

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 22, 2018, at 8:58 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**
15 **(VIA TELEPHONE)**
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18 (Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of five
19 commissioners. Let the record reflect the presence of Austin
20 via teleconference.)
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23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to order the Lander County Commission
24 meeting, Town Board of Battle Mountain and Austin, Board of
25 County Highway Commissioners, January 22nd, 2018.

26 Please join us in the Pledge -- Pledge of Allegiance.

27 And, Patsy, will you lead us.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. Please join me.
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30 (Pledge of Allegiance)
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32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.

33 We'd like a moment of silence, please.
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35 (Moment of silence)
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37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.

38 Lander County Commissioners may break for lunch from
39 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
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Any agenda item may be taken out of order, may be combined

1 for consideration by the public body, and items may be pulled or
2 removed from the agenda at any time.

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5 **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**
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7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Commissioner reports on meetings,
8 conferences, and seminars attended.

9 Judie?

10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. So on the 9th I attended the
11 Humboldt Basin Water Authority water board meeting. And a
12 couple of the things we discussed were the -- the capture and
13 storage that -- it had come before us before, an outfit that
14 wanted to get the 300,000 acre-feet of water rights for capture
15 and storage. So we did discuss that. And I think the members
16 are -- are a little torn on that issue.

17 Storage is obviously important. But, then again, there's so
18 many questions that were raised about it.

19 Another interesting thing was another company brought
20 before us. They've developed a system to where they can pull
21 minerals and pretty much everything out of water.

22 He was talking about their -- their process. And they'd used
23 some water in Texas and sent it in and had it analyzed. And it
24 came back pharmacy-grade water. That it's -- it's a relatively --
25 done -- I don't know how simple of a process it is.

26 But that was kind of interesting because it gives you the
27 potential of -- I know Pershing County, a lot of their issues
28 with their groundwater is the saline. And -- and this would be
29 able to -- to pull that out.

30 They kind of talked more about precious metals, heavy metals,
31 and whatnot. I don't know how cost-effective it was. I did ask
32 the -- the gentleman if -- if he could give me any kind of price
33 on it. And -- and he really couldn't. But the thought is
34 definitely intriguing.

35 Did I cover it okay?

36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I think so.

37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So that was it.

38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So I've been attending a lot of the budget
39 stuff. And that's -- Cindy will be covering a lot of that
40 today. So that seems to be going pretty well.

1 Last night we had a hospital board meeting. And that
2 actually was a -- a good meeting.

3 We are pressing forward with our Phase 2A construction.
4 And we're going to do that in two steps.

5 Our first one is going to -- we -- we have to do IT. We have
6 to get it in place for -- for several reasons.

7 One is our -- the -- the room our IT stuff is in now is
8 inadequate. We have to put it somewhere better that has proper
9 cooling and -- and just a proper space for the -- the equipment.

10 And we have -- we have to update our electronic health
11 record. And so we have to have proper equipment and everything in
12 place to do that and have to have a place to do it all.

13 If we don't have our EHR in place and -- and do it properly,
14 we can lose -- we -- our reimbursement rates from Medicare can get
15 lowered. And then if we don't comply within a certain amount of
16 time, they can be lowered again perpetually until it gets fixed.

17 So it's pretty important to us to get this elec- --
18 electronic health record in place, which means we have to
19 correct our IT situation.

20 So that's part of what this construction project is for.

21 What we're going to do is where the -- where the old kitchen
22 was at at the hospital, that's -- that's going to become the new
23 IT -- new IT room.

24 We're also going to be doing some remodeling on physical
25 therapy, which will be good because that'll give Lyle space to do
26 a -- a proper -- it'll have a proper wound care room, which is
27 going to be a great benefit to the patients there.

28 And then the -- in the second phase -- well, also in the
29 first phase, we're going to be converting some of the old exam
30 rooms into office space.

31 And then we can pull the -- the people that are working in
32 the -- our office people are working up in the John Peters
33 Building, we can pull them back into the hospital where they
34 should be.

35 And then on the second phase, we're going to revamp some more
36 of the old exam rooms and make some space for possible specialists
37 to come on a -- whatever, like a weekly or a monthly basis and
38 we'll have space for them that we can get some specialties in here
39 and -- and provide some other extended care to the citizens of the
40 county.

1 And then part of that also is we're going to -- we're going
2 to remodel one of the rooms and -- and make a small chapel down by
3 the emergency room, which I think will be kind of a nice addition
4 to the hospital.

5 Let's see.

6 We -- they are working on getting our revenue cycle put back
7 in place. Again, we spent -- we spent about a year getting that
8 put that back in place. And then when Steve Boline left, that
9 kind of got dropped. So we're -- we're having to restart all that
10 again. Little disappointing, but we're getting there.

11 The only other thing is that this afternoon I do have an
12 NNRDA meeting. So I'll be teleconferencing in on that.

13 So that's all I got.

14 Sean?

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I don't have anything at this time.

16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Patsy?

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

18 On February 12th we did have the Austin Airport Advisory
19 meeting. And we finished up our budget.

20 We -- we didn't get our information in time. And we didn't
21 realize that we had to have it in earlier. So fortunately we
22 worked with Cindy and -- and got everything handled there.

23 We were looking forward to seeing what the Jet A fuel was
24 going to start bidding. And Keith is going to give us an update
25 on that one.

26 All of our remodeling has been completed. We have a shower.
27 And we have a separate office room, actually, that -- that can be
28 separated with our files and information.

29 Otherwise everything looks good there.

30 I did attend one of the days for the budget meeting on the
31 14th and came up to -- to go through some of that with the
32 workshops.

33 We had a Convention & Tourism meeting scheduled for the 20th.
34 But unfortunately we didn't have a quorum so we didn't have any
35 meeting.

36 And less- --

37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Patsy, if I can interrupt. On the
38 Convention & Tourism, I saw that they had a report come back on
39 their -- a --

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The feasibility --

1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: The --
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- study?
3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- feasibility study came back on doing
4 the bicycle track. What --
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: What's going -- what's the status on that?
7 Or what's going --
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Actually --
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- on?
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it's -- it's probably about yea
11 thick.
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I did report on it at -- at the --
14 the last meeting that we had. But it did come back.
15 And it was very thorough. They did an excellent job.
16 But what we're -- we still have to finish up. Because
17 there's still a lot of more discussions that have to be done on
18 it before we can present anything back to --
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the county.
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I didn't know there was more --
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to do. Okay.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right. Because it was -- it was very
25 intense. And it was excellent.
26 But there's a lot that we still have to talk about and
27 absorb. So...
28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So we didn't do any more on that.
30 And, of course, we didn't have the meeting. So we weren't
31 able to discuss that.
32 However, the contract that we have the rural health centers
33 is going forward. They actually did some interviews for our MA
34 for the clinic in Austin. And they're on schedule. And we'll
35 be open the first of March, if not next week. Because it will
36 take a little bit.
37 And they're looking for the -- the physician's assistant
38 and whoever's going to be doing that will be coming in twice a
39 week to start with.
40 And since we are no longer with Eureka -- because Eureka is

1 where our physicians usually came from and they went with White
2 Pine. So that's one reason Austin lost the traveling physicians
3 at that time.

4 And so now this one will be coming in out of Winnemucca. But
5 that's on schedule. And we're looking forward to that a great
6 deal.

7 And then last night I had the -- the Kingston board
8 meeting.

9 They are busy working on their master plan that can be added
10 to our county master plan. So they're just finishing up that.

11 And, of course, they're looking forward to the fire truck,
12 which, again, Keith will give an update on, which is hour by hour,
13 actually, now that we're -- we're running into the -- the last --
14 last few days.

15 And I do have a NACO meeting tomorrow in Carson City. And I
16 will be leaving for the legislative conference in Washington,
17 D.C., a week from tomorrow. And --

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Cool.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that's it. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Art?

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Nothing at this time.

24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

25 Where are we at?

26 27 28 **STAFF REPORTS**

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30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Staff reports on meetings, conferences,
31 and seminars attended.

32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. On the Friday, March 2nd, there
33 will be a meeting or a presentation to the legislative committee
34 on public lands. The commission -- you're invited to attend
35 this -- this meeting.

36 Mr. Whitman is going to put together a presentation from
37 PLUAC. Shar Peterson will do a presentation from LEDA. The chair
38 of the committee is sending in Heidi Swank.

39 Just wanted to extend that invitation out to you. It starts
40 at 9:00 o'clock on Friday, March the 2nd, here in community

1 room.

2 We are right down to the wire on putting the advertisement
3 for the Jet A in Austin out to bid. We're waiting on some final
4 wording from J-U-B. It's -- we're going to have it out today or
5 it'll be out early next week. So that will be ready to go -- or
6 move forward.

7 That's a 100 percent county-funded project. We have no
8 assistance from the FAA on that.

9 We do have a conference call today at 1:00 o'clock with J-U-B
10 to discuss all the final arrangements for the hangars for the
11 Battle Mountain Airport. And, once again, that is a 100 percent
12 funded project by the county. We have no FAA assistance on that
13 one as well.

14 So we'll be talking about both of those here at the budget
15 workshop because that'll go into next fiscal year, most likely.

16 I have a meeting Monday at noon in Reno with Laura
17 Granier regarding the -- the sage grouse update.

18 The fire truck is -- for Au- -- Kingston -- is -- hopefully
19 we'll be finished tomorrow. It's not finished tomorrow -- they
20 were waiting on one part, which had to do with the center console
21 where the radios are going to be mounted. So if they didn't --
22 and because Monday was a holiday, it was kind of set back a little
23 bit. But other than that, it's done. They will have it by next
24 Friday if not sooner.

25 The other things I have will -- are on the agenda. Thanks.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Keith, I have a question. And it was
27 a few weeks ago. There was something -- the BLM invited us to a
28 barbecue --

29 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- through the week of March? Is that
31 still on?

32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The 6th.

33 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. March the 6th at noon. I was
34 going to send out --

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

36 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- a follow-up email on that --

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

38 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- today or --

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Will you --

40 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- tomorrow.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- give them my regrets?
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
5 And that's all. Thank you.
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
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10 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll move to public comment for
13 nonagendized items only.

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

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do we have any public comment?

23 (No comment.)

24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
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27 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Move to consent agenda.

30 All matters listed under -- under the consent agenda are
31 considered routine and may be acted upon by the Board of County
32 Commissioners with one action, without extensive discussion. Any
33 member of the board or any citizen may request that an item be
34 taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon
35 separately during the meeting. Consent agenda materials are
36 available at the Lander County Clerk's Office for -- for viewing,
37 and copies are available for a nominal charge.

38 One, approval of February 22nd, 2018, agenda notice; two,
39 approval of January 25, 2018, meeting minutes; three, approval of
40 February 8th, 2018, meeting minutes; four, approval of February

1 15, 2018, special meeting minutes; five, approval of the payment
2 of the bills; six, approval of payroll change requests.

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Anybody want to pull anything out?

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just the two, February 8th and
5 February --

6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- 15th meeting minutes.

8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Make a motion to approve the
9 February 22nd, 2018, agenda notice; January 25th, 2018,
10 meeting minutes, the payment of the bills, and payroll change
11 requests.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.

13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Sean made a motion. Patsy
14 seconded.

15 Do we have any public comment?

16 (No comment.)

17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

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25 **COMMISSIONERS**

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27 1) **Discussion only regarding the recognition of the Battle**
28 **Mountain High School wrestling team and their 18th State**
29 **Championship, and all other matters properly related thereto.**
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31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Agenda Item Number 1. Discussion only
32 regarding the recognition of the Battle Mountain High School
33 wrestling team and their 18 State -- 18th State Championship,
34 and all other matters properly related thereto.

35 Welcome.

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I asked for time for these guys to
37 come here and be honored.

38 This is Coach Domagala. I barely know him, but I still
39 wanted him here.

40 Take it away, Coach.

1 MITCH DOMAGALA: You just want me to, like, introduce the
2 kids and so forth?

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

4 MITCH DOMAGALA: Okay. Yeah. We made Nevada history this
5 year in a couple different ways. We've won our 18th state
6 wrestling championship, which is the most by any high school
7 program in the history of the State of Nevada in all
8 classifications for a 3A or 2A.

9 We --

10 RUSSELL KLEIN: And I'm --

11 MITCH DOMAGALA: -- also scored --

12 RUSSELL KLEIN: -- going to interrupt.

13 MITCH DOMAGALA: Oh.

14 RUSSELL KLEIN: I'm sorry. I'm going to call privilege
15 here. Fifteen of those 18 are a result of this man right here.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We need your name, sir.

17 RUSSELL KLEIN: I'm sorry. Russ Klein, the principal of
18 the high school.

19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.

20 MITCH DOMAGALA: We set a state record. We scored more
21 points than any other team's ever scored in the history of the
22 state wrestling tournament with 234 points this year, beat the
23 old record, which was ours, by 13 points this year, which beat
24 the old report of 211 a couple of years before that, which was
25 ours as well. So the last three state records going by have
26 been ours.

27 We currently are riding a six-year winning streak where we
28 won the last six wrestling championships in a row.

29 And I'd just like to take this time to introduce the
30 individuals who really made it all happen for us.

31 And, of course, first it starts with Gloria Powell who's
32 our bus driver who drives us everywhere this year and every
33 year.

34 Alma Chavira, who's one of our managers and takes care of
35 everything. She was able to make it. Our other manager, Julia,
36 wasn't. But those two girls take care of everything and keep
37 these guys in line for us. So they're totally valuable to our
38 program. We can't do without them.

39 We're -- we're short a couple of our wrestlers this -- today
40 just because a couple of them had the flu and so forth. But I'm

1 going to go ahead and mention them as we go through it.

2 At 106 pounds, we have a freshman, Declan McClary. He was
3 second at state this year.

4 At 113 pounds, we had a senior. He is a four-time Nevada
5 State Champion. And he is right now nominated and going to be
6 voted on next month whether he'll become a high school
7 all-American. He'll become our eighth high school all-American in
8 Battle Mountain High School history, joining Mr. Clark's son as
9 one of them if he's approved. And that's Cameron Thompson.

10 We had -- at 120 pounds, we had two individuals. One was a
11 JV boy. He's not here today, is Kohl Bellm.

12 And another one was a freshman, state champion, Jose
13 Guizar.

14 At 126, we had two individuals. The first one was a zone
15 wrestler, placed sixth at the zone for us. And that's sophomore
16 Michael Malone.

17 Also at 126, we had freshman state champion Jordan Gonzalez.

18 At 132 pounds, we have a senior. He was third as a freshman.
19 He was a -- won -- won the state championship as a sophomore and a
20 junior. And then he was third this year as a senior. And that's
21 Jake Legarza.

22 At 138 pounds, he was fourth as a freshman. And then he
23 won the state championship as a sophomore and a junior. And he
24 was second this year as a senior, is Deandre Powell.

25 At 145 pounds, we have a senior. He was a state champion as
26 a freshman. He was third at state as a sophomore, wrestling with
27 mono as we found out later that year. And then he was a state
28 champion again this year. And that's Bobby Kester.

29 A hundred and fifty-two pounds, we have a senior. He was
30 third at state last year. And he was second at state this year,
31 is Fabian Castaneda.

32 At 160 pounds, we have a junior. He was third at state this
33 year, is Daegan McClary.

34 At 170 pounds, we have a junior. He was second at state
35 this year, is Kris Hall.

36 At 182 pounds and holding the trophy back there for us, he
37 was -- he's a senior. He was third at state as a sophomore. And
38 he's a two-time defending state champion, is Mason Chopp.

39 At 195 pounds -- he's not here. He's home sick all week.
40 But he was second at -- third at state as a freshman, second at

1 state last year. And he is a state champion this year, is Tristen
2 Cordingley.

3 At 220 pounds, we have a freshman. He was fourth in the
4 northern zone, qualified for the state tournament. And that's
5 Lyle Whitten.

6 And at our heavyweight, the smallest heavyweight in the
7 state. He's a sophomore. He was fourth in the (indiscernible)
8 zone. Qualified for the state tournament. And that was Tyler
9 Rochester.

10 And definitely doing most of the work to get our kids where
11 they needed to be, we have three coaches that worked a long time
12 with them.

13 The first one, he's over in Elko at physical therapy right
14 now, and that's Mike Williams.

15 And then our other two coaches are here. We have Bill Cox.
16 And a newcomer to our school this year, following in his dad's
17 footsteps, winning the state championship here, though, is Tory
18 Desmond.

19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And Domagala.

20 MITCH DOMAGALA: And me.

21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.

22 MITCH DOMAGALA: And the interesting part of those 18 state
23 championships that Battle Mountain High School has won, Art
24 coached one of them.

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many individuals?

26 MITCH DOMAGALA: Individuals?

27 I believe it's 116.

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Individual --

29 MITCH DOMAGALA: Individuals. I --

30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

31 MITCH DOMAGALA: -- have a list right here. But I believe
32 it's 116 dating back --

33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's all?

34 MITCH DOMAGALA: -- to 1989.

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Out of a school of 300 kids, maybe?

36 MITCH DOMAGALA: 270.

37 And, of course, Sean was on four of those state
38 championship teams. So --

39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

40 MITCH DOMAGALA: -- we have --

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They've come a long way since then.
2 Or I'm just getting older. I don't know.

3 MITCH DOMAGALA: Yeah. We'll -- we'll go with the getting
4 older part; shall we?

5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Looks like -- it looks like wrestling must
6 be pretty stressful because it causes a lot of white hair.

7 MITCH DOMAGALA: Yeah, it does. They do it as tradition to
8 go to state. And then if they win it, then they get me to do
9 mine.

