion for possible action regarding proposal of an  
26 ordinance amending Chapters 5.04, 5.06, and 5.24 of the  
27 Lander County Code to obtain business licenses from the  
28 Building and Planning Department instead of the Lander County  
29 Assessor's Office, and all other matters properly related  
30 thereto.  
31  
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're on Item Number 15. Discussion for  
33 possible action regarding the proposal of an ordinance amending  
34 cha- -- Chapters 5.04, 5.06, and 5.24 of the Lander County Code  
35 to obtain business licenses from the Building and Planning  
36 Department instead of Lander County Assessor's Office, and all  
37 other matters properly related -- related thereto.  
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Pretty plain. Or --  
39 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So you need to read the title  
40 in.



1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We need to change the code so that  
2 Kyla can do this. But I'm -- I had a concern before. And I  
3 still have a concern. So just so it's on the record, you're  
4 giving her a lot more to do. And I think she's pretty well  
5 maxed. So if -- since we're changing this --  
6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I don't -- I don't understand  
7 what you're saying -- what you're saying.  
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm saying --  
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: We did the ordinance change  
10 and -- and we're -- we're asking you to approve it.  
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. I know that. But I said, on  
12 the record, I wanted them -- because I was opposed last time. I  
13 wasn't opposed. I was concerned about the -- the amount of work  
14 we're giving her. So I just want it on the record that we  
15 probably need to be prepared. We may have to even go a  
16 part-time person or something with adding it in. That's all.  
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.  
18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm not opposing --  
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, no, no. I -- I understand.  
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the code.  
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I'm sorry.  
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.  
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I was just telling Doug that he  
24 has to read the --  
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The whole thing in.  
26 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: The -- no, just the title. By  
27 --  
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just the --  
29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- title.  
30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- title.  
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.  
32 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You can just read the title.  
33 Must be read by --  
34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --  
35 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the -- the --  
36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Is this as part of the motion?  
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: For the record.  
38 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: You have to read --  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, just for the --  
40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- into --



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- record.  
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- the record. The proposed  
3 ordinance must be read by title to the board.  
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: So -- so -- on the proposed  
6 ordinance, you see where it says title?  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay. So read that part.  
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Into the -- just -- we're just reading  
10 that into --  
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Into the --  
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- the record.  
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- record.  
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So that's not part of a motion. That's  
15 just putting --  
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- it on the record.  
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No. That -- that's just --  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's my --  
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- a --  
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- confu- --  
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- prerequisite to.  
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. So as part of the record, I will  
24 read into the record the title of the ordinance.  
25 An ordinance amending Chapters 5.04, 5.06, and 5.24 of the  
26 Lander County Code to obtain business licenses from the Building  
27 and Planning Department instead of Lander County Assessor's  
28 Office, and other matters properly related thereto.  
29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.  
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve the  
32 ordinance amending Chapters 5.04, 5.06, and 5.24 of the Lander  
33 County Code to obtain your business license in the Building and  
34 Planning Department.  
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.  
36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sean made a motion. Art seconded.  
37 Do we have any public comment?  
38 (No comment.)  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?  
40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.



1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.  
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.  
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.  
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.  
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And I hear your concern, Patsy.  
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8 **FINANCE**  
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10 16) **Update on budget review, contracts, financial update, and all**  
11 **other matters properly related thereto.**  
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13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number 16.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: She's pretty --

15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Update on --

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- busy.

17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- budget review, contracts, --

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: She's --

19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- financial updates, --

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- (indiscernible).

21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- and all other matters properly related  
22 thereto.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Come on up, Cindy. Tell us how much  
24 money we have.

25 CINDY BENSON: I don't have that.

26 Cindy --

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We did that in --

28 CINDY BENSON: -- Benson, --

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the last meeting.

30 CINDY BENSON: -- for the record.

31 Yeah. Yeah. And it was really nice.

32 First, I wanted to let you know that we did receive an FAA  
33 grant for Battle Mountain Airport for the pavement rehab in the  
34 amount of \$5,468.

35 Our accounts receivables for the second quarter of FY '17/'18  
36 are as follows.

37 The account receivable for the Water Department for just the  
38 water was \$149,658.25. The sewer was \$175,397.44. Miscellaneous  
39 Water, \$2,176.43. Landfill, 47,453.03.