10 So one of these days my hair will just fall out. And I'm
11 not going to wind up doing this anymore.

12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, congratulations. That's really
13 wonderful that you have such a great record for our community.

14 MITCH DOMAGALA: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank --

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, --

17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- you, --

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- coach.

19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- guys.

20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. Thank --

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank --

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you, all.

24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They didn't --

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's a nice article in the paper
26 too.

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. They did good.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I'm glad --

29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Then --

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- they didn't have women's wrestling
31 because they always give the weight. And there's just no --

32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, --

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- way.

34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- is that right?

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I don't know. Some of those
37 heavyweights don't look that heavy to me.

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No.

39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

40 I understand our boys' basketball team won zone too. So --

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. They're going to --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: They're going to state tomorrow --
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh.
4 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- or leaving tomorrow.
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. They've got to play Needles.
6 And then they'll have to play Aga- -- that private school --
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Agathus or something.
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Clark.
10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: (Indiscernible.)
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That was neat.
13 We'll move on to --
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you --
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Item Number 2.
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- for inviting them.
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19 **FINANCE**

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21 2) **Update from the Lander County fiscal officer on budget**
22 **review, contracts, financial update, and all other matters**
23 **properly related thereto.**
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25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Update from Lander County fiscal officer
26 on budget review, contracts, financial update, and all other
27 matters properly related thereto.

28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Good morning, Cindy.

29 CINDY BENSON: Good morning.

30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.

31 CINDY BENSON: Good morning. Cindy Benson, for the record.

32 I hope you all had a nice, warm drive over. It was cold
33 and slick.

34 Okay. First, I just want to say that we completed our budget
35 meetings with the exception of Judge Shirley. I think it all went
36 well. I'm hoping.

37 And then I'm starting to put together the budget packets for
38 our -- our budget workshop. And we will be doing that on
39 March 13th and 14th.

40 And then, just to let you know, I wanted to -- I did receive

1 bank reconciliations from the Treasurer's Office. I haven't quite
2 figured out how to reconcile them yet. But as soon as I do, I
3 will update you on that.

4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And is that the -- from July on --

5 CINDY BENSON: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to -- to current?

7 CINDY BENSON: July through January.

8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

9 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.

10 And I'd also like to update you on our Tyler Technologies.
11 We're planning our conversion over into -- go live on --
12 right around the end of December. And everything looks good
13 there. We're only waiting on Gene to finish his questionnaire
14 and get it sent in. But we should be --

15 Kind of excited about that too.

16 That -- that's all I have.

17 Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, --

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, --

22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Cindy.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Cindy.

24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank --

25 CINDY BENSON: Any --

26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you.

27 CINDY BENSON: -- questions?

28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Did Shirley say he was going to get
29 his budget in to you? Or --

30 CINDY BENSON: Yeah. He's already given it to me.

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

32 CINDY BENSON: On March 6th we're going to actually -- if
33 any of you would like to join, we're going to sit down and go
34 through his budget --

35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

36 CINDY BENSON: -- before the workshop.

37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Awesome. Thank you.

38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: When -- when are we --

39 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.

40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- when are we doing budget workshops?

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: Thirteenth --
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thir- --
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- and 14th --
4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thirteenth and 14th --
5 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- of March.
6 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- of March.
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: March 13th and 14th.
8 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
11 Thank you, Cindy.
12 CINDY BENSON: Thank you.
13 KEITH WESTENGARD: Just hold on. We'll --
14 CINDY BENSON: Hold on?
15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
16 CINDY BENSON: Okay.
17 KEITH WESTENGARD: We need to --
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We're not done with you yet.
19 KEITH WESTENGARD: We need to table Number 3, Mr. Chairman.
20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
21 KEITH WESTENGARD: He'll be out on family leave or out of
22 the office.
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

24
25 4) **Discussion only regarding the apportionment of net proceeds**
26 **for Lander County, and all other matters properly related**
27 **thereto.**
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29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Then Item Number 4. Discussion on --
30 discussion only regarding the apportionment of net proceeds for
31 Lander County, and all other matters properly related thereto.

32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I asked for this. Because, once
33 again, there's a lot of confusion about net proceeds and mines.

34 There was some things on social media that caught my
35 attention. And the complaint was that the commissioners got
36 \$19 million in 2015 and '16. And we have marble counters. And we
37 have some buildings in -- in the county without air-conditioning.

38 So I invited the person that was complaining to come here and
39 to listen to the cold, hard truth and all the facts associated
40 with net proceeds of mines money, that we don't keep it.

1 Fifteen percent goes to the hospital. Twenty-two percent
2 goes to the schools. And then there's another -- there's a
3 plethora of cator- -- categories that that money goes to. It's --
4 it's not all under our control.

5 So I asked Cindy to just make a small presentation about
6 this.

7 CINDY BENSON: Okay.

8 I think you pretty much covered it. When we get our net
9 proceeds, right off the top, the first thing is 2 percent goes to
10 our Assessor Tech Fee. Three percent goes for a commission fee.
11 Ten percent is mandated for China Springs; or State Medical
12 Indigency -- Indigency; State Indigent NACO; Landfill; and Capital
13 Acquisition.

14 And then the school, like you said, gets 22 percent;
15 hospital, 15 percent; and the General Fund gets 48 percent.

16 And -- and then I included a five-year -- actuals on the --
17 on what we have gotten.

18 And for the General Fund, last year we received 4 million and
19 the year before that 10 million and the year before 10 million.

20 Out of the -- for last year, out of the 8.5 million, we -- we
21 did receive 4. But the school received -- no, I'm reading this
22 wrong. I'm sorry.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. We received 4. And the school
24 received 1.8. Right?

25 CINDY BENSON: Oh, okay.

26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Uh-huh.

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And the hospital got 1.2.

28 CINDY BENSON: Yes.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

30 CINDY BENSON: Okay.

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And then the rest of the funds --
32 like your State Mandated got 153,000. Your Assessor Tech Fee
33 was 256,000.

34 CINDY BENSON: And 170- for the Assessor.

35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, yeah.

36 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.

37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So yeah.

38 CINDY BENSON: So yeah.

39 That's all I have, unless you want --

40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Art, you good with that?

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Yeah. I just -- this was for
2 information. And none of this net proceeds money goes towards
3 salaries of county employees; right?

4 CINDY BENSON: No. It goes for --

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

6 CINDY BENSON: It goes strictly for our CIP.

7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

8 KEITH WESTENGARD: And I think it's important to note that
9 once the money goes to the school district or -- or to the
10 hospital district, that money is -- is theirs. And the
11 commission has no authority or say- --

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.

13 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- --so over that money.

14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Or over --

15 KEITH WESTENGARD: That's --

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the --

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- their money.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- school board or over the hospital
19 board.

20 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.

21 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, the -- I -- that's what I meant.
22 The school --

23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.

24 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.

25 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- or the hosp- -- or -- or the wh- --
26 right. Or over --

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Over the whole --

28 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- the boards.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- as a whole. Yeah.

30 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. Once that money's given to them,
31 it's their money to do as they choose.

32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And that's an important aspect too.
33 Because the -- the impression that some people have is that the
34 county commissioners rule the county. And we don't.

35 Thanks, Cindy.

36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, --

37 CINDY BENSON: You're --

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Cindy.

39 CINDY BENSON: -- welcome.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.
2 CINDY BENSON: No problem.
3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
4 KEITH WESTENGARD: (Indiscernible.)
5 CINDY BENSON: I'll wait for the next one too. I guess --
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Trying to get away?
7 CINDY BENSON: Yeah.
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: One more.
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Hey, we've been pretty easy on you so
10 far. So...
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12 5) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove a
13 reallocation of funds for Lander County Economic Development
14 Authority (LEDA) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to finish
15 FY 2017/2018, and all other matters properly related thereto.
16

17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So Item Number 5. Discussion for possible
18 action to approve/disapprove a reallocation of funds for Lander
19 County Economic Development Authority, LEDA, in an amount not to
20 exceed \$10,000 to -- to finish fiscal year 2017/2018, and all
21 other matters properly related thereto.

22 KYLA BRIGHT: Good morning, Commissioners.

23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Good morning.

24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

26 KYLA BRIGHT: Kyla Bright. I'm planning coordinator. But
27 I'm here on behalf of LEDA as their liaison.

28 In the last year's fiscal budget, as I mentioned in my
29 request form, we had requested for the remaining funds to be
30 split into two different line items.

31 Unfortunately, that didn't happen. It's kind of put us in a
32 pinch right now.

33 We have a project we're working on in LEDA, trying to get the
34 trails grant. What that is, is connecting this along with Broad
35 Street, Front Street, and also down to the Cookhouse Museum, and
36 possibly even a nice little trail out to the rodeo grounds. Along
37 with it, little focal points, things of that sort.

38 We need to have the backup material ready to get the grant
39 going.

40 And we're running low. So we're coming to see if we can't

1 readjust those funds the way we had initially wanted them so we
2 can finish out this fiscal year.

3 It might be -- we're asking the amount of \$10,000. We want
4 to split it into two lines. Five thousand for -- let me see. I
5 have it here --

6 CINDY BENSON: Professional services.

7 KYLA BRIGHT: For professional services, which will go
8 towards the backup material and such for this grant to go
9 forward with, and 5,000 advertising. The advertising part is we
10 do a lot with the mining expo. And that's coming up.

11 Before the end of the fiscal year, we do a lot of advertising
12 for Lander County, things of that sort, trying to come kind of
13 pull businesses in. And so that's the other part that we kind of
14 need to finish out the year with.

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll; make a motion we approve the
18 reallocation of funds for Lander County Economic Development
19 Authority in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to finish the
20 fiscal year 2017/2018.

21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Se- --

22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Second.

23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh. Cool.

24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Patsy made a motion. Judie
25 seconded.

26 Do we have any public comment?

27 (No comment.)

28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

34 CINDY BENSON: Okay. So I would like to read into the
35 minutes that I would -- I will be moving \$10,000 from our
36 contingency line for LEDA to cover expenditures for the
37 remaining fiscal year '17/'18. We will increase the LEDA
38 advertising line for \$5,000. And we will increase LEDA's
39 professional service line for \$5,000 and decrease the -- the
40 contingency line by 10,000.

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank --
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank --
5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- you.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- you.
7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Cindy. Thanks, Kyla.
8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
9 Item --
10 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: (Indiscernible.)
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Number 6.
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You got to vote.
13 Did we vote?
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We did.
15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We did?
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I don't think we did.
18 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yes. You went to second.
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But did we vote?
21 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Yeah. Patsy -- Sadie Sullivan, --
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Patsy?
23 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- for the record. Patsy made the
24 motion. Judie and Sean kind of almost seconded the same time.
25 But Judie was a little bit on the thing.
26 And then she just read in the line items to have it on the
27 record. So --
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yep.
29 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: -- it was voted.
30 But you didn't --
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Say aye.
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We didn't vote.
33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: All in --
34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh.
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- favor?
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: All in favor?
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right. All in favor?
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Again.
4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's okay.
6 I think --
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll do it --
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- we did --
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- twice.
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- vote. But it's all right if we do
11 it again.
12 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Double whammy.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We can vote. We make sure we --
14 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: In a good way.
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We want to be sure.
16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I don't know.
17 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Sorry.
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Good morning, Jon.
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22 COMMISSIONERS

23 24 6) Update from the Bureau of Land Management on BLM regions 25 within Nevada, and all other matters properly related 26 thereto. 27

28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number 6. Update from the Bureau of
29 Land Management on BL- -- BLM regions within Nevada, and all
30 other matters properly related thereto.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning, --

32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Good morning, --

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Jon.

34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Jon.

35 JON SHERVE: Morning, Commissioners.

36 My name is Jon Sherve. I'm the field manager for the Mount
37 Lewis Field office in the northern half of the Battle Mountain
38 District.

39 I was requested by the county to come and provide an update
40 on a potential reorganization. Unfortunately, there's very little

1 information to share. There has been no official correspondence
2 from the department level or the h- -- BLM headquarters, no
3 official maps, nothing that has made it to our level.

4 Some of the general information that we have that I know
5 about is what's been in the public media to begin with.

6 And what it -- that has explained has been a -- a -- a new
7 regions to the -- throughout the western U.S. based on geographic
8 features, like watersheds, and not necessarily political
9 boundaries like state lines or county lines.

10 And then one point also to consider is that if the
11 reorganization does go forward that it would be a -- it would take
12 an act of Congress to finalize something like that.

13 So that's -- that's all I know.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Of the 150 top executives that were
15 invited back to the Department of Interior's meeting, did anyone
16 from Nevada attend?

17 Was Mr. Ruhs invited or --

18 JON SHERVE: Mis- -- John Ruhs, the state director for
19 Nevada, has been participating in that at the executive level.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But nothing's filtered down to you
21 folks --

22 JON SHERVE: Right.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that's different than what we read
24 in the paper?

25 JON SHERVE: That's right. Yeah.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I had heard a couple things. In here
27 in our information, it says Denver that we might report to. And
28 I heard before it might be Salt Lake City.

29 JON SHERVE: I've heard both of those as --

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh.

31 JON SHERVE: -- well. And that's -- and -- I -- your --
32 your information is the same as what I'm -- the same --

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Isn't this --

34 JON SHERVE: -- information --

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- fun?

36 JON SHERVE: -- source that I have.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Any idea how long it's going to take to
40 cu- -- I mean --

1 JON SHERVE: I would say a reorganization --
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- finalize -- yeah.
3 JON SHERVE: -- at that level would take quite some time.
4 It's a -- it's a massive restructure.
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, I -- I love the idea of
7 moving it towards the West and -- and getting it out of
8 Washington, D.C.
9 I think --
10 JON SHERVE: Right.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think --
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I think that -- that's a cool idea.
14 One of the real disappointing things was having Nye County
15 report to Los Angeles.
16 JON SHERVE: Right.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And that region just blows my mind,
18 how they think that -- that Los Angeles knows all about our wild
19 horses and our sage grouse and our problems.
20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So you --
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I --
22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you mentioned something about that
23 the -- the divisions of things is going to be based on
24 watersheds and some other things not necessarily state lines.
25 JON SHERVE: Right.
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Is that -- is that why they're looking at
27 doing Nye County over to LA?
28 JON SHERVE: Yeah. That, as Patty pointed out, that
29 would be -- that would be the reason.
30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. It just seems weird from our end.
31 JON SHERVE: It -- it would. Yeah. It would be different,
32 definitely a paradigm shift. In -- in that case, you'd be
33 looking at, like, the whole Mojave, which clearly goes well into
34 California.
35 So, you know, Tonopah, Nye County, a lot of that is in
36 Mojave Desert.
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, we thank you for coming and --
39 and appreciate anything you do have official if could pass it on
40 right away.

1 And we're all -- we're all on pins and needles on this one.
2 Because it is --
3 JON SHERVE: It --
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it is an important one.
5 JON SHERVE: Right. Yeah. And -- and certainly if there's
6 something that you need to -- me to report on, just contact me.
7 And I'll provide an update.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
9 JON SHERVE: And also too to point out, as always, I'd like
10 to thank the commissioners for a -- a positive working
11 relationship with -- with our office. And we'll continue that
12 for a -- for a long time.
13 And one other -- since you brought John Ruhs, Patty, right
14 now he's -- is scheduled along with Marcy Todd, the associate
15 state director, to come visit our office for a barbecue on
16 March 6th.
17 And so the invite is for the commission to participate in
18 that.
19 And, Keith, you're welcome to come and any other county
20 officials you'd like to have.
21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Awesome.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
23 JON SHERVE: Be open for -- for a lunch --
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We just --
25 JON SHERVE: -- and barbecue.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- commented on -- we just commented
27 on that because we wanted to remind them.
28 And, unfortunately, my regrets. I'll be back in Washington,
29 D.C. So --
30 JON SHERVE: Oh, nice.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I won't be able to attend. It
32 sounded like a wonderful one. So it's -- hate to miss it.
33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Jon.
34 JON SHERVE: Yep.
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We appreciate --
36 JON SHERVE: You're welcome.
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank --
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- it too.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- you, Jon.
40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yep. Thanks.

1 KEITH WESTENGARD: Can we skip Number 7 until right around
2 10:00. And Jason was planning to --

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, that's not going to work.

4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sean doesn't want to. But I'll let you.

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

6 He was going to try to be -- he was going to try to be here
7 right around 10:00?

8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

9 KEITH WESTENGARD: So --

10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll -- we'll put that off a little
11 while.

12 KEITH WESTENGARD: All right.

13
14 **8) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the 2017**
15 **Lander County Policy Plan for Federally Administered Lands**
16 **(The Lander County Public Lands Plan) with the recommended**
17 **corrections, and all other matters properly related thereto.**
18

19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Move to Item Number 8. Discussion for
20 possible action to approve/disapprove the 2017 Lander County
21 Policy Plan for Federally Administered Lands, Lander County
22 Public Lands Plan, with the recommended corrections, and all
23 other matters properly related thereto.

24 KEITH WESTENGARD: This was brought before you last
25 meeting. It did have several corrections that needed to be
26 made -- needed to be made.

27 Commissioner Waits got together with Rex. I spoke with Rex a
28 little bit. And the -- the corrections were made. And they are
29 in your book.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It actually affected six pages.

31 KEITH WESTENGARD: Six pages.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: There were sometimes a couple
33 corrections on one page. But --

34 And I had several questions. And it was excellent. I
35 appreciate you giving us the extra time.

36 And hopefully -- you can read that a hundred times and
37 probably still find something little we should have corrected.
38 But the six pages in our book are the ones that corrected dates
39 and corrected information and such.

40 And so I guess we need to approve the whole thing now;

1 right?