40 Total accounts receivables was \$374,685.15.



1       The outstanding balances for them. The water is \$32,252.39;  
2       Sewer, \$17,049.49; Water and Sewer Miscellaneous, \$2,651.25;  
3       Landfill 13,922.10, with the total outstanding of \$65,875.23.  
4       It's a lot of read.  
5       COMMISSIONER CLARK: I -- I have a -- a question for you.  
6       On -- on the water, we have an outstanding 32,000?  
7       CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.  
8       COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that -- is that delinquent  
9       payments?  
10       CINDY BENSON: No, actually it's -- it's kind of like when  
11       you send out your -- your bills, the mo- -- the money that's  
12       coming in just hasn't --  
13       COMMISSIONER CLARK: Caught up.  
14       CINDY BENSON: -- caught up with it yet.  
15       COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. And now along those lines,  
16       people that don't pay their bills -- and -- and we've been  
17       through this and we put it on their taxes.  
18       CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.  
19       COMMISSIONER CLARK: How -- how do you figure that out?  
20       And just -- I mean, you have money coming in but every quarter,  
21       do we get that money back to Water and Sewer?  
22       CINDY BENSON: Yes. Yes.  
23       COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
24       CINDY BENSON: That pays it.  
25       COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
26       CINDY BENSON: And then they end up having to pay it on  
27       their taxes.  
28       COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.  
29       CINDY BENSON: Yeah. Then I wanted to bring to you that  
30       the 22nd of February is the deadline to propose the levy -- to  
31       levy the property tax rate for Lander County, Battle Mountain  
32       Town, and Austin Town for the pro forma projections.  
33       And we've kept the same for several years. So I don't  
34       think there would be any change.  
35       But if you guys have any concerns with this and think we need  
36       to change anything, then we can put it on the next agenda.  
37       We really can't raise it because Kingston is capped out. But  
38       we could lower it. But that's not necessarily a good idea because  
39       then we would lose part of our net proceeds.  
40       COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I would say leave it alone,



1 Cindy.  
2 CINDY BENSON: That's -- that's what I'm thinking.  
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: The thing is, Commissioner, if you -- if  
4 you do -- if we do redu- -- reduce that, that opens up the  
5 avenue for the school or the hospital or for it to go in and --  
6 and take that, what we --  
7 CINDY BENSON: That portion.  
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The additional --  
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: That portion --  
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- amount.  
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that we give up.  
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.  
13 CINDY BENSON: Yes.  
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: So it wouldn't really lower the taxes  
15 because one of the other entities would probably jump on it --  
16 CINDY BENSON: That's right.  
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- and take it. And then we would lose  
18 net proceeds. Part --  
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.  
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: Not -- not -- you would lose a portion  
21 of them.  
22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. I would say just leave it  
23 alone.  
24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I've -- I've --  
25 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.  
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- got one more question about water.  
27 We're -- we're going to run water out this way. And we're going  
28 to run water out that way. The more customers we have, does  
29 that help us?  
30 CINDY BENSON: Not necessarily.  
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. Well, because it's going to cost  
32 millions up front. It would probably --  
33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, --  
34 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- be --  
35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- yeah.  
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- a while.  
37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's an --  
38 KEITH WESTENGARD: You're --  
39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- investment.  
40 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. It's an investment. But before



1 the investment pays off, it probably would be years before it  
2 pays --

3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

4 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- us back.

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's going to be slow.

6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Now -- now we're looking at commercial  
7 rates out toward the airport, that way, which would be good.

8 More -- more residential out -- and agricultural out this way.

9 So -- but the commercial rates might pay off faster. There's  
10 some things in the works that -- that may be beneficial.

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, commercial -- commercial rates,  
12 we don't supply water to the alfalfa fields. So --

13 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, I'm -- I'm saying in the  
14 agricultural --

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Areas.

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- areas.

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So do we need to raise the commercial  
21 rates?

22 KEITH WESTENGARD: My recommendation would be --

23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Just joking.

24 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to just leave things alone for now.  
25 But that's the commission's decision.

26 CINDY BENSON: Okay. So let's see.

27 Okay. So the quarterly fund balance report for the second  
28 quarter of '17/'18. The total revenue for the second quarter is  
29 \$2,648,174, which is down 84 percent compared to the last -- to  
30 last year's second quarter.