2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. And once it's approved, then
3 we'll incorporate the corrections into that plan. And
4 eventually that'll go into our master plan. And then it'll be
5 up for public comment and the process.

6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

7 So do we have a motion?

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: With that, I'll -- I'll make a motion
9 that we approve the 2017 Lander County Policy Plan for Federally
10 Administered Lands, the Lander County Public Lands Plan, with
11 the recommended corrections.

12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh.

15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Patsy made a motion. Judie
16 seconded.

17 Do we have any public comment?

18 (No comment.)

19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We voted that time, I know.

26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We did.7.

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

28
29 9) Discussion for possible action regarding the pursuit of a
30 Lander County public lands bill resolving housecleaning
31 issues within Lander County, and all other matters properly
32 related thereto.
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34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number 9. Discussion for possible
35 action regarding the pursuit of a Lander County public lands
36 bill resolving housecleaning issues within Lander County, and
37 all other matters properly related thereto.

38 Frank.

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Good morning, Frank.

40 FRANK WHITMAN: Good morning. Good morning, Commissioners.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning.

3 FRANK WHITMAN: Frank Whitman, for the record.

4 I was invited to come up here today and speak a little bit
5 about our proposed Lander County lands bill.

6 And I wanted to give a quick background maybe to help the
7 commissioners, the newer commissioners, see how kind of how we
8 are -- how we got to where we are.

9 Over ten years ago, the PLUAC has -- has been on the
10 PLUAC's radar to try to resolve some of these issues. It's been
11 probably on everyone's radar for more than that. But what kind
12 of pushed it to the floor was actually the Austin Historical
13 Society has a property, the old forest service building, that
14 they've tried to acquire for -- I don't know how many times --
15 in Congress. And it takes an act of Congress. And we tried to
16 put it onto the Nye County lands bill a couple years ago, the
17 Nye County, Clark County lands bill. That lands bill passed.
18 We failed to get -- they failed to get their -- all the
19 paperwork in, done in time.

20 But that opened up the whole door in the last six years
21 about, let's do a Lander County bill. Let's not just do one
22 little item. Let's try and do something for -- for the whole
23 county.

24 So two years ago, I know that Doug and Keith, we met with
25 Barrick and talked about a -- a lands bill with them. And
26 they -- they had some land issues they wanted to resolve, as
27 well as we could ride on the coattails of their lobbyists. And
28 that -- that would -- that would be a -- be a big plus.

29 In the end, two years ago, our polit- -- our -- our leaders
30 in Washington decided this was not the right political time to --
31 to pursue that.

32 And our -- Amo- -- well Amodei -- actually Amodei, Masto,
33 and Heller all have gotten on the bandwagon and -- and are
34 suggesting this is a good political season to get this done.

35 I -- I have s- -- I'll be honest with you, I have some
36 reservations whether this is another political year, election year
37 issue or -- or not. I don't know.

38 But other counties are working on lands bills. I'll leave
39 this with -- with our clerk. I don't have copies for everybody.

40 But Amodei's has a recent statement on the extent of the

1 Pershing County lands bill as well as I have some stuff here I
2 pulled off this morning from Masto's website about White Pine
3 and Lincoln County as well.

4 And these are -- are lands bills that have had over ten years
5 of attention to -- to -- to ripen, to figure out, talk to all the
6 stakeholders, figure out all the parts and pieces.

7 To -- to say, to digress a moment, the Pershing County's
8 lands bill ends up with a whole bunch of new wilderness areas
9 that they swapped for other lands, et cetera, et cetera. Those
10 kinds of things just take a -- years of public input here in our
11 county.

12 So that brings us to -- to -- to my thinking is, what can we
13 do? And what we can move forward and perhaps get done if we -- if
14 something was going to get done in this election cycle?

15 So two years ago at the -- the lobbyist from Barrick
16 suggested that a strong -- well, frankly, said, the only thing
17 that they would support was a very clean bill, that is stuff to be
18 conveyed to the county, no big economic package, no -- don't even
19 touch the wilderness study areas. And -- and that's what we left
20 it.

21 I talked to Nigel Bain, about three months ago, from
22 Barrick. And they are not interested at that time in pursuing a
23 -- anything on their own. They're figuring out their own way to
24 deal with their land issues.

25 So that leaves us pretty much open, you know, to -- to do
26 what -- to create whatever we want to.

27 So the things that I'm looking for in this bill are, again,
28 I -- I think I've stated here. Oh, I can -- you know, in southern
29 Lander County, it's the original BLM boundaries to convey to the
30 county for the air -- Austin Airport. That piece of property for
31 the Forest Service going to Historical Society. That's -- that's
32 a slam dunk. I don't know how many state forest rangers we've had
33 who have signed off on it and just never -- never went any
34 further. But we've done -- we've done our due diligence. Nobody
35 wants it. It's ours. It -- it would be great for our community.

36 In the northern part of the county, issues like your --
37 your -- your golf course or something, get that squared away.

38 But it does leave a couple of places open. And that is, I
39 believe LEDA is looking or needs to -- or wants a couple of
40 sections of land for industrial development.

1 I don't know how to weave that in, make that in -- part of
2 this package, and whether this is the proper time to do it. And I
3 may be wrong on what LEDA's requirements are. But I think that's
4 one of the things they've been talking about.

5 As well as the Augusta Mountains wilderness study area.
6 The rancher who's most impacted over there has actually done the
7 homework and figured out -- talked to friends of Nevada
8 Wilderness, Sierra Club, you know, the green outfits, as well as
9 the two miners that have claims in that area and -- and can --

10 And that looks like it could actually be resolved. We may
11 -- you know, might be a very easy one to resolve, leaving us
12 with just the Simpson Park and the Augusta Mountains wilderness
13 to -- to figure out.

14 Cogent with all this is Heller is proposing a -- a really
15 good bill for the county -- or -- or for the state for that --
16 I'm sorry -- it will impact our county but for the state. And
17 that is, the wilderness study areas currently that have been
18 designated would have two years to act on to -- to decide what
19 ar- -- what part of those would -- would be suitable for
20 wilderness. And if nothing was actually finished or -- or
21 completed on that, the entire study area would be -- would just
22 go away in five years. That would certainly resolve Lander
23 County's issues on that.

24 The -- the question is, you know, would -- would that -- will
25 that lands bill -- will his bill go through or not?

26 And who -- who really knows? It's a long way between now
27 and November.

28 So given all that, the -- the question seems to me is, do --
29 do we or you, as our commissioners, decide to try to take a little
30 more piece of the pie? Or, you know, play -- play it conservative
31 and safe?

32 At the end of the day, if a lands bill goes through, I
33 really want -- I -- I -- I think we're all on the same page. We
34 want something for Lander County. Maybe we can't get everything
35 resolved or everything we might want. But I -- I do think we're
36 as close as we've ever been to getting many of these issues just
37 simply resolved. And some of them are -- you know, here you
38 have EPA demanding that we have 40 acres of -- of owned --
39 municipal property around every wellhead. You know, these are
40 housecleaning issues, as I say.

1 So that's what I have to say. That's -- do you have any
2 questions for me? Or any direction? Or anything at all?

3 Other than that, that's kind of where we're at. And thank
4 you.

5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Frank.

6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, Frank. You do an excellent
7 job being the chairman of the public lands.

8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, thank you, Art.

9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Anytime I have a question, all I need
10 to do is ask you, and I get the right answer.

11 And I did have a -- an exceptional opportunity. Got about
12 15 minutes one on one with Dean Heller when he -- when we came
13 here. He came a little early to the Owl Club. And -- and I was
14 there.

15 He's very passionate about this lands bill.

16 And, you know, when I started listening to him and I heard
17 the five years' deal, get it done in five years or, you know, it
18 goes away, I thought that -- that's spectacular for us.

19 Why does it take longer than five years to establish
20 whether or not it's a wilderness area? That's always been
21 confusing to me.

22 FRANK WHITMAN: I don't know why, especially after we've
23 had over 30 years to study. Was it a wilderness study area or
24 not?

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that all?

26 FRANK WHITMAN: That's all. And we think that the
27 resolution of that would be pretty simple.

28 But -- so --

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Actually, it was back in -- what? --
30 1991 when the -- the Department of Interior said that -- that
31 our WSAs did not meet the criteria to make them wilderness. And
32 so, yeah, we're in that.

33 I ag- -- agree with -- with your timing, Frank. And I think
34 the appetite is there to at least pursue it.

35 What have we got to lose if -- if it doesn't go through?
36 Because we've been -- we've been trying before. And we have to
37 keep trying.

38 But one of the things I would add is we have to be sure and
39 check with Kingston. They too have areas that --

40 FRANK WHITMAN: Right.

1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- that we need --
2 FRANK WHITMAN: Absolutely.
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to put on. So --
4 FRANK WHITMAN: Uh-huh.
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- put that -- put that on -- on your
6 list too.
7 And how do you see this if -- if we support this today to
8 pursue this, how do you see this working as the next level? Is
9 that something you're going to run with?
10 FRANK WHITMAN: Sure. I -- I mean, I'll run with -- to --
11 to a large degree for -- for the county. And Kyla has -- has
12 volunteered some time too.
13 So we'd have a representative from LEDA on there and keep
14 the -- keep Art as a representative of public lands and keep all
15 of you commissioners abreast -- of what's going on.
16 In talking with Amodei's -- Martin Paris, his
17 representative out of Elko, he was extremely encouraging and
18 said, put -- put your wish list together, you know. Really
19 think it through. He did not indicate whether to be bold or
20 conservative.
21 And I -- and I can -- I have not been able to find a real
22 clear sense of direction from -- from him. And I thought perhaps
23 a -- a letter to Masto, who is -- and I'll leave with her
24 support. She's very much in support of some of these bills as
25 well as Heller. And maybe we can get a better parameter.
26 But he -- the only thing that Martin Paris did say is that
27 we should have a -- a public meeting north and south of -- two
28 public meetings just to have people -- to give them an
29 opportunity to weigh in. And -- and that's it.
30 He'll -- he'll -- he'll pick it up. Amodei's people will
31 pick it up. And if that's the product we want, that's the product
32 they'll run with. That's it.
33 So I think we could easily have that done between now and the
34 spring so that the summer session, as -- as I -- and I really hate
35 to say this politically, but going into our election, it'll be hot
36 and front and center. And it -- it will be great for our pol- --
37 for any politician to bring this home to, you know, the rural
38 counties. It -- it will -- it'll be favorable --
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, --
40 FRANK WHITMAN: -- for their camp.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it -- it sounds like Senator Heller
2 is going to run addressing the WSAs and such. So --
3 FRANK WHITMAN: Yep.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- all we have to do is the part that
5 just revolves around --
6 FRANK WHITMAN: Yep.
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Lander County on the other issues.
8 So --
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.
10 FRANK WHITMAN: Yep. I -- I think it -- I think it's a --
11 it's easy and doing doable by the --
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So just -- just for some clarification of
14 my own head here. So these are -- these are issues that have
15 taken a long, long time.
16 We've tried different avenues to try to get these resolved.
17 And those have kind of fallen through. So we're just going to do
18 it on our own?
19 FRANK WHITMAN: Yes, sir.
20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And I know the golf course is one that
21 we've talked about quite a bit. We've tried several different
22 avenues, you know, attach it to a land bill.
23 FRANK WHITMAN: Yeah.
24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So we're talking now about just buying it.
25 And we've -- we've been talking with BLM about just buying
26 the land from them and get away from that pact that we have from
27 them. Because that resolves some issues for us. But --
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: This could resolve it --
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- does it --
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- too.
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. Does it -- I don't know. Is it
32 a -- is it a problem trying to -- to take the same piece of land
33 and try to acquire from different directions? Does that help us
34 or hurt us? Or --
35 FRANK WHITMAN: I -- I don't know. But I know in the
36 southern part of the county where we -- where other entities
37 have -- have tried to the real estate.
38 And no -- no offense to Jon.
39 It just seems it's a byzantine path to -- to figure out how
40 to -- how to make that happen. It often seems that the real

1 estate guy in -- for the district gets transferred. And you're
2 starting with a new guy who has a different sense of -- of what
3 the -- what -- what his mission is.

4 And I -- I don't have an answer to that.

5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

6 FRANK WHITMAN: Maybe -- maybe Jon has some clarity. Or --
7 but that has -- that has not pr- -- has not borne fruit in the
8 past. Not that it wouldn't in the future, --

9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

10 FRANK WHITMAN: -- but -- but it has been a real --
11 absolute frustrating in the past.

12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think we ought to try multiple
13 avenues just to -- whatever one gets done first is --

14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do you -- do you have an idea? Does it --
15 does it make us look bad trying different avenues? Or is
16 that -- is that problematic for us? Or is that o- -- do you
17 care? Or --

18 I mean, --

19 JON SHERVE: So Jon Sherve, again, field manager for BLM.

20 I don't -- I don't think there's an issue with it from my
21 perspective. I do understand the administrative delays that can
22 be involved with something like that. But, to us, for this
23 office, we've got -- it is a priority for us. It -- it simplifies
24 our administration of that block of land tremendously if it were
25 to go to county ownership.

26 So there's -- I think multiple paths, you know.

27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Doesn't -- doesn't --

28 JON SHERVE: Couldn't hurt.

29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. All right.

30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Jon.

31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So, Frank, do you have -- do you have any
32 idea kind of how many pieces of land we're talking about putting
33 into this land bill?

34 FRANK WHITMAN: I don't have a list. I ha- -- I have a --
35 the -- the notebooks that Jan started two years ago, --

36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

37 FRANK WHITMAN: -- which is --

38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Because I remember then, there were quite
39 a few just like -- just small pieces of -- of quite a few of
40 them, actually.

1 FRANK WHITMAN: Yeah. Little tidbits here and there.
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
3 FRANK WHITMAN: Just -- just we're rationalizing out our
4 ownership.
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
6 FRANK WHITMAN: And -- and I -- I think there were about
7 40, but I could be understating that.
8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
9 FRANK WHITMAN: And -- and part of that is, like, the
10 Kingston Airport would be -- be one, convey that to the county.
11 Oh. The wellheads. I -- I -- and I -- she was more vested
12 into the northern part of the county. And I was looking at the
13 southern part of the county. So -- but -- but she did some great
14 work.
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
16 FRANK WHITMAN: She did most of our homework. It's just a
17 matter actually of regoing through that stuff and prob- -- and
18 I -- I believe it would just be just picking and choosing. If
19 there's anything what we don't think or we're feeling too bold
20 or greedy about. But I think it should be slam dunk. So --
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What?
23 KEITH WESTENGARD: I have that copy if you'd like to look
24 at it. Give me a minute, I can go get it.
25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, I think -- well, I -- I know
26 there's more lands that we probably want to add. So if we make
27 a motion to have Frank pursue this with Kyla, to bring a list
28 back to us --
29 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'll give you that copy too, Frank.
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Is that a good idea?
31 KEITH WESTENGARD: I think so. Yeah. I think it's
32 important too -- we talked about this a little bit with Martin
33 Paris that -- that it's very well coordinated between the two
34 offices, between Heller and Amodei's offices so that they don't
35 clash.
36 That was one of -- one of the concerns when I talked with
37 Martin. So --
38 But it sounds like you've probably addressed that or you're
39 aware of it, I guess.
40 FRANK WHITMAN: My -- my handle was Heller was interested

1 in the wilderness study areas.

2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

3 FRANK WHITMAN: And -- and Amodei's office is interested
4 in -- their interests are cogent. But one would work on W- --
5 WSAs. The other one was a more local -- of a local lands bill.

6 So I don't think there will be an overlap. We leave the
7 WSAs -- WSAs for Heller to resolve. And we resolve with Amodei --
8 or Amodei's sponsoring our lo- -- our Lander County interests.

9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I talked to Heller and Amodei and
10 Martin Saturday --

11 FRANK WHITMAN: Uh-uh.

12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- about some lands bills and some
13 lands that we were talking about getting transferred over. And
14 Martin sounds like he's the one that's coordinating everything
15 between Heller and Amodei on which --

16 FRANK WHITMAN: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- lands go where. So Martin's
18 definitely the point guy that's running, making sure Heller has
19 his information, Amodei has his information.

20 FRANK WHITMAN: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So --

22 But, with that, I'll make a motion to pursue a Lander
23 County public lands bill resolving housecleaning issues within
24 Lander County and have Frank Whitman and Kyla bring back the
25 list of properties.

26 FRANK WHITMAN: Sounds good.

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Second.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Second.

29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Sean made a motion. Judie
30 seconded.

31 Do we have any public comment?

32 (No comment.)

33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Frank.

40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

1 FRANK WHITMAN: Thank you.
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I think we're --
3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks, --
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- good.
5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- Frank.
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're going take a quick break.
7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Drive safe, Frank.
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Austin?
9 MITESHELL LANHAM: Okay.

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11 (Break taken between 9:55 a.m. to 10:02 a.m.)
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13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Call this meeting back to order.
14

- 15 10) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the
16 consent for the assignment of lease for the aircraft hangar
17 lease agreement dated August 1, 2017, between Four Corners
18 Real Estate, LLC, and Lander County, to American Medflight
19 Holdings, Inc., and all other matters properly related
20 thereto.
21

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're on Item Number 10. Discussion for
23 possible action to approve/disapprove the consent for the
24 assignment of lease for the aircraft hangar lease agreement
25 dated August 1st, 2017, between Four Corners Real Estate, LLC,
26 and Lander County to American Medflight Holdings, Incorporated,
27 and all other matters properly related thereto.

28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Didn't we approve this already?

29 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, th- -- this is --

30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

31 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- this is more of an amendment.

32 Correct, Jeanne?

33 This is more of an amendment to their lease to name the --
34 American Medflight.

35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

36 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's for their tax purposes. It doesn't
37 change any of the lease. It just adds American Medflight into
38 it.

39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right. America Med- --

40 JEANNE FALZONE: It changes --

1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- -flight Holdings --
2 JEANNE FALZONE: -- the name.
3 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, okay.
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- is owned by Four Corners Real Estate.
5 Their accountants wanted it put into the --
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.
7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- American Medflight Holdings name
8 instead of in the Four Corners Real Estate.
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: And there's no --
10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Same owners.
11 KEITH WESTENGARD: No ter- -- it doesn't change the terms.
12 It changes --
13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- their names. It puts the names, is
15 what it does.
16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Same company. It's just a division of
17 their company that they wanted to make --
18 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- division's name.
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Make a motion to approve the consent
21 for the assignment of lease for the aircraft hangar lease
22 agreement dated August 1st, 2017, between Four Corners Real
23 Estate, LLC, and Lander County to American Medflight Holdings,
24 Incorporated.
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Second.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I have a question.
27 Ted?
28 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
30 By -- by adding that name, do we need to have anything
31 changed at all? Does -- does the insurance have to acknowledge
32 that name or anything? Or --
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. All that paperwork has
34 to comply. And as soon as our paperwork complies, then -- then
35 we have to notify all the people that have the old name on the
36 paperwork and update them.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
38 So this will be done after we approve it? Is that what we're
39 saying?
40 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yeah. We have to approve it

1 first.

2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Sean made a motion. Judie
4 seconded.

5 Do we have any public comment.

6 (No comment.)

7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

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14 **11) Discussion for possible action regarding an update from the**
15 **Battle Mountain recreation supervisor, including revenues and**
16 **rates, and all other matters properly related thereto.**
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18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 11. Discussion for possible action
19 regarding update from Battle Mountain recreation supervisor,
20 including revenues and rates, and all other matters properly
21 related thereto.

22 ROBIN SMITH: Robin Smith, for the record.

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Good morning, Robin.

24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Good morning, --

25 ROBIN SMITH: Hello.

26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Robin.

27 ROBIN SMITH: How are you guys?

28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Wonderful.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: How are --

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good --

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- you?

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- morning.

33 ROBIN SMITH: I'm good.

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's snowing.

35 ROBIN SMITH: It's beautiful out.

36 So do you guys want to start with the civic center or the
37 rec center?

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What do you want to start with?

39 ROBIN SMITH: Civic center will be quick. So let's go --

40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

1 ROBIN SMITH: -- there.
2 So last time I did an update on the civic center, you guys
3 had requested to do the '16/'17 fiscal year and '17/'18 fiscal
4 year comparisons. So I did put those in there.
5 Everything is pretty comparable month to month as far as our
6 rates, our revenues and stuff that are coming in. Some months are
7 a little higher than others. There is a little bit of a
8 difference in the total revenue for the year. And that is because
9 Klondex, SMD, the different mines and whatnot that always host
10 meetings at the civic center, have been asked by their corporate
11 offices to reach out to other communities, not put everything in
12 the Battle Mountain.
13 So unfortunately for us, that hits us a little bit. But
14 you got to understand. They have employees in Elko, Winnemucca.
15 So I get why they are spreading their meetings out.
16 Although, just this week, I had Newmont call and book -- book
17 several meetings beginning in -- I think it was May up until next
18 year that didn't get put on this.
19 So, you know, they are -- they are coming back to us. I
20 guess they shared the wealth enough and now it's time to come
21 back home. So that's good.
22 Do you guys have any questions about the civic center? Or --
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Looks like you're --
24 ROBIN SMITH: No?
25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- staying pretty busy over there. So
26 that's --
27 ROBIN SMITH: It's --
28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- good.
29 ROBIN SMITH: -- it's staying steady. Right now we've been
30 a little bit slow. But it just kind of seems to be that way.
31 Last year it was too. It's, you know --
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
33 ROBIN SMITH: There's some months people are getting
34 married and having birthday parties. And then there's some
35 months that people are staying home. Understandable. So --
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So, Robin, do you have a problem --
37 say you have -- have a luncheon and then a dinner function, is
38 there any problem in -- in having those both at the same time?
39 The same day?
40 ROBIN SMITH: It depends on how late one goes.

1 But, no, there's been a lot of times we've accommodated. Say
2 Newmont's in there at 5:00 in the morning, we get there at 4:30 to
3 get coffee and everything going. We set up everything the day
4 before, the night before. So if Newmont's in there from 4:00 to
5 noon, we'll clean up. And, yeah, if other people want to book and
6 come in that afternoon, we've always accommodated that.

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. But so -- so say you have a --
8 a noon function and then you have an evening function, you know,
9 kind of same principle, but you're -- you're going to be pushing
10 the timeline a little bit.

11 ROBIN SMITH: It is pushing the timeline, but --

12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But it's still --

13 ROBIN SMITH: It is doable.

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- doable?

15 ROBIN SMITH: Absolutely. Yeah.

16 And --

17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

18 ROBIN SMITH: -- our janitors with the county are very
19 helpful. If we need help cleaning the building, all we got to
20 do is give them a call and they come right over and help us out.
21 So that's very nice.

22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Good.

23 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah. Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So do have anyone at the civic center
25 just on a daily basis in the office?

26 ROBIN SMITH: Yes. Rita Rogers. Although she's on
27 vacation this week so I've been bouncing back and forth.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But she's there -- what? -- 40 hours?

29 ROBIN SMITH: Oh, yeah.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

31 ROBIN SMITH: Sometimes more.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So it's open?

33 ROBIN SMITH: Yes. Yep. Yep.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So I'm -- I'm still concerned about
36 acoustics in that building. I think, didn't -- at budget,
37 didn't we make some arrangements or -- for something to help
38 with the acoustics in there?

39 ROBIN SMITH: We did. But then it came up that we were
40 possibly going to do some updating or whatnot to the building.

1 So we put that off.
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
3 ROBIN SMITH: Because why spend money and then change a
4 bunch of things and spend money twice? So we're just waiting to
5 hear --
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.
7 ROBIN SMITH: -- if there's going to be any renovations to
8 the building or not before we move forward with that.
9 Civic center good?
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think so.
12 ROBIN SMITH: Okay. So the rec center.
13 I apologize. On these reports I thought I threw the month
14 of January in there. But it looks like -- because our program
15 runs on a calendar year and not a fiscal year, it gave us from
16 July to December.
17 So my next update I will make sure January and February are
18 included on that report.
19 But as you can see, it has broke down every month, the
20 different -- where the different rates are going: the adult
21 punches, the child punches, the memberships, the daily fees. And
22 down at the bottom on the second page, it gives a total revenue
23 for that month.
24 And then in the very last column, it gives total revenue,
25 what the building has made from July to December.
26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So it's coming up.
27 ROBIN SMITH: It is coming up.
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, and the first fiscal year was
29 only a month; right?
30 Because it was only open --
31 ROBIN SMITH: We opened July 3rd. So --
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, okay.
33 ROBIN SMITH: -- we started --
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's right. That's right.
35 ROBIN SMITH: -- this fiscal year.
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. We're still in it.
37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
38 ROBIN SMITH: Yep.
39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Robin, I had you do some research on
40 pricing --

1 ROBIN SMITH: Yes, --
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- and what --
3 ROBIN SMITH: -- you did.
4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- where we bode with the rest of the
5 facilities in the state.
6 ROBIN SMITH: Yes. I e-mailed those fee schedules from the
7 surrounding communities to Nilla. She gave them to the -- did
8 you guys get them out? Okay. So you guys should have a copy of
9 those.
10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
11 ROBIN SMITH: Honestly, I think our fees are very
12 comparable to the surrounding pools.
13 Keep in mind, these facilities that I gave you rates on are
14 only pools. The rec center has so much to more to offer than
15 their facilities do.
16 A lot of their water aerobics are \$6 an hour; ours are three.
17 If they pay in the morning and they want to come back to the night
18 class, we do not charge them again.
19 These are other pools charge by session.
20 So --
21 Also, it looks like a lot of these other pools, their swim
22 lessons are \$60 for a two-week session. We charge 30. So I
23 think that our rates are very comparable. I think people are
24 pretty happy with the rates.
25 I know there has been some complaints and whatnot on
26 Facebook. But they're not only complaining about the rec center.
27 They're complaining about every new construction in this town.
28 And it's a handful of people.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You know, you're always going to have
30 somebody that's not going to be happy.
31 ROBIN SMITH: Absolutely. Absolutely.
32 Also, I know a big issue is that we charge for our splash
33 pad. Our splash pad is fenced in to the facility. So that does
34 pose an issue.
35 Although I think that if the splash pad was not fenced in,
36 we would have -- because we do have the arches in the pool, we
37 would have kids or even adults swinging on them, vandalizing
38 them, breaking them. So it is nice that they are fenced in.
39 However, I would like you guys to know, when people come to
40 our building and our splash pad is open and they say, hey, we

1 just want to go out and enjoy the splash pad with our children,
2 we do not charge them.

3 Please, go out. Enjoy the splash pad.

4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So we need --

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You know, Robin, when -- when the
6 design process was -- working on the design process -- and
7 actually the architect's the one that suggested the splash pad.
8 And the comment was, you know, at that time, we didn't even know
9 what one was.

10 ROBIN SMITH: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And talking about, you know, they
12 really are a big draw.

13 And it's -- it's not all about making money. I mean, you
14 still need to -- to make some money to help, you know, maintain
15 the facility. But that was one of the comments is how much a
16 splash pad can generate. And I think a lot of the people that are
17 commenting on these don't understand. First of all, it's the
18 first time they've ever seen a splash pad.

19 ROBIN SMITH: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So they don't have any comparison.
21 And you can't just offer everything free to the public.

22 ROBIN SMITH: No, you can't.

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You'd absolutely love to. But, like
24 you said, is -- if it were open to the public, it would be
25 vandalized. And we do need to generate some money to maintain
26 this facility for years to come. So...

27 ROBIN SMITH: Thank you. I agree with that 100 percent.

28 And most of the people that come in and pay the rate, they
29 do use the gym. They use the pool. And then they go out and
30 enjoy the splash pad. So, you know, it's -- I don't know. It's
31 not very many people that are out there complaining.

32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Hey, when we --

33 ROBIN SMITH: Our rates --

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- designed --

35 ROBIN SMITH: -- are good.

36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- the facility, the architects
37 didn't even know what a splash pad was.

38 ROBIN SMITH: Right. Right. And, you know, a lot of
39 splash pads in the --

40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That is --

1 ROBIN SMITH: -- bigger --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- not true.
3 ROBIN SMITH: -- cities are just water, you know, that
4 shoots straight out of concrete.
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, it's --
6 ROBIN SMITH: So --
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it's all designed around years ago
8 when they turned the fire hydrants on.
9 ROBIN SMITH: Right.
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I mean, that's -- that's the --
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, yeah.
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- whole point of a splash pad. And
13 that's what the kids loved.
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Go and get wet.
15 ROBIN SMITH: Yes.
16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So then we need to get some more
17 advertising or some -- start educating what's free, what's not
18 free. What's -- something along that lines for the community.
19 Does that make sense?
20 ROBIN SMITH: You know this community wants everything
21 free.
22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I know that, --
23 ROBIN SMITH: We don't get --
24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- but --
25 ROBIN SMITH: -- free groceries. We don't get free
26 McDonald's.
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But they do get -- they do get the
28 splash pad for free and stuff like that. So there's --
29 ROBIN SMITH: If they --
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- just thing- -- there --
31 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah.
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- needs to be --
33 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah.
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- something -- I don't know how to
35 approach that just yet. But --
36 ROBIN SMITH: Okay.
37 I will -- I will figure something out when our splash pad
38 season starts, hopefully in May, you know. You never know with
39 the weather here, but I'm thinking May to, like, October we should
40 be able to run it. Who knows?

1 So, yes, I'll figure out something along those lines.
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So just on --
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Robin?
4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- just on an up note, I had someone tell
5 me today that they really enjoy the rec center. They use it a
6 lot. They think the management is good. They -- they're glad
7 that we built the rec center. So...
8 ROBIN SMITH: That's --
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: But there is a --
10 ROBIN SMITH: -- so nice to hear.
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: There is a positive -- there is a positive
12 out there also. So...
13 ROBIN SMITH: Absolutely. There is. There's a lot of
14 people that really say a lot of great -- there's a lot more that
15 we get positive from than negative.
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I was just wondering if maybe you or
17 Keith could -- could contact *The Bugle* and see if we might be
18 able to do just a -- a session on a regular basis, maybe twice a
19 month or even once a month, whatever they'll give us, and you
20 can do a little update on and just the recreation center?
21 ROBIN SMITH: Absolutely.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They might.
23 ROBIN SMITH: And is his name Travis? Is that -- yeah. I
24 have his email. I absolutely can do that.
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I meant it would -- it -- not for
26 Travis to do it. Contact *The Bugle* directly and have you do it,
27 if you will do an article.
28 ROBIN SMITH: Oh, right. I -- I can do it and email it to
29 Travis and he can put it in.
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, sorry.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. But I'm -- I'm not looking for
32 Travis's byline, is what I'm saying.
33 ROBIN SMITH: No, I'll do the work. I'll put the
34 spreadsheet -- what?
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: I under- -- she --
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just want you to be --
37 ROBIN SMITH: Okay.
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I want you to be another reporter.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It's going to be a -- a -- a --
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: From the recreation --

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- a blurb on --
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- center.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- the rec center by Robin Smith.
4 ROBIN SMITH: Right.
5 Yeah. And I can email Travis. And he can make sure it gets
6 in *The Bugle*.
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Or just -- there's other --
8 KEITH WESTENGARD: Direct to the publisher.
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'd -- I'd --
10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- rather bypass the reporter.
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yes.
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: This is --
14 ROBIN SMITH: Okay.
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- what I'm asking.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yes.
17 ROBIN SMITH: Okay.
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You can send it directly to.
19 ROBIN SMITH: Okay.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: See if they will allow us that space
21 to -- to be able to do a regular column once a month, twice a
22 month.
23 I don't want it done any more -- you know, it doesn't have to
24 be in there every single time.
25 ROBIN SMITH: Right. Right.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But --
27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. On --
28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Unless you want to.
29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The pool's down right now?
30 ROBIN SMITH: Pool is down.
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Where we at?
32 ROBIN SMITH: I have Noor. California Pool and Spa was the
33 contractor under CORE, who designed --
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Was the construction --
35 ROBIN SMITH: -- the pool, --
36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- manager.
37 ROBIN SMITH: -- splash pad, whatnot.
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
39 ROBIN SMITH: Noor is their subcontractor that oversees all
40 the equipment and whatnot.

1 So back in November I was in on a Sunday doing the acid wash,
2 blah, blah, blah. I noticed that our Pulsar system was down. And
3 it was reading "circuit error," whatnot. So I call them. Right
4 away I get on the phone with them.

5 And they're like, we've never heard this error before. Let
6 us do some research. Try powering it off and turning it back on
7 and see if it corrects itself. Maybe it was just a power bump
8 or whatnot.

9 But that was the only system doing it. The baby pool
10 wasn't doing it and the splash pad -- well, that's off -- but
11 the baby pool wasn't doing it.

12 So said, okay.

13 I powered it off, turned it back on. It kicked right back
14 on and started working and everything was fine.

15 And they go, okay, we're going to have the manufacturer
16 contact you, get some more information on what this code is.

17 The manufacturer contacted me within a couple days. It was
18 very quick.

19 And they're like, again, we have never heard this code come
20 up on the system before.

21 Of course, in Battle Mountain, you know.

22 So they're like, Robin, we're going to do research on this.
23 We'll get back with you.

24 They never got back with us. I was staying in contact with
25 Noor over this.

26 They said, if they happens again, contact us. It might
27 have just been a one-time -- one-time little whatever.

28 We went a good month, month and a half without anything
29 happening.

30 And then we had a couple more of those issues.

31 Every time we called them, they're like, okay, we're
32 looking into it. We're thinking it might be a programming
33 issue. We're still doing research, whatnot.

34 Well, then this last weekend, Thursday, I was in there, went
35 back, checked the system. Because we check it constantly. And
36 this error code was there. I could not shut it down and power it
37 back on.

38 So I get on the phone with them. And I'm like, you know,
39 two weeks ago you said you're thinking it's a programming issue.
40 You're looking into parts. It's like, I needed you here a month

1 ago.

2 Because now it's not powering back on. And if I have to
3 shut this pool down, we're going to have serious repercussions
4 in this community.

5 Okay. We understand. We'll get on the horn, blah, blah,
6 blah.

7 That system did not power up all weekend.

8 They said, fill your floaters with chlorine, keep checking
9 your levels. Your pool can stay open. You know, just okay.

10 So we -- our pool was great all weekend. Sean, his family
11 was there, had a birthday party, had a great time. We had four
12 birthday parties this weekend. The pool levels were staying good.

13 Monday, the girls called me, said, Robin, our pool's
14 getting cloudy.

15 I said, test our levels.

16 They were starting to change.

17 I said, get the people out of the pool now.

18 Because people will get burnt. They'll get chemical burns.
19 You can't have that.

20 The pool has been shut down since Monday at 5:00 o'clock.

21 I called Keith right away. He was at home. Told him what
22 was going on. I was on the phone with Noor all weekend. I was
23 on the phone with Noor on Monday.

24 They're like, okay, we're having parts overnighted.
25 They'll be in California Thursday. Because nothing is never
26 overnighted.

27 And no parts on Wednesday. They'll be there Thursday.

28 I said okay.

29 They are there right now working on it.

30 Our system came back on Monday night. It has been running
31 all week; however, the chemicals are out of control.

32 No matter where you test the water in a pool, it should
33 always test the same numbers. So we constantly test different
34 areas in the pool.