31 Total expenses for the second quarter is \$3,347,244, which is  
32 also down by 69 percent compared to last year's second quarter.

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Why are we down so much?

34 CINDY BENSON: Well, it's still early. It's only the  
35 second quarter. So we've -- we've got more revenues coming in  
36 before the year's out. And then towards the end of the year,  
37 there's more spending as well.

38 So it'll catch up, I'm sure.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Comparing quarter to quarter, though,  
40 it's really devastating.



1 CINDY BENSON: Yeah. It is.  
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, it is.  
3 CINDY BENSON: It's huge.  
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Keep in mind to keep -- look at bottom  
5 line that -- where we come in.  
6 CINDY BENSON: Yeah. Okay. And then, as you know, the  
7 budget packets were due on Friday. And so we're going to start  
8 our budget meetings -- actually we -- Friday instead of next  
9 Monday.  
10 So I invite any of you that would like to join, you're more  
11 than welcome.  
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.  
13 CINDY BENSON: Uh-huh.  
14 And, then, I also wanted to let you know that I have not  
15 received any bank reconciliations or anything from the Treasurer's  
16 Office. So I cannot do my portion of the job there.  
17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Good to know.  
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. Thank you, Cindy.  
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: The treasurer was supposed to be here  
20 today to address that.  
21 CINDY BENSON: Yes.  
22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And where is he?  
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: He had -- I don't know.  
24 It was a doctor's appointment, I believe, is what it was.  
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think our chair needs to speak with  
26 our treasurer.  
27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I did speak with him this week and --  
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's why he didn't --  
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- about --  
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- come today?  
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- about not being here. But he had -- he  
32 actually had some -- he had some issues with his father and some  
33 health needs with his father.  
34 So --  
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah, but I think you ought to have a  
36 talk with him about the reconciliation.  
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That --  
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.  
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yes. And that's part of -- part of what  
40 he was to talk to us about today was that he is supposed to be



1 meeting with the county commission monthly, reporting to us  
2 monthly as directed by the state. And part of that is this  
3 reconciliation thing and --  
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, the month --  
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- he's --  
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- isn't over.  
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.  
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: He's --  
10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, he's --  
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- he's got a letter of corrective  
12 action.  
13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: He's also made assertions to us that he  
14 would have that done by -- done by the 15th of every month.  
15 So --  
16 CINDY BENSON: Yeah. And I'm not necessarily talking about  
17 January's, but none of July up till that point. July through  
18 December I have not received either.  
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.  
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.  
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Wow.  
22 CINDY BENSON: Okay.  
23 Yeah.  
24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So we'll -- I'll have some discussions  
25 with him on that.  
26 CINDY BENSON: Okay.  
27 And just to let you know, I am working on augmenting this  
28 fiscal year's budget. There are a few things that didn't get  
29 rolled over into this year that should have.  
30 One of them was the LEDA budget.  
31 And so after speaking with Kyla, we're going to bring before  
32 you next commission meeting on the -- the 22nd to ask the  
33 commission to consider giving her a grant so that she can continue  
34 out the rest of the year.  
35 So we just wanted to let you know that that was coming.  
36 Okay?  
37 And I think that's all I have.  
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think you're doing a good job,  
39 Cindy.  
40 CINDY BENSON: Well, thank you.



1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I do too.  
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you need --  
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.  
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is there anything you need?  
5 CINDY BENSON: No, I think I'm getting good.  
6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're catching up? Getting  
7 comfortable?  
8 CINDY BENSON: Trying to.  
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
10 CINDY BENSON: It is --  
11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No problems?  
12 We're not having any -- any issues?  
13 CINDY BENSON: No.  
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No problems? Okay.  
15 CINDY BENSON: No.  
16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Other than the Treasurer's --  
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.  
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Office.  
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I was going to --  
20 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.  
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Other than --  
22 CINDY BENSON: No, everybody's been wonderful. And I thank  
23 you.  
24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.  
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you, Cindy.  
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.  
27 KEITH WESTENGARD: Commissioner Mills, could -- could we  
28 clarify it's the treasurer and not his office.  
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, okay.  
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: Thank you.  
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Good point. Thank you.  
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yes. Thank you very much, Keith.  
33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Clarify.  
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1     CORRESPONDENCE

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3     17)     Correspondence, reports, potential upcoming agenda items.