35 All week long we are getting different readings -- readings
36 throughout that whole pool.

37 He is there this morning testing it, saying the same thing.
38 And he goes, I don't know why your chlorinator is doing this.

39 So he's looking at everything today. He's going to spend
40 today and tomorrow there.

1 So, unfortunately, yes, our pool is beautiful and clear after
2 Monday being super cloudy, but the chemicals are not safe for the
3 community right now.

4 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So did -- my understanding was the
5 computer needed a new brain.

6 ROBIN SMITH: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So did he bring one? That was the --

8 ROBIN SMITH: Nope.

9 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- part? Oh, okay.

10 ROBIN SMITH: No, he didn't.

11 I called them --

12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So they're not going to --

13 ROBIN SMITH: -- yesterday --

14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- be able to fix --

15 ROBIN SMITH: -- morning.

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- it today or tomorrow, then?

17 ROBIN SMITH: He's going to take the brain from the splash
18 pad and use it.

19 When I called Noor yesterday morning to make sure they were
20 on track with everything, Vanessa told me, yes, the part is here.
21 They're leaving. They will be there tomorrow morning.

22 He came without the part. I guess it got tied up in UPS
23 and weather somewhere.

24 But yesterday morning they told me they had it. So, I
25 mean, that's obviously out of our hands.

26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

27 ROBIN SMITH: But it was tied up in UPS.

28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So he'll -- he'll swap out the brain
29 for the splash pad for the pool. And --

30 ROBIN SMITH: Yes.

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- then bring --

32 ROBIN SMITH: And then --

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- in another one for the splash pad?

34 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah, and then --

35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

36 ROBIN SMITH: -- he'll be back.

37 But he is staying here to go through all our systems.
38 Because not only is the big pool acting up, now the baby pool's
39 acting up.

40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And what about -- did he say anything

1 about maybe looking into a liquid chlorine system? Or --
2 ROBIN SMITH: I spoke with that -- about that with him when
3 they first opened the pool and wanted to know why we didn't go
4 liquid chlorine.
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
6 ROBIN SMITH: Of course, you know, they're -- I don't know.
7 Pulsar is their signature system, what- --
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It was their --
9 ROBIN SMITH: I don't know.
10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- state-of-the-art system that they
11 wanted to use.
12 ROBIN SMITH: Of course. So they can give their
13 explanation as to why in their mind this is the best system
14 there is. That's what the contractors decided on. That's --
15 I -- I don't know why, Sean. I asked and they gave a big
16 spiel. And bottom line is --
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It was actually a --
18 ROBIN SMITH: -- is --
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- money issue during the design
20 process.
21 ROBIN SMITH: I'm sure. I'm sure, you know.
22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But it was also the system that the
23 architects and their pool guy, their contractor that they wanted
24 to go with wanted to use.
25 ROBIN SMITH: Right.
26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Was kind of how that was decided.
27 ROBIN SMITH: Right. And --
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But --
29 ROBIN SMITH: -- so, of course, --
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- but there is a way --
31 ROBIN SMITH: -- they had --
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to convert it. We just need to
33 look into it.
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We -- we --
35 ROBIN SMITH: We might --
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- weren't a pilot --
37 ROBIN SMITH: -- want to.
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- program. I mean, this was a -- a
39 tested system; was it not? Because we've only had it six months
40 --

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It was --
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- before --
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- a test system.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- before it went down.
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It's the test system that California
6 Pools uses.
7 ROBIN SMITH: Uh-huh.
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But --
9 ROBIN SMITH: And there's, you know, there's a hundred
10 pools or more that use this system.
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
12 ROBIN SMITH: It's -- you know, it's no different than your
13 alternator going out in your car. Parts fail. I get that.
14 But they should have been more proactive on getting this to
15 us. Because we were very proactive with them. We were
16 constantly calling and wanting to know.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just wanted to be sure we weren't a
18 pilot program.
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No, we weren't, Patsy.
20 ROBIN SMITH: No. No.
21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The Poseidon system was a pilot
22 program.
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. Guinea pigs on that.
24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: But that's working; right?
25 ROBIN SMITH: Yes, that is working.
26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.
27 KEITH WESTENGARD: Flawlessly, by the way.
28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Flawlessly.
29 ROBIN SMITH: Finally.
30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: You mean finally.
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It wasn't flawless getting it in.
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
33 ROBIN SMITH: But, you know, we're -- we're fixing the pool
34 issue. This -- this happens with pools, you know.
35 And he told me, he goes, every pool has their chemical
36 issues from time to time. This is nothing new. You fix the
37 problem. You get through it. You get it back open.
38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: With the -- I'm just wondering. Do --
39 that -- that step was broken?
40 So you got part of the stairs going down into the pool are

1 closed off? Is that --
2 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah.
3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- still --
4 ROBIN SMITH: Those --
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yes.
6 ROBIN SMITH: -- parts are on back-order. They're supposed
7 to finally show up next month.
8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, see, --
9 ROBIN SMITH: In the middle of --
10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- and --
11 ROBIN SMITH: -- next month.
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- if the pool's down, this might be an
13 opportune time to fix that.
14 ROBIN SMITH: I know. That's what I said too. I was like,
15 let's empty it and get it fixed now.
16 Those -- the stuff to fix the step has been on back-order.
17 They're supposed to be here --
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's -- that's been --
19 ROBIN SMITH: -- middle of March.
20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- a while too. Yeah.
21 ROBIN SMITH: It is been forever.
22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Work in progress.
23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
24 ROBIN SMITH: It is. It is.
25 But on a good note, February 2nd and 3rd, the rec center
26 was occupied by 24 traveling basketball teams that held a two-day
27 tournament in Battle Mountain. So --
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Cool.
29 ROBIN SMITH: -- all these traveling teams from all the
30 surrounding areas were in our rec center and fell in love with
31 it. So that is super --
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Good.
33 ROBIN SMITH: -- awesome.
34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: It was packed --
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I was --
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- wondering.
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Sunday.
39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I was wondering about that when they were
40 here. I mean, those guys were using that --

1 ROBIN SMITH: Yep.
2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Saturday.
3 ROBIN SMITH: Yep.
4 They came and said, can we use your facility?
5 I said, heck, yeah. Come in. Let's keep --
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So, Robin, --
7 ROBIN SMITH: -- doing this.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- they did use that for part of the
9 tournament? The basket- -- the courts --
10 ROBIN SMITH: Uh-huh.
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- for the tournament?
12 ROBIN SMITH: Yep.
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Wonderful.
14 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah. It was great. And they fell in love
15 with it. They loved our facility.
16 Also, we are booked for three weeks beginning in March for
17 the junior high to come use the pool and the building all day for
18 PE.
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: When was that?
20 ROBIN SMITH: The first three weeks of March. So starting
21 next week.
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And hopefully we have a pool.
23 ROBIN SMITH: Oh, we will.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They just can't use --
25 ROBIN SMITH: We will.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the splash pad.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
28 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah.
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They'll get it fixed.
31 ROBIN SMITH: Our coed volleyball. We finally this last
32 weekend got enough people on our list to start coed volleyball.
33 We're going to start that March 1st, Thursdays, and -- or excuse
34 me -- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00.
35 So that's exciting.
36 We are still working on putting a coed basketball program
37 together. We've got about nine people on that. We need just a
38 couple more so we have enough for two teams to run back and
39 forth on our court. And --
40 CHAIRMAN MILLS: When they're -- when they're doing that

1 volleyball, I'd like to see you set up the volleyball net in the
2 racquetball court and have them play some wallyball.

3 ROBIN SMITH: For wally- --

4 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So that they --

5 ROBIN SMITH: Oh, absolutely.

6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- so that they can start getting kind of
7 familiar with the whole wallyball concept.

8 ROBIN SMITH: Absolutely. I will. Are you going to come
9 down and play?

10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I might.

11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: He's going to have to teach the
12 class.

13 ROBIN SMITH: Right.

14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So, I mean, it's -- it's -- it's another
15 feature of the court. And I think a -- a lot of people aren't
16 playing wallyball because they don't know what it is.

17 ROBIN SMITH: Well, and a lot of people like to --

18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: If we --

19 ROBIN SMITH: -- play wallyball because it's --

20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you get the --

21 ROBIN SMITH: -- a little bit --

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- volleyball people --

23 ROBIN SMITH: -- more violent.

24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- and they're playing wallyball and maybe
25 they'll -- maybe it'll catch on --

26 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah.

27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- through the whole bit.

28 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah. And they truly like it because it
29 truly is a little bit violent. I mean, --

30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, yeah.

31 ROBIN SMITH: -- you are really going after your opponents
32 on the other side.

33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

34 ROBIN SMITH: Twenty-fourth, this Saturday, we are still
35 planning on our tryouts for the pool. Because like -- for the
36 swim team. Because like I said, that -- that pool will be up
37 and running.

38 Sunday I would like to do a free day because our pool has
39 been shut down for a week. Maybe even next week. I don't -- I
40 don't know. That's up to you guys.

1 Our community has been very gracious with our pool issue
2 this week. So I would like to pay it forward to them somehow.

3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I would think maybe next -- next
4 Sunday you could put it in the paper so that the public is aware
5 of it. I think it's a wonderful idea.

6 ROBIN SMITH: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But I think this Sunday might be too
8 soon --

9 ROBIN SMITH: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to get the word out, maybe.

11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: How many people you have for tryouts
12 for the swim team?

13 ROBIN SMITH: Right --

14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I --

15 ROBIN SMITH: -- now we're --

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- I --

17 ROBIN SMITH: -- sitting --

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- agree with --

19 ROBIN SMITH: -- at 40.

20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Judy, though. But --

21 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: How many?

23 ROBIN SMITH: Forty --

24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, cool.

25 ROBIN SMITH: -- right now. Super exciting.

26 And also, I was going to mention to you guys, I don't know if
27 this has to be approved or go on an agenda item or whatnot.
28 Because we are running seven days a week now, it would be really
29 nice if we could be closed one Monday a month so that I can bring
30 all my full-times in and we can get those pool walls scrubbed
31 really good, just get a good deep cleaning done in the pool area
32 and whatnot. Because it really is very important to keep up on
33 that.

34 And before, when we were closed Sundays and Mondays, we
35 would go in every week for a couple hours and do that. But now
36 that we've been open seven days, almost a month now, it's been a
37 little hard to get that -- the pool walls and floor and stuff

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Once a month is all you need?

39 ROBIN SMITH: I would think so. If we need more, we will,
40 you know, maybe every other Monday or something.

1 But it's just -- right now as it is, every day they sanitize
2 and scrub the deck and all the equipment and stuff anyways. But
3 really getting in -- and we put our vacuum in every night. We,
4 you know, vacuum the pool every night. We take our big brush and
5 we scrub down our pool walls. But it's not a deep enough clean.

6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Say maybe one -- the -- every -- the
7 first Monday of every month?

8 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah. Something like that. Or the third.
9 It doesn't matter what Monday but just --

10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah, just --

11 ROBIN SMITH: -- stay --

12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- pick --

13 ROBIN SMITH: -- consistent.

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- pick a consistent.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm just wondering whether it's
16 something that -- that just comes under, you know, you and --
17 you and Keith, whether we would have to -- to approve it. We
18 would need to know. And, of course, we always want to know.

19 And if somebody says, how come that was closed, the
20 commissioner knows immediately --

21 ROBIN SMITH: Right.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that's what's happening. But I
23 don't know. We can ask Ted whether -- whether they certainly
24 can put that under their housekeeping and -- and handle it
25 themselves without coming before the commission on that.

26 ROBIN SMITH: Well, and like Judie said, if we could pick
27 the same Monday every month, then, you know, say it is the first
28 or the second Monday every month. If somebody came to you, you
29 know -- and we would put it on our schedule so that the
30 community would know.

31 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioners, excuse me. This
32 is Ted. If -- if you in fact change policy where you have one
33 day a month, you should probably mention the citizen on that.
34 However, if Keith -- if Keith just decides to do it every once
35 in a while, he has the authority to do that by himself. But if
36 it becomes policy, you need to do it.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you, Theodore. We'll agendize
39 it. And --

40 ROBIN SMITH: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Robin, I had someone comment to me
2 that there were certain times that the pool was shut down for
3 staff breaks.

4 ROBIN SMITH: No. Not --

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

6 ROBIN SMITH: -- true.

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So -- so -- or -- or when you have
8 swimming lessons, certain, you know, it's not -- other people
9 aren't allowed. That's not true either? That -- I mean, you do
10 not deny access to the pool to anyone. Period.

11 ROBIN SMITH: No, during swimming lessons, yes, the pool is
12 shut down because I've got three lifeguards in the water that
13 are being instructors, teaching swim lessons. And then I've got
14 two lifeguards on deck lifeguarding. So we can't have other
15 patrons in the pool. That's five lifeguards right there for
16 once -- you know, --

17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Uh-huh.

18 ROBIN SMITH: -- for our swim lesson.

19 So swim lessons are closed to the public for open swim.
20 They're 30 minutes apiece. It's one hour out of the day.

21 So, yes, the pool is shut down for public use, but the rest
22 of the building is open.

23 And those people pay \$30 for that swim lesson --

24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

25 ROBIN SMITH: -- session. So I don't -- I don't think that
26 that's a legitimate complaint from the community that it's shut
27 down during swim lessons.

28 And I do know what you're talking about. There have been
29 times -- if there is -- if there are no patrons in that pool, my
30 lifeguards are busy cleaning other parts of the building. So we
31 lock all doors, entrances into the pool. Because my lifeguards
32 might not be on deck.

33 So the locker room doors are locked. The meeting room door
34 that goes into the pool is locked. And the door next to the
35 reception area is locked if there's nobody in that pool and
36 there's no lifeguards on deck.

37 They're typically in the gym cleaning. They're scrubbing
38 windows, maybe they are taking a quick break in the meeting
39 room. They get there at 5:00 o'clock in the morning. And they
40 don't get a break till 10:00 o'clock. So that is their little

1 lunch hour.

2 But if somebody walks in that building and wants to go in
3 that pool, we instantly go, okay. Please do not enter the deck
4 until our lifeguards get there. They wrap up their mess while
5 they're changing. We go open door-- unlock doors, and then
6 they're on the deck. So maybe somebody has walked in while they
7 were taking their lunch break and nobody was on the pool deck.
8 But when they walk in and want to go in the pool, my lifeguards
9 are on deck.

10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So you have five lifeguards during --

11 ROBIN SMITH: Only swim lessons.

12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- swim lessons.

13 ROBIN SMITH: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And I still, I guess, --

15 How many people do you typically have during swim lessons?

16 ROBIN SMITH: This last time we had 15 kids per class.

17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

18 ROBIN SMITH: That's why we had three in the water. Five
19 kids per instructor.

20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

21 ROBIN SMITH: We are going to knock that down to ten kids.
22 Fifteen was just way too much.

23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But you --

24 ROBIN SMITH: And they --

25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- don't really utilize the whole
26 pool. I mean, is there any way to have open swim for people?
27 Because, I mean, if you have kids --

28 ROBIN SMITH: The only thing is, Judie, is I don't have
29 enough lifeguards to cover that.

30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You have to have one lifeguard per so
31 many people? Is that what you're saying?

32 ROBIN SMITH: You're supposed to have one lifeguard per 25
33 people. But you've got to keep in mind, we're doing swim
34 lessons with three to eight year olds.

35 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.

36 ROBIN SMITH: So our level one are little kids that are --
37 I mean, we -- we have to put all, obviously, all attention on
38 all people that are in the water.

39 But these kids, you know, it -- it takes that (snapping
40 fingers) fast for one of them to jump up and run from the little

1 pool to the big pool. And they're not touching.

2 So we are surrounding those pools with lifeguards. So,
3 honestly, I do not feel pu- -- and any other pool doesn't open
4 to the public during swim lessons. It's one hour in the morning
5 and one hour in the afternoon.

6 We always post ahead of time two weeks before on Facebook
7 we put flyers out -- that swim lessons are going to be during
8 this time. Pool will closed to the public during this time. So
9 it is posted out there. People do know.

10 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You know, I wonder if we could get,
11 like, a little electronic readerboard.

12 ROBIN SMITH: A marquee on the outside of the building?

13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: A marquee on the outside.

14 ROBIN SMITH: Right there by Hanica on that side?

15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, somewhere to --

16 ROBIN SMITH: I would love that.

17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- to have, you know, I mean --

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Was that in your budget?

19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. Put it in the budget.

20 ROBIN SMITH: I bet I can put in the budget.

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I -- I think that would be -- or
22 even on the -- by the door, someplace to -- to broad- -- or, you
23 know, notify on certain things like this.

24 ROBIN SMITH: I think that's a wonderful idea. And since
25 the very first day we opened those doors, I have said, I wish we
26 had a marquee on the side of the building, right there, you
27 know, by Hanica. Because that's where everybody drives by.
28 Everybody would see it. And I even walked around the building
29 with CORE and asked where power was so that someday down the
30 road we could put one up.

31 So I will -- maybe I will put one, look at costs, and try
32 to get one in the budget.

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Never hurts to look at costs.

34 ROBIN SMITH: Right. Right.

35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think it would be wonderful for the
37 public to know ahead of time that the pool is closed as they
38 drive by, rather than getting ready and come in and --

39 ROBIN SMITH: Yes.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, I -- I think it's an excellent

1 idea. Yeah, by all means, look -- look into that.

2 ROBIN SMITH: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: All I --

4 ROBIN SMITH: Any --

5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- needed was more money when I built
6 and you would have had one.

7 ROBIN SMITH: Right?

8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.

9 Anything else to report?

10 ROBIN SMITH: I think I covered everything that's --

11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Keith, where --

12 ROBIN SMITH: -- going on.

13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- are we with the plaque for the
14 inside?

15 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's coming.

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: It's not -- not cheap.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's fine.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So if you get some complaints on
20 our -- our pricing, keep this handy.

21 ROBIN SMITH: Absolutely.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

23 ROBIN SMITH: Uh-huh.

24 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Thanks, Robin.

25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.

26 ROBIN SMITH: All right, guys. Thank you.

27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you, Robin.

28
29 12) Discussion only for an additional amount not to exceed
30 \$72,000 to the Water and Sewer District #2 to be used in
31 paying Day Engineering for the design portion of the Highway
32 50 water project in Austin, Nevada, and all other matters
33 properly related thereto.
34

35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So move to Item Number 12. Discussion
36 only for an additional amount not to exceed 72,000 to the Water
37 and Sewer District #2 to be used in paying Day Engineering for
38 the design portion of the Highway 50 water project in Austin,
39 Nevada, and all other -- all other matters properly related
40 thereto.

1 GWEN JONES: Hello. Gwen Jones, for the record. Lander
2 County Combined Water and Sewer District #2.

3 As you know, we are moving forward with the project to work
4 with NDOT on replacing sewer and water pipes in the main road
5 for approximately 4400 feet.

6 Dean, Day Engineering, is stressing that they need \$72,000 to
7 do the design portion of this.

8 I am on the agenda for the state revolving fund for March 6th
9 to request the money.

10 What I am here to ask the commissioners to do is if I am
11 unable to procure those funds from the state revolving fund, would
12 you be able to assist us in that?

13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do you like all these blank stares you're
14 getting back at you right now? Is that --

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: When would --

16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I don't know.

17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- you need the money by?

18 GWEN JONES: Dean says he needs it now.

19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So we -- just to be clear on a little
20 history here. We -- we just apportioned about 70 thou- -- was
21 it seven?

22 GWEN JONES: 60,000.

23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: \$60,000 here for the -- and that was for
24 the sewer side?

25 GWEN JONES: Sewer only.

26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And you're asking now for the water side
27 of it?

28 GWEN JONES: I'm asking if I am unable to procure it from
29 the state revolving fund.

30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.

31 GWEN JONES: Which I will know by the 7th at the latest, I
32 believe.

33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. So water and sewer going with the
34 same -- kind of next to each other down the street? Is that --

35 GWEN JONES: Okay.

36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- what your design is?

37 GWEN JONES: Yes. Because if you -- I don't know if you've
38 been through Austin. But Austin, of course, is a single-lane
39 highway going through Main Street. The buildings are real close
40 to each other. We have a caldron going down the center for the

1 drainpipe. Okay. On one side of the street we have sewer and
2 water. On this side of the street we have sewer and water.
3 Because of the space constraints, they're basically on top of
4 each other.

5 So to get to the sewer and all that when NDOT does the
6 project, we are going in and we're going to pull up our water and
7 get rid of the asbestos water line. And the USDA, of course,
8 is -- I'm working with them to get funding.

9 But we have to reattach all those. And to do that, NDOT
10 wants Dean Day to provide plans by the end of April. And
11 Dean's -- needs the money today to procure those plans to give to
12 NDOT in a timely fashion.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think one of my concerns is --
14 and -- and I'm looking at the water system option one that's in
15 our backup.

16 GWEN JONES: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: He's asking for the 72,000, which is
18 in engineering. And the percentage is 9 percent of what he is
19 estimating it is going to cost us.

20 GWEN JONES: Correct.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Nine percent of 800,000. Well, my
22 concern is, what if this comes in less? What if it comes in at
23 700,000? Then we only owe him 9 percent of 700,000 not 9
24 percent of 800,000.

25 GWEN JONES: According to Dean Day, he has told me that he
26 gets paid 72,000, regardless. It is not a percentage thing as
27 stated in the PER. It is a flat fund.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Counselor, did you hear that?

29 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: No, repeat that.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. We're -- did you hear what I
31 asked?

32 He is estimating 800,000. And he's asking for his
33 percentages. His engineering percentage is 9 percent of his
34 estimate, which comes to \$72,000.

35 Now --

36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Okay.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- this is just the water. He's --
38 he's doing the sewer and he's doing the same thing.

39 So the question is: Do we only owe him 9 percent of whatever
40 the bid comes in. If the bid comes in lower than 800,000, I

1 thought we only owed him 9 percent of -- of whatever the bid was
2 if it's under 800,000. And he's --

3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: (Indiscernible.)

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- saying, no, we owe 9 percent on his
5 estimate. Well, what if the estimates -- I mean, we've had lots
6 of our Road and Bridge come in a million dollars less than we
7 expected. Excuse me?

8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I --

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm having a problem with this.

10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I agree with you, Commissioner.
11 And without reading the paperwork, I wouldn't be able to answer
12 that. It -- it seems a little extreme.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. But the -- the question is:
14 When somebody gives us an estimate, an engineering estimate, all
15 their percentages are paid -- like they get 15 percent of their
16 construction costs. And then they get another 6 percent of
17 inspection. And everything is based on their estimates.

18 So my question is: How do we routinely do this? Do we pay
19 them that percentage of the estimate? Or the percentage of the
20 actual bid if it's lower than the estimate?

21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: It -- it's usually spelled out
22 in the paperwork that they --

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well --

24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: -- present us.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- well, the paperwork actually says
26 --

27 GWEN JONES: Lump sum.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- that he will get the whole amount.
29 And the way it's worded, it says, "consultant's fee for the work
30 described in Exhibit A, scope of work, will be based upon a lump
31 sum of --" and he added the -- the prices he added were his
32 percentage of his estimates.

33 So he wants a lump sum of \$240,000, which includes his
34 percentage of the estimate for water and the estimate for his
35 sewer, regardless of what the bids come in.

36 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: I think -- I think that
37 paperwork needs to be re- -- renegotiated or negotiated. I
38 don't think it ever was negotiated. That's probably their
39 proposal.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: This is -- well, of course, we

1 wouldn't be signing the contract. It would be District 2. But
2 --

3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Exactly.

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- I believe this -- this is his
5 agreement that he has for them to sign.

6 So then our concern, back to the Water and Sewer District 2,
7 is perhaps we should be looking at this before you folks are
8 signing something.

9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

11 GWEN JONES: Okay. I will get back with Dean Day and have
12 him make corrections to 15 percent, not to exceed?

13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: And -- and if they need any
14 help from my office, I'll be happy to oblige.

15 GWEN JONES: Thank you, Ted. I appreciate --

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Ted.

17 GWEN JONES: -- it.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's -- that's a better idea too,
19 to make sure that we look at it before they sign it when they're
20 asking for money for the projects that's --

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- to move forward so everyone's in
23 agreement. But I wouldn't -- I don't foresee a problem. I
24 think that after you hear on the 6th or the 7th when you hear
25 back from the state --

26 GWEN JONES: Uh-huh.

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Is that who you're waiting on?

28 GWEN JONES: Yeah. Oh, the state revolving fund. Yes.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah. And then we'll put it on the
30 next agenda to see where we're at.

31 KEITH WESTENGARD: The next agenda after that will probably
32 be our budget workshop.

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. That's --

34 KEITH WESTENGARD: So --

35 GWEN JONES: And I'm in class for that one. So I won't be
36 able to attend it. So --

37 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, Kip will have -- somebody will
38 have to come from 2 to ask for the money.

39 You guys want the money, you're going to have to come and ask
40 for it.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Can you call in?
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You can call in.
3 GWEN JONES: I can call in? Okay.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, yes.
5 GWEN JONES: I'll -- I'll skip --
6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
7 GWEN JONES: Okay. I'll figure --
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: But, I mean, --
9 GWEN JONES: -- out how to do it.
10 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- I do agree they'll move them
11 forward. We ought to have a working relationship where -- when
12 -- when we have these projects, at least send the contracts to
13 Ted to look at and then make sure that --
14 GWEN JONES: I have no problem with that.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That way everyone's on the same page.
16 GWEN JONES: Okay.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You're not -- where -- where are you
18 going to be the day that you can't be here? Are you traveling
19 or in route? Or --
20 GWEN JONES: I -- I will be in Reno at the Nugget doing my
21 D1 testing.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. If you have a cell phone, then,
23 what you can --
24 GWEN JONES: I do.
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do is provide it to Keith when we
26 can call you --
27 GWEN JONES: Oh, that --
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- when that comes --
29 GWEN JONES: -- would be --
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- on --
31 GWEN JONES: -- wonderful.
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the agenda. That's how you do it.
33 GWEN JONES: Okay. I will do that.
34 Thank you very much for --
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Awesome.
36 GWEN JONES: -- all of your assistance.
37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So --
38 GWEN JONES: And I appreciate it. And I will be on the
39 next workshop agenda.
40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Awesome.

1 GWEN JONES: Thank you.
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thank you.
3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Gwen.
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We need to go back to --
6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Just got a text from Jason. He can't
7 make it.
8 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh.
10 KEITH WESTENGARD: So we can go on back to that one.
11 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll go back to Number 7?
12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I -- I told you we didn't want to
14 skip it.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. Poor Abby.
16 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sean's --
17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: That's --
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- always right.
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I know. Ninety-nine point nine
20 percent of the time.
21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yep.
22 That's better than Rush Limbaugh.
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right?
24

25 7) Update only from the State of Nevada Department of Health and
26 Human Services regarding the community health program, and
27 all other matters properly related thereto.
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29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item Number 7. Update only from the State
30 of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services regarding the
31 community -- community health program, and all other matters
32 properly related thereto.

33 KEITH WESTENGARD: So -- well, let me start. And then Abby
34 you can come up too.

35 Late last year we gave -- the county gave the state \$10,000
36 to provide immunizations for Lander County residents. I've --
37 I've been -- I've received four phone calls from individuals that
38 have actually been billed for those immunizations.

39 I had a call with the state. They said it was somewhat of a
40 billing issue. And they're supposed to be fixing that and

1 reimbursing the people that have been affected by this.

2 So that was -- I wanted to put that out there. Like I said,
3 I've had four people contact me with issues over this. And some
4 of the bills were over \$300.

5 So Lander County put money out there to the state to provide
6 these. And then they billed them on top of that.

7 So we are in the process of trying to get this straightened
8 out. If we can't get it straightened out -- it sounds like the
9 state may have some issues finding the money to reimburse the
10 people. But we -- we're aware of that. I'm aware of that. And
11 if it needs to go to the DA, that's where it'll go. That'll be
12 the next step.

13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we -- we gave \$10,000 for
14 immunization --

15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- shots?

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Flu shots.

19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Correct.

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Pneumonia shots.

21 KEITH WESTENGARD: It was -- it was --

22 ABBY BURKHART: Everything.

23 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- Everything.

24 ABBY BURKHART: Seventh grade -- a lot of them were seventh
25 grade vaccines --

26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Abby?

27 ABBY BURKHART: -- required.

28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We need to know --

30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So --

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- your name.

32 ABBY BURKHART: Oh, Abby Burkhardt, public health.

33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So how much -- how many shots did they
34 get for 200 bucks?

35 ABBY BURKHART: Okay. So here's -- the way that this works
36 is there's a \$20 administration fee per vaccine. But then
37 each -- there's a cost of the vaccine, which the county had
38 covered.

39 So some vaccines are \$20. Some vaccines at -- the HPV, the
40 Menactra.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, yeah
2 ABBY BURKHART: -- those ones, those -- they're expensive.
3 For ten doses of the human papillomavirus vaccine is about
4 \$2,000 to order ten doses. And so it's an expensive vaccine.
5 So the way that the state bills is private insurance is
6 billed for the whole -- the whole package, which was what the
7 county sort of replaced.
8 Does that make sense?
9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
10 ABBY BURKHART: Because the private vaccines had gone away.
11 The state said, no, I'm not funding you for those anymore.
12 So then the -- the \$10,000 went to replace those vaccines.
13 So I brought it up several times, asking for a different
14 code -- a different billing code so that the cost of the
15 vaccines were not charged. It didn't happen.
16 And then when we got complaints, now we've backtracked and
17 fixed that in the billing system.
18 But that isn't something that my office can do. That's
19 something that Carson City has to take care of.
20 So --
21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, I know we have the complaints.
22 That's -- that's what alerted us. But what about the people who
23 paid for it and -- and haven't complained? Do they have a
24 record of that?
25 ABBY BURKHART: We are doing our research to pull those
26 people up and identify all of those people that got any private
27 vaccines from the time that the money from the county went in.
28 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Now, when I've -- when I've
29 gone to the -- to you for a flu shot, I just filled out a paper
30 and said I was covered under Medicare. I didn't have to pay a
31 thing.
32 ABBY BURKHART: Nope.
33 That happens --
34 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So if --
35 ABBY BURKHART: -- to --
36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- you have insurance, you don't have
37 to pay anything?
38 ABBY BURKHART: It depends on our contract with different
39 insurance companies.
40 A lot of the other issue is that recently the insurance

1 companies that have -- that we're no longer contracted with --
2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
3 ABBY BURKHART: -- has really impacted Battle Mountain.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
5 ABBY BURKHART: We don't take hospital insurance. We don't
6 take county insurance. We don't take school district insurance.
7 The insurances that are left are -- I mean, majority of
8 insurance that are left is the mines. And the mines have their
9 own clinics.
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right.
11 ABBY BURKHART: So that was where you guys stepped in and
12 gave the money for the immunizations and -- and really helped
13 out the community.
14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Or you can just go to the POD and get
15 the flu shot for free.
16 And --
17 ABBY BURKHART: Correct.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- the pneumonia shot for free too
19 during the POD?
20 ABBY BURKHART: Not at the pod.
21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not the -- okay.
22 ABBY BURKHART: No.
23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now, I -- I have a question.
24 Any time I've gotten a flu shot in Lander County, I have
25 never gotten sick. But any time I get a shot from Walmart, I get
26 sick. What's the difference?
27 ABBY BURKHART: Oftentimes that's a lack of education on
28 the proper injection site, to be totally honest with you. If it
29 does not go into the muscle -- a lot of people -- parents
30 especially, you know, I said I make baby cry. That -- that's a
31 one-inch needle for a baby. It's got to go into the thigh.
32 That's because if it doesn't go deep enough into the muscle, it
33 just hangs out in the -- the fatty tissue. And so it doesn't
34 absorb properly.
35 So a lot of times that's the issue with injections.
36 Yeah, you get some of it. But you don't get the full effect
37 of the vaccine just because it's not given in the right spot --
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
39 ABBY BURKHART: -- or deep enough.
40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So, Abby, I -- I know --

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Open it up to --
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- I read some of the comments
3 regarding the cost for the flu shot. And I know that the PODs
4 were free -- or --
5 ABBY BURKHART: Uh-huh.
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- are free.
7 ABBY BURKHART: Uh-huh.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And so it's -- it's an opportunity for
9 everybody to take advantage of that to go through the POD, you
10 know, the drive-by shooting.
11 And then if you do have to go to the clinic, you know, you're
12 going to pay an additional fee.
13 And, I think, you know, kind of we need to educate our public
14 too to let them know that, you know, you kind of -- you snooze,
15 you lose.
16 And --
17 ABBY BURKHART: Especially this year. They redistributed
18 the vaccine. They required us to send it all back and for me to
19 redistribute it. So I had to send it back to the immunization
20 program so that they could give it to other people in state. So
21 I have vaccine for a very select population right now.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. So this is our update on what's
23 happening. And you folks are on top of it. And you're going
24 bring it back before us. We might have to actually take some
25 action on --
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- some of --
28 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- this?
30 KEITH WESTENGARD: This is just -- this is part of the
31 update.
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
33 KEITH WESTENGARD: There'll be -- there's one other subject
34 that we need the cover.
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
36 KEITH WESTENGARD: Once -- once we're -- if there's any
37 other questions you have on the vaccines.
38 Okay.
39 Earlier this week -- and this has been something that we've
40 been discussing for several months now. Earlier this week, I had

1 a meeting with the chair and Abby and the CEO from the hospital,
2 Jason Bleak -- Bleak. And one of the things we're talking
3 about, because we're looking at these unfunded mandates coming
4 down from the state, is creating a county health board. And we're
5 going to have a county -- county community health nurse.

6 We're working on that. We're looking at some different
7 angles to bring back to you, to the commission, to see how we can
8 set this up and run it.

9 They lost Title X funding, which is pretty huge within the
10 community, which we'll probably have to be -- possibly be looking
11 at picking up the slack there.

12 Several other counties are in the process of doing this,
13 starting their own community -- county-funded community health
14 program.

15 So with that being said, I'm wondering if there's any input.
16 I know, like I said, Doug sat in on the meeting, Abby and Jason
17 and myself.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What was Jason's input?

19 KEITH WESTENGARD: He thinks it's a good idea. He's going
20 to be working on some things as well from the hospital
21 standpoint.

22 Abby's looked at some things. She's got me a copy of what
23 her operating budget is, some salaries that we'd be looking at.

24 We already fund the secretary, which is Janet. The county
25 does.

26 The building's ours.

27 We'd be looking at a community health nurse salary and the
28 operating funds out of that -- or to perform those -- that
29 function.

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And we'd be losing the rent?

31 KEITH WESTENGARD: We -- well, we -- it would be a rent --
32 a reduction in the rent because there's still the behavioral
33 health. I don't want to misstate it. I always called it mental
34 health. But it's the behavioral health program is in that
35 building now.