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5             CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Correspondence, reports, potential  
6     upcoming agenda items?

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8             (The following correspondence was received:

9             1.     Monthly reports to Lander County Commissioners.  
10     December 2017.

11            2.     Barrick Cortez, Inc., Renewal and Major Modification  
12     Application for Cortez Hills Project Water Pollution Control  
13     Permit NEV2007106.)

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15            COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Treasurer's Office -- or treasurer.  
16     Update. Clarification.

17            KEITH WESTENGARD: Get that back on.

18            COMMISSIONER WAITS: Keith?

19            COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.

20            COMMISSIONER WAITS: Did you get the airport, the Austin  
21     Airport Advisory Board alternate --

22            KEITH WESTENGARD: It was advertised, yes.

23            COMMISSIONER WAITS: It was advertised?

24            KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

25            COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I didn't get my --

26            KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I believe.

27            COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- my paper yet.

28            KEITH WESTENGARD: Austin Airport alternate was advertised  
29     last meeting; right?

30            COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I looked at the last -- the last  
31     one. I didn't see it.

32            KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.

33            COMMISSIONER WAITS: So's it's in this week?

34            KEITH WESTENGARD: I believe -- yeah, we'll double-check.

35            COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

36            DEONILLA FULLER: I'll double- --

37            KEITH WESTENGARD: I'm not --

38            DEONILLA FULLER: -- -check. If not, I'll get it in there  
39     real fast.

40            COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What about the game board? Did --



1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, we --  
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Was --  
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- have three positions there.  
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.  
5 And -- and that's been advertised. And did we get  
6 applications? Or letters of --  
7 DEONILLA FULLER: For which --  
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- interest?  
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: The game board?  
10 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Wildlife.  
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Wildlife.  
12 DEONILLA FULLER: That just went in this next week.  
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.  
14 DEONILLA FULLER: They didn't let me know until last week  
15 late. So I got it in. It's going in next week's paper.  
16 And the airport board advisory, the extra position, was not  
17 in there because I wasn't at the last meeting. And so I didn't  
18 have my notes to let me know to put that in. So I will get that  
19 in today. That was --  
20 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.  
21 DEONILLA FULLER: I wasn't here, so sorry.  
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Thank you.  
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: There we --  
24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.  
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's going in. Okay.  
26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.  
27 Anyone else?  
28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Is that it?  
29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Public comment?  
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: The wild (indiscernible) games. Or, I  
31 mean, the --  
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.  
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- whatever that one is. For next  
34 agenda.  
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, the public lands. Yeah.  
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.  
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1     **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
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3             CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. We'll move on to public comment for  
4 nonagendized items only.

5             Persons are invited to submit comment in writing and/or  
6 attend and make comments on any nonagenda item at the board  
7 meeting, if any, and discussion of those comments at the  
8 discretion of the board. All public comment may be limited to  
9 three minutes per person, again at the discretion of the board.  
10 Reasonable restrictions may be placed on public comment based  
11 upon time, place, and manner, but public comment based upon  
12 viewpoint may not be restricted.

13             Do we have any public comment?

14             COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I count on you.

15             CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Can I get --  
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18     **ADJOURNMENT**  
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20             COMMISSIONER WAITS: Motion to adjourn.

21             CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- a motion to --

22             COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

23             CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- adjourn?

24             COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Second.

25             CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

26             COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

27             COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

28             CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.

29             COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

30             COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.  
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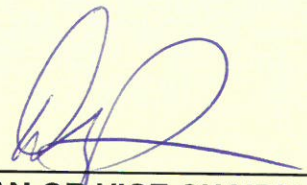
7 I, TIFFANY ELKINGTON, A CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER, DO HEREBY  
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9 CERTIFY I TRANSCRIBED THE FOREGOING PROCEEDINGS FROM A "JAVS"  
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11 DIGITAL AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING OF A MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE  
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13 THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018, AND SAID RECORDING AND INFORMATION  
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15 PERTAINING TO PARTICIPANT NAMES WAS PROVIDED TO ME BY THE LANDER  
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17 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN; THAT THE SAME IS FULL, TRUE, AND AS CORRECT AS  
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19 THE AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING ALLOWED.  
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**CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
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**ATTEST:**

Sadie Sullivan  
**LANDER COUNTY CLERK**

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