36 So there will be a reduction in the rent because we would
37 end up taking over part of the building.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I can understand that -- the point on
39 a county nurse again and if it comes under us. But when I think
40 of a county health board and going, oh, we need more people that

1 have to be elected again. Is there any way that the hospital
2 can perhaps put that under their auspice of -- of at least being
3 the same committee? And they're all elected officials on the
4 board.

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right. We're -- like I say, we're
6 looking at some different options.

7 But the one that -- that I kind of like is actually the
8 commissioners plus one are the county health board. And the one
9 is some type of a health professional: doctor, retired doctor,
10 a nurse that would -- that would be part of the county health
11 board.

12 So it doesn't -- it's not going involve --

13 And the NRS states that it's done --

14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: What about Jason?

15 KEITH WESTENGARD: I don't know where -- that's -- I don't
16 know.

17 ABBY BURKHART: Can --

18 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah, go ahead.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

20 ABBY BURKHART: So from a nursing standpoint, it would
21 behoove you to budgetarily pay attention to who that person is.
22 Because that person can also provide the standing orders that I
23 need to carry out daily functions.

24 So if you can get a nurse practitioner or a physician, that
25 sort of solves two birds with one stone, so to speak. Does that
26 make sense?

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Uh-huh. Okay.

28 KEITH WESTENGARD: So --

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.

30 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- that. Oh, go ahead. I'm sorry.

31 So that -- that's going to be brought forward in this budget
32 workshop.

33 My preliminary numbers show about -- initially about 200,000
34 to start. And it'll probably be whittled down to about 150- --
35 150,000 per year. That would be the additional cost to the
36 county.

37 But it'll --

38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

39 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- be in budget workshop. Hopefully
40 we'll have a little more --

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Solid numbers?

2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. Jason was going to be here. He's
3 working on some things from the hospital side of it.

4 And like I say, Abby's been working on things from the
5 state health -- state health side of it. I've been on the
6 phone -- we've been on the phone with the state people out of
7 Carson City to -- to get some more information on this.

8 There's NRSS that have to be followed.

9 But the general consensus out of our meeting is we could have
10 this and put in place by July 1st provided that the commission
11 approves it.

12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

14 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay. That'll cover --

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, --

16 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- it.

17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Abby.

18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.

19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you, Abby.

20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you, Abby.

21 KEITH WESTENGARD: Thanks, Abby.

22 ABBY BURKHART: Thanks.

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25 **PUBLIC WORKS**

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27 13) **Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the**
28 **proposal of dog park regulations to be posted at the Battle**
29 **Mountain dog park, and all other matters properly related**
30 **thereto.**

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32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Go to Item Number 13. Discussion for
33 possible action to approve/disapprove the proposal of dog park
34 regulations to be posted at the Battle Mountain dog park, and
35 all other matters properly related thereto.

36 KEITH WESTENGARD: So myself, Bert, Patsy, and Sheriff
37 Unger, we went through some regulations, came up with a list.
38 They were submitted to Ted. Ted looked through them. And this
39 is the -- the final list for your approval.

40 Some things have been ordered. And I think --

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: These are actually the regulations for
2 us to take a look at. But we wanted it more dog friendly and
3 people friendly. So we ordered these that are just standard.

4 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah. These are just the standard signs
5 that will go up in the park.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So it's a little bit more welcoming.

7 KEITH WESTENGARD: And then we'll actually have the county
8 regulations that once they're approved, we'll -- we'll have to
9 do some things to get them put in place, have the signs printed
10 up, and then look at some ordinances -- some ordinance changes.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And, of course, the reason under the
12 prohibited for the puppies is because they haven't had their
13 full line of shots yet.

14 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I was going to say parvo, especially.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. So --

16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: For their protection.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I mean, we could have put a -- a
18 little bit more wordy and said, you know, puppies unless they've
19 had their, you know, shots --

20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Right.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- and -- but -- but we just said the
22 veterinarian said four months will pretty well give it. Most
23 people are supposed to be within that time frame. So --

24 Unless you have any other suggestions on this or don't like
25 the way something's worded.

26 And, Ted, we ran this through you; right?

27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes. I -- I looked at -- you
28 ran through two or three different people. And then it got to
29 my desk. And I made my recommendations and submitted it back to
30 Keith.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

32 KEITH WESTENGARD: We did --

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

34 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- order the -- the poop bags and the
35 signs and all that that goes along with it.

36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Garbage cans, water spigots?

37 KEITH WESTENGARD: The wa- -- now the water will only be
38 available during the summer months. There's really no way to
39 keep it from freezing in the winter. So it'll be available in
40 the summer months.

1 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Swimming pools?
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Exercise.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Splash pads.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Exercise mats. Yeah.
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. I'll make a motion to approve
6 the proposal of dog park regulations to be posted at the Battle
7 Mountain dog park.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.
9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Sean made a motion. Patsy
10 seconded.
11 Do we have any public comment?
12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I -- you understand that those
13 regulations cover rabies shots not parvo. That's not part of
14 the licensing.
15 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But that's why the puppies under four
16 are to be prohibited.
17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, but there's no guarantee that any
18 other dogs will have parvo --
19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, no.
20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: -- either. I just wanted to point
21 that out.
22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: yeah.
23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No. That -- that is --
24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: It's kind of --
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- true.
26 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- at your risk.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But if we didn't restrict the puppies
28 is what we're saying. We -- they don't have all their series of
29 shots. And there's a problem.
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Art.
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
32 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I agree.
33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Other public comment?
34 (No comment.)
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?
36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.
37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

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4 COMMISSIONERS

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6 14) Discussion and possible action regarding the Nevada Division
7 of Water Resources FY 2018-19 groundwater basin budgets and
8 adjustments for the following basins: a) Boulder Flat
9 Groundwater Basin in the amount of \$981.26; b) Kingston Creek
10 (Big Smoky Creek) Groundwater Basin in the amount of
11 \$2,470.69; c) Clovers Area Groundwater Basin in the amount of
12 \$16,298.50; d) Humboldt River in the amount of \$20,957.98; e)
13 Lower Reese River Valley Groundwater Basin in the amount of
14 \$13,483.57; f) Crescent Valley Groundwater Basin in the
15 amount of \$36,743.96; g) Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin in
16 the amount of \$15,466.39; h) Kobeh Valley Groundwater Basin
17 in the amount of \$6,841.50; i) Middle Reese River Valley
18 Groundwater Basin in the amount of \$23,515.31; j) Whirlwind
19 Valley Groundwater Basin in the amount of \$14,575.96; k)
20 Upper Reese River Valley Groundwater Basin in the amount of
21 \$3,044.30; l) Carico Lake Valley Groundwater Basin in the
22 amount of \$1,994.90; m) Big Smoky Valley - Northern Part
23 Groundwater Basin in the amount of \$535.33; and all other
24 matters properly related thereto.

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26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Item 14. Discussion and possible
27 action regarding the Nevada Division of Water Resources fiscal
28 year 2018-19 groundwater basin budgets and adjustments for the
29 following basins: a) Boulder Flat Groundwater Basin in the
30 amount of -- in the amount \$981.26; b) King- -- Kingston Creek,
31 Big Smoky Creek, Groundwater Basin in the amount of \$2,470.69;
32 c) Clover Area Groundwater Basin in the amount of \$16,298.50; d)
33 Humboldt River in the amount of \$20,957.98; e) Lower Reese River
34 Valley Groundwater Basin in the amount of \$13,483.57; f)
35 Crescent Valley Groundwater Basin in the amount of \$36,743.96;
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39 amount of \$23,515.31; j) Whirlwind Valley Groundwater Basin in
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2 Valley Groundwater Basin in the amount of \$1,994.90; m) Big
3 Smoky Valley - Northern Part Groundwater Basin in the amount of
4 \$535.33; and all other matters properly related thereto.

5 KEITH WESTENGARD: This is the annual approval of the water
6 resources budgets that will be assessed by the assessor.

7 We do it every year.

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I just had one question. And I know
9 every year this is routine. This is what we need to do.

10 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I'm wondering if -- if they've
12 given us anything in the paperwork that I've missed or whether
13 they said how much it was increased? Or if it stayed the same?
14 Or --

15 KEITH WESTENGARD: I -- I --

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Let's do a --

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- I would have --

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- (indiscernible).

19 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to look.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I always wonder that. And I
21 thought --

22 KEITH WESTENGARD: We can -- we can compare to last year's.
23 When we get these, it's -- it's a form letter. Pretty much,
24 here's your assessments.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

26 KEITH WESTENGARD: And this is what they are. They don't
27 show -- we -- I can look that up (indiscernible).

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I -- I always like to know
29 because they -- they are our people, our county people that
30 we're passing this onto that have, you know, the water rights.
31 And I understand where the costs come from.

32 KEITH WESTENGARD: Right.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And it's based on -- on absolutely
34 everything, from, you know, they give a whole list here from
35 inventories and aquifer tests and driller inspections and so
36 forth.

37 But because of the cost of just the labor along with this, I
38 thought, well, I'm encouraged to know. Did it go up just a small
39 percentage or what's being passed on to our ranchers and our folks
40 that have these -- these --

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I --
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- rates?
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'm sorry. I do know -- and, Frank,
4 do you remember? There was a bill, I think, that came through
5 the legislature this -- this last year on an increase. Do you
6 remember?
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: There was an increase on lots of
8 things. And some of them did not pass. But --
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: But this is --
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- whether it was --
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- this is a --
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- this one --
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- bill --
14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- specifically. But I wondered how
15 much.
16 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, it was -- it was like 50 cents.
17 FRANK WHITMAN: Right. And that bill did pass.
18 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And it did pass. But I don't remember
19 what it was --
20 FRANK WHITMAN: It gave the state engineer the oppor- --
21 the fair -- the -- the leeway to assess 50 cents to, I think,
22 \$1.50 per acre-foot for his budget purposes, which is what we --
23 what we collect, I gathered. And gives it to the state
24 engineer. That bill did pass. That --
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yes, it did.
26 FRANK WHITMAN: A part of that had -- you know, it supports
27 his office. And he has -- yeah, that -- that's it.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So there should -- should possibly be
30 a reflection of the --
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Be some --
32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- increase.
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- some kind of income. And thank
34 you. For the record, that was Frank Whitman.
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: I'll -- I'll get some comparisons --
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
37 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- for you.
38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So do we have to read this whole thing
40 in again?

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.

2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make a motion that we approve the
3 Nevada Division of Water Resources fiscal year 2018-19
4 groundwater basin budget for the attached basins.

5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second the motion.

6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Judie made a motion. Patsy
7 seconded.

8 Do we have any public comment?

9 FRANK WHITMAN: One more item on that. A lot of that money
10 goes to the increased fees, if there are increased fees from
11 last year go to the (indiscernible) process, which the state has
12 mandated that these -- all these bills need to be squared away
13 by '27 -- to '27. So that money is being used not just as an
14 inflation creep or an office creep but actually being used to --
15 in that office for legal use that comes back to, you know,
16 solve -- solving things, which is the water (indiscernible).
17 Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Frank.

19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So --

20 KEITH WESTENGARD: And I believe Sadie signs these.

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: And in my motion I'll include to
22 authorize the county clerk to sign.

23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: You okay seconding the amendment --

25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Amendment.

26 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- to the motion?

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I will second your amendment.

28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. Any further public comment?

29 (No comment.)

30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

35 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

1 **15) Discussion for possible action regarding Lander County to**
2 **cover all veterinarian expenses for Dallas, the retired K-9,**
3 **for the Lander County Sheriff's Department, and all other**
4 **matters properly related thereto.**
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6 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 15. Discussion for possible action
7 regarding Lander County to cover all veterinarian expenses for
8 Dallas, the retired K-9, from the Lander County Sheriff's
9 Department, and all other matters properly related thereto.

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I did discuss this with the -- with
11 Sheriff's Department. And my concern was that we weren't just
12 retiring Dallas. He was actually an employee that had to retire
13 because of medical reasons.

14 And -- and although he doesn't get retirement and extra
15 health insurance and all that, I thought since one of our own
16 actually adopted him that we might be able to look at least the
17 veterinarian expenses. He's seven and -- and a very large dog.
18 And of course with his medical problems, won't -- won't live the
19 lifespan of a full employee, of course.

20 But I thought it was something that -- that we really needed
21 to think about stepping up and doing.

22 And -- and I -- I appreciated Deputy Priest for even taking
23 the position of -- of adopting when he knew that -- that he would
24 have ongoing expenses.

25 And because he's -- because of the medical retirement was --
26 was the only reason.

27 And Ron said he was concerned about perhaps setting a .
28 precedent. And -- and I'm okay with the precedent.

29 If we have a drug dog that does all that wonderful stuff for
30 our county and that same drug dog has to be retired because of
31 medical.

32 Now if they're just retired, no. But if they're retired
33 because they were injured on the job or got sick on the job or
34 whatever, I thought it was an interesting concept to think about.
35 And I'm okay with that if we set a precedent.

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So -- and I -- I kind of like the
37 idea.

38 I'm curious about possibly what the monthly costs would be.

39 And then also, would this be something that we would --
40 basically, Robert, you had put in -- in the Sheriff's Office

1 budget to come out of that budget? Or would we have to -- you
2 know, how do we budget for that? Where do we put it? Where
3 does it come from?

4 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Robert Quick for the Sheriff's
5 Office.

6 I discussed it with the sheriff. And we currently have a
7 budget for our K-9 program that we -- as long as there's not
8 exorbitant expenses, unanticipated expenses, we believe we can
9 cover the minimal costs arising from this being the yearly vet
10 visits, the medication that's required for the dog.

11 We think we can absorb it into that budget line already.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So if there was something that was
13 really expensive like he needed extra surgery or something like
14 that, it would come back to us to look for a different budget.

15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Yes, we would have to come back
16 to you, --

17 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So right at this --

18 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- Commissioner.

19 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- moment, you really don't need an
20 increase or anything?

21 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Correct.

22 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: You've got it all covered.

23 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: We --

24 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay.

25 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- we don't believe so.

26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So we don't need to do anything?

27 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Other than approve the use of
28 the funds for the dog.

29 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh. Okay. I'll make a motion, then,
30 that we approve the funds -- the sheriff's fu- -- budget funds
31 to cover any necessary treatment to retired dog Dallas.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I'll second the motion.

33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

34 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: My -- my only question would be
35 is: Do you want it reimbursed or paid direct? So would they
36 bill the county or reimbursed to the owner?

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think it would be easier to
38 reimburse.

39 What --

40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Would --

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- do you think?
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- would Stephen be okay with that?
3 Reimbursement?
4 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: I don't know. I don't -- he
5 doesn't even know about this.
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Oh. I think, you know, it might be
7 easier for everybody involved just to reimburse. Because --
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Because your dog is treated. And they
9 hand you the bill. You pay for it and bring it back over.
10 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Okay.
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. So before I go into the motion part
13 of this, I just want to say, I'm not in favor of doing this.
14 I mean, this is just an open, blank check. I don't agree
15 with doing that.
16 I don't agree with setting the precedent. And --
17 I don't know. I just don't -- I'm not in favor of doing
18 this, personally.
19 And noth- -- you know, nothing against dogs or whatever. I
20 just don't think this is something the county needs to do.
21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I don't think --
22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So --
23 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- that -- that Stephen would abuse
24 this.
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, he certainly earned his
26 paycheck.
27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I think he earned his veterinarian
29 fees for the next few years.
30 But, of course, that's what makes a commission. We don't
31 all agree.
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Exactly.
34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay. So Judie made a motion. Patsy
35 seconded.
36 Do we have any public comment?
37 (No comment.)
38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?
39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Opposed?
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Nay.
3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Nay.
4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Nay.
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Thank you, --
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
8 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Robert.
9 Thank you, Patsy, for trying.
10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We take a break, Doug?
11 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, man.
12 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sure.
13 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We only got, like -- okay.
14 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well --
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We only got ten, fifteen more things
16 to do.
17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We got three more items, Art.
18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. We got --
19 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah, we got --
21 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Oh, no. we got more than that.
22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Then we have --
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We got more than that.
24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- a closed -- we still have a closed
25 session too.
26 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: We're not going to --
27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Let's --
28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- be done by noon.
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- let's take a break.
30 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Austin?
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32 (Break taken between 11:11 a.m. and 11:20 a.m.)
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34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We'll continue with Item Number 16.
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1 16) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the
2 lease agreement between Lander County and the Lander County
3 Kids Club for the building located at 150 West 3rd Street,
4 Battle Mountain, Nevada, and all other matters properly
5 related thereto.
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7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Discussion for possible action to
8 approve/disapprove the lease agreement between Lander County and
9 Lander County Kids Club for the build- -- building located at
10 150 West 3rd Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada, and all other
11 matters properly related thereto.

12 KEITH WESTENGARD: This lease has been reviewed by the
13 District Attorney's Office. It's -- nothing has changed other
14 than the dates of the lease, nothing at all.

15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Have -- have they caught up on their
16 payments?

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: Not yet.

18 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

19 KEITH WESTENGARD: Not yet.

20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: You have a plan in place, though;
21 don't you?

22 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: I know you've talked to them.

24 KEITH WESTENGARD: I gave them till the end of the fiscal
25 year. And they are working on it. And they're going to come
26 and talk with -- to you guys during budget workshop as well.

27 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Speaking of the date, on ours it
30 hasn't been changed.

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Nope.

32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. Well, we'll get -- we can get that
33 corrected before we sign it.

34 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve the
35 lease agreement between Lander County and Lander County Kids
36 Club for the building located at 150 West 3rd Street, Battle
37 Mountain, Nevada, to change the date to 2018.

38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

39 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And to authorize the chair to sign.

40 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll second.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I have one other question on it. And
2 that's on page number 4.

3 It said, proof of corporate and/or nonprofit status.

4 Preschool shall provide Lander County with satisfactory
5 evidence of preschool's corporate and/or nonprofit status within
6 20 working days after receiving a written request.

7 KEITH WESTENGARD: You showed that to me; --

8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Excuse me?

9 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- didn't you?

10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We have to write to them and ask for
11 it?

12 I think that would be part of the contract.

13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I agree with that.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That you will provide --

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I think --

16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Commissioner, it -- the
17 original contract, I believe, required that them showing us the
18 paperwork before we engaged in an agreement. I think this is
19 just an ongoing to make sure that they keep up with their
20 status.

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But why is it up to us? It should be
22 up to them every year to keep -- to show us.

23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: That's fine. Commissioner,
24 that's fine. We can -- that's easy to change.

25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: They have their status; right?

26 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.

27 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERRERA: Yes.

28 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Then I'll amend my motion to
29 make the changes that Patsy described.

30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

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

33 (No comment.)

34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

37 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

39 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

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1 17) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the
2 lease agreement between Lander County and the Frontier
3 Community Action Agency for the building located at 370 South
4 Mountain Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada, and all other
5 matters properly related thereto.
6

7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 17. Discussion for possible action
8 to approve/disapprove the lease agreement between Lander County
9 and the Frontier County Action Agency for the building located
10 at 370 South Mountain Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada, and all
11 other matters properly related thereto.

12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Once again, this is the same thing.
13 It's just a date change. And it's already been reviewed by the
14 DA.

15 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And these dates --

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The date is correct. It's a two-year
17 term. Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But then we can change number 14 so
20 that they provide it without our written request with their --

21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That's on this one --

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- satisfactory --

23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- too?

24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- evidence of nonprofit status.

25 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So I'll make a motion to approve the
26 lease agreement between Lander County and the Frontier Community
27 Action Agency for the building located at 370 South Mountain
28 Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada, with the changes on 14 to
29 provide a nonprofit status.

30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And authorize the chair to sign.

32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sean made a motion. Art seconded.

34 Any public comment?

35 (No comment.)

36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

39 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

1 18) Discussion for possible action to approve/disapprove the
2 lease agreement between Lander County and the Pershing County
3 Women, Infants, and Children, for the building at 370 South
4 Mountain Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada, and all other
5 matters properly related thereto.
6

7 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 18. Discussion for possible action
8 to approve/disapprove the lease agreement between Lander County
9 and the Pershing County Women, Infants, and Children for the
10 building at 370 South Mountain Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada,
11 and all other matters properly related thereto.

12 KEITH WESTENGARD: Same thing on this one. It's just a
13 date change.

14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: And the dates are changed?

15 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes. Make sure.

16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.

17 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I'll make a motion to approve the
19 lease agreement between Lander County and the Pershing County
20 Women, Infants, and Children for the building at 370 South
21 Mountain Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada, with the change to 14
22 as the same as to provide their nonprofit status to the county
23 and authorize the chair to sign.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Sean made a motion. Art seconded.

26 Do we have any public comment?

27 (No comment.)

28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Aye.

31 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

33 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.
34

35 19) Discussion only regarding economic planning for the future of
36 Lander County, and all other matters properly related
37 thereto.
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39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Item 19. Discussion only regarding
40 economic planning for the future of Lander County, and all other

1 matters properly related thereto.

2 So I had this one put on the agenda because I'm getting
3 concerned that as the national economy improves, typically the
4 gold economy goes down. Historically that's the way it's been.

5 So we've been lucky over the past few years. As the
6 national economy hasn't been great, we've done okay.

7 And I'm concerned that as the national economy gets better,
8 we may not be doing quite as well.

9 So I just wanted to be sure that we're -- we're keeping
10 that in mind.

11 We have an example over at Eureka County where they had a
12 lot of money and now they don't. I don't want us to end up in
13 that position. I think we can use them as an example.

14 KEITH WESTENGARD: If I can point out something,
15 Commissioner Mills, in Eureka County, you're correct, they are
16 in -- they have some financial issues there.

17 But unlike Lander County, they used net proceeds for
18 operations, which is --

19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

20 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- a huge no-no. Well, and part of
21 the --

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well, we've taken the position not to do
23 that; right?

24 KEITH WESTENGARD: We've taken the position not -- and we
25 don't use our net proceeds for operational issues. We use it
26 for infrastructure and so forth. They used it for -- for
27 operational. And -- and when net proceeds go down and your
28 taxes aren't weighed into that, it put them in a financial
29 issue.

30 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You need -- you need to understand
31 also that Eureka School District does things like sends their
32 cheerleaders to camps in Hawaii in the summer.

33 So they've been pretty extravagant with some of the money
34 that they've received.

35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right. And I just want to -- especially
36 as -- as we're coming -- and one other thing I've heard too is,
37 as I mentioned the gold prices compared to the national economy,
38 I've heard that there's a possibility that that -- that inverse
39 relationship may not happen this time around as our national
40 economy gets better because of the tax cuts.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: When we started --

2 CHAIRMAN MILLS: That might change things.

3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: When we started our term -- or no, a
4 year ago when -- when Trump took over, the stock market was at
5 18,000. And gold was at 1283. And now we're right at 25-. And
6 the last time I checked a few days ago, it was 1333.

7 And you're right. Usually what happens, when the economy
8 goes bad, gold goes up. But as the economy got good, it seems
9 that people are still investing in gold.

10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah. So maybe this time is different.

11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I'd like to point out that -- I
12 don't know if you guys recall -- was it coming on two years ago
13 on the ballot? -- the discussion of changing the process of how
14 the net proceeds were calculated and collected.

15 It did not pass.

16 You know, it's also an issue of -- it will eventually come
17 back on the ballot again statewide. And I think one of the
18 reasons it didn't pass last time was a lot of people didn't
19 understand what the whole bill meant. Is, you know, Clark County
20 and Washoe County are going to figure it out.

21 And -- and it's one of our fears that once they figure it
22 out, the state's going to take our net proceeds.

23 So not only is it an economic issue that, yes, it is
24 dependent on -- on gold prices of what we get. But in the future,
25 we do have to consider the fact that no matter what the gold price
26 is, we might lose our net proceeds anyway because the state will
27 take it.

28 And as Keith has pointed out, we don't utilize net proceeds
29 for operating capital. So our net proceeds have been -- have gone
30 to our projects, our infrastructure.

31 And we need to be conscious of -- of really spending now. Do
32 we really want something new? Do we really need it?

33 Sure, we want a lot of things. But are we going to be able
34 to afford it in the future with our tax base?

35 So --

36 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right.

37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- with budgets coming up, what's
38 really important to the future of Lander County?

39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Right. And that's -- that's exactly why I
40 wanted to bring this up and to discuss some of this. Because,

1 you know, net -- net proceeds is always in question.

2 And we're -- we're doing great right now. We're debt free.
3 We got some money in the bank. We're doing well. I just wanted
4 to -- to bring it out to -- to bring it to the forefront that we
5 are thinking about these things.

6 I think for this budget year, I think we're going to be fine.

7 One of the things that I was thinking about too is, you know,
8 we talked about not doing any good projects this year because
9 last -- last year was the rec center. The year before, we built
10 this -- this building was built or before that. We've had some of
11 these big projects.

12 So we were discussing the other day, what -- what's the plans
13 for this next year? We ended up with a pretty long list.

14 It was like, wow.

15 And one of the things is -- is repairing the Sheriff's
16 Office, which we really need to do. We need to keep our building
17 in good shape. And then that building's got some issues that
18 really need to be corrected.

19 And then --

20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well -- oh.

21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Or look we got -- we got a levee to build.
22 And that's really -- you know, that's been a 20-year project or
23 longer. But it's something we need to do. It protects the
24 community. And that's several million dollars.

25 And then we've got -- just all these other things come up.
26 You know, we'd -- we'd like -- I guess we'd like to do this. We'd
27 like to do this. There are some things on the -- on the thing.

28 But I -- I just want to remind us, as a -- as a commission,
29 kind of, that as we make decisions in budget, we need to be
30 careful and mindful and -- and not get ourselves into a bad
31 situation.

32 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We won't need to worry about anything
33 if Chris Giunchigliani gets elected governor. She'll tell us
34 all what to do.

35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Oh, there you go.

36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I think --

37 COMMISSIONER CLARK: It'll be a sanctuary state if she's
38 governor.

39 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Wow.

40 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I think Doug has a really good point

1 about, you know, the sheriff's office and the maintenance
2 involved in that.

3 And maybe that's something to look further on down the future
4 is, eventually, you know, in -- I don't know how old the sheriff's
5 office is, not quite 20 years old.

6 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Almost 18.

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah, almost 18. So, you know, 20
8 years from now, what are we going to need to do to this? What
9 are we going to need to do to the rec center? I'll almost
10 guarantee you our net proceeds will be gone by then. But --

11 So maybe it's something to keep some investment of that
12 money for the future for maintenance.

13 You know, our -- our infrastructure, our utilities, our
14 underground, our roads, we've done a whole lot in the last
15 eight, ten years. But, you know, in another eight or ten years,
16 we might have to go back and fix a lot of that. And maybe
17 that's something we need to consider also, is really watching
18 budgets.

19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So that -- so that we still have some
20 money 20 years from now. Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Exactly.

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: And I know what -- I -- in our -- in our
23 financial report this year, I think we got 1.3 million on
24 interest.

25 Well, that goes away pretty quick if you've got to spend
26 something. A million dollars is like nothing anymore.

27 So just living on interest on some of that money isn't going
28 to do us a lot either. So it's like it's a -- I just -- I just
29 want to be sure we're -- we're thinking about it and we're careful
30 with what we do.

31 Any other input?

32 (No comment.)

33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

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35 **20) Discussion regarding the Human Resources director vacant**
36 **position and all other matters properly related thereto.**
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38 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Move to Item Number 20. Discussion
39 regarding --

40 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Is this --

1 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- Human Resource director -- oh.
2 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We are in closed.
3 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: That's a closed session. We have to
4 close. Sorry.
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6 (Whereupon a closed session began starting at 11:33 a.m.
7 The meeting and open session reconvened at 1:27 p.m.)
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9 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Reconvene the commissioners' open session.
10 So from Item 20, 21, we don't need to discuss anything in
11 open session on that. We've got that taken care of.
12 Is that accurate?
13 Okay.
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: Yes.
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17 **CORRESPONDENCE**
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19 **22) Correspondence, reports, potential upcoming agenda items.**
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21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: So that leaves us with Item Number 22.
22 Correspondence, reports, potential, upcoming agenda items.
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24 (The following correspondence was received:

25 1. State of Nevada, Commission on Mineral Resources,
26 Division of Minerals, summary of hazardous abandoned mine
27 openings by county.

28 2. United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of
29 Land Management, Mount Lewis Field Office, Argenta, Copper
30 Canyon and North Buffalo grazing permit renewals.

31 3. United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of
32 Land Management, Mount Lewis Field Office, 2017 Argenta
33 end-of-season monitoring report.)
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35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: I don't have anything.

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I -- I -- go ahead, Patsy.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I -- I was just going to say, I think
38 it was great information on -- on -- from BLM on the grazing
39 permit renewals. And we want to keep that on hand. You never
40 know. I'm maybe asking you to keep a copy in your office in

1 case we want to check something on it later.
2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I was concerned about the -- the
4 one we get every year on the hazardous abandoned mine openings.
5 And do we need -- do we need to make that an agenda item and
6 really look at our -- our responsibilities under that?
7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I don't think it'd hurt.
8 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Yeah.
9 KEITH WESTENGARD: Okay.
10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Well --
11 What was that again? Nevada open --
12 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Abandoned mines.
13 CHAIRMAN MILLS: The abandoned --
14 KEITH WESTENGARD: Abandoned.
15 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- mines?
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. Abandoned mines. Because I --
17 because, I mean, it is our responsibility. They -- they write
18 to people, can't get ahold of them, and then it come back to us.
19 And I thought maybe if we put it on the agenda, we might
20 need to discuss -- maybe we can contact the university and the
21 Department of Minerals and see if we can get some help with some
22 of the students this summer coming out to help close them and
23 thing like that.
24 So --
25 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: If we --
27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- can --
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We can --
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- talk about --
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- we can --
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- it.
33 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We can agendize that --
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- and see if there's something we can do.
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's all.
37 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay. Art?
38 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. Discussion item. When MedAir
39 was here, they talked about donations. And I'd like to discuss
40 that. I think it -- the service is just invaluable. And I

1 think it costs us \$7500 a year.

2 KEITH WESTENGARD: Oh, well you -- last time we -- we
3 partnered with Humboldt, it was 2500. But that was -- so it'll
4 be 5,000.

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

6 KEITH WESTENGARD: Well, whatever you would decide if
7 that's what you wanted --

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

9 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- to do.

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, just I'd like to have a
11 discussion about that, see if commissioners are -- have an
12 appetite to donate some money to a worthy cause.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You know, the other thing is, without
14 the Greyhound service, perhaps we should at least put it on our
15 agenda to see if we might be able to work something out.

16 I keep thinking it -- it's hurting, you know, Highway 80
17 everywhere -- Pershing and Humboldt and us. And I know we have
18 indigent people that we put on the bus, and -- and especially
19 the Sheriff's Office and stuff.

20 CHAIRMAN MILLS: You're up on that one, Robert?

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Maybe --

22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- maybe if discuss that and worked
24 together, we might be able to put a minimum if they run the bus
25 a couple times a week or something. We might be able to buy a
26 minimum amount or something to keep it running. Just something.

27 KEITH WESTENGARD: So a discussion and -- and action
28 regarding the loss of Greyhound service --

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.

30 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- within Lander County?

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah. And we'll -- we'll talk about
32 it.

33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Let's buy a bus.

34 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. Robert's going drive it.

35 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Robert Quick for the Sheriff's
36 Office.

37 On that, my understanding -- last my understanding was on
38 that was nobody would take the service is why they weren't
39 stopping anymore.

40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Nobody would take --

1 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: And the current --
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- the service?
3 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Yeah. The current business
4 that has the stop, --
5 CHAIRMAN MILLS: The Chevron station?
6 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- doesn't want it. And he
7 spoke to several other businesses that didn't want it either.
8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I understand why.
9 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: So --
10 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Yeah.
11 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: That's one --
12 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: The Flying J --
13 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: -- of the --
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- didn't want it?
15 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: That's one of the biggest
16 things. I don't know if he spoke to Flying J or not.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh, okay.
18 KEITH WESTENGARD: We could make a stop at the sheriff's
19 department.
20 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah. I think that would be really
21 good.
22 UNDERSHERIFF ROBERT QUICK: Saves us driving over and
23 getting them.
24 KEITH WESTENGARD: I was just --
25 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Yeah.
26 KEITH WESTENGARD: Just a thought.
27 CHAIRMAN MILLS: You could --
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
29 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- put -- you could put some concession
30 machines, vending machines out in the front there and --
31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: So --
32 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- you could make a --
33 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- killing.
35 KEITH WESTENGARD: All right. It's --
36 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Agendize it.
37 KEITH WESTENGARD: -- there. Okay.
38 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Could we have an ordinance or two,
39 maybe, if they're ready.
40 I don't know. See what --

1 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, but, no, --
2 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: -- Ted says.
3 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- if nobody's going to take it,
4 nobody want it, you can't really force --
5 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Right.
6 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- force somebody. I mean, you want
7 to --
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: County doesn't --
9 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- do it --
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- mandate a --
11 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- at the coffee --
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- lot. Huh?
13 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- shop there?
14 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: No. No.
15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: McDonald's?
16 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Just -- that's above my pay grade
17 anyway.
18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's -- scary people are on the
19 Greyhound buses.
20 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Well, it's a service.
21 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: (Indiscernible.)
22 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Hey, that's how we get around the country.
23 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Okay.
24 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All right.
25 Anything else?
26 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Nope.
27 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I'll make a motion to -- oh, no.
28 CHAIRMAN MILLS: We're going to --
29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Oh. Oh.
30 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: We've got --
31 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Let's do --
32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Public --
33 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- public comment.
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- comment.
35 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Let's do --
36 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I've got --
37 CHAIRMAN MILLS: -- public --
38 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- public comment.
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1 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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3 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Do we have any public comment?

4 LISA TAYLOR: Yeah. Lisa --

5 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Sorry, --

6 LISA TAYLOR: -- Taylor.

7 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: -- Lisa.

8 LISA TAYLOR: That's okay. The Cooperative Extension
9 service.

10 I just wanted to thank all of you for last Wednesday's --
11 Thursday's event.

12 I thought -- I certainly learned a lot. And I hope others
13 did too that attended it.

14 I think it was valuable to all of us to think more clearly
15 about what's happening in our county government as well as those
16 that work with it.

17 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Awesome. Thank you.

18 LISA TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, --

21 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Appreciate that.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- Lisa.

23 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Other public comment?

24 (No comment.)
25

26 **ADJOURNMENT**

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28 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Okay. I'll make a motion we adjourn.

29 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Second.

30 CHAIRMAN MILLS: All in favor?

31 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Aye.

32 COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Aye.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

34 CHAIRMAN MILLS: Thank you.

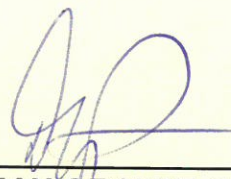
35 COMMISSIONER BAKKER: Thanks, Miteshell.

36 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Aye.

37 MITESHELL LANHAM: Okay.
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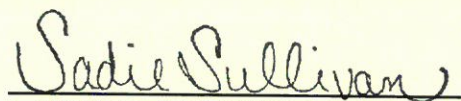
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**CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE
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COMMISSIONERS AND THE LANDER
COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD**

ATTEST:


LANDER COUNTY CLERK

